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UTSA TO HOST TEXAS GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE KINKY FRIEDMAN AND SUPPORTER FORMER GOV. JESSE VENTURA

UTSA WILL BE THE KICK-OFF SITE FOR CANDIDATE'S TEXAS COLLEGE TOUR

(SAN ANTONIO) - The UTSA Graduate Political Science Association will host Texas Gubernatorial Independent Candidate Richard "Kinky" Friedman and former Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura on Monday, Sept. 25 at 3 p.m. on the 1604 Campus University Center Retama Auditorium, Room 2.02.02.

The singer, songwriter, columnist and novelist will address UTSA students, faculty and staff and kick off his Texas college tour – a trek that will take him to 20 other Texas colleges and universities in the next two weeks.

The UTSA event will be the first time that Ventura has officially stumped for the Texas candidate.

Friedman, who faces Republican incumbent Rick Perry, Independent candidate Carole Keeton Strayhorn and Democrat Chris Bell, will speak for approximately 15 minutes on issues facing the citizens of Texas before taking questions from members of the audience.

Friedman will be joined at the event by former Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura. Ventura ran for office as an independent candidate for governor in Minnesota in 1998 narrowly winning the election over the Republican incumbent and a Democratic challenger.

About The University of Texas at San Antonio

The University of Texas at San Antonio is one of the premier institutions of higher education in South Texas and one of the fastest growing universities in the state. One of nine academic universities and six health institutions that comprise the UT System, UTSA is the second largest institution in the system. Celebrating its 36th anniversary, UTSA serves more than 28,000 students enrolled in 62 bachelors, 43 masters and 19 doctoral degree programs.

Programs are offered through the colleges of Architecture, Business, Education and Human Development, Engineering, Honors, Liberal and Fine Arts, Public Policy, and Sciences, and the Graduate School. A Top 100 Hispanic-serving institution, UTSA is ranked among the top 10. A university of access and excellence, UTSA is committed to research and discovery, teaching and learning, and public service.

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