National Association for Chicana - Chicano Studies

April 28, 1999

NACCistas:

Welcome to the XXVI National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS) Annual Conference: "Missionary Positions: Post Colonialism to Pre-Sexto Sol."

On behalf of the Texas Foco and its Site Committee, the University of Texas San Antonio and the *Esperanza* Peace and Justice Center, we are extremely proud to welcome and host NACCS and its esteemed members.

Area Chicana/o students, scholars and community representatives have joined in the Site Committee to organize an event that provides plenty of information, celebration and interaction. Since August last year, many individuals have met, worked and planned this conference. We are very proud of our efforts and hope that your time here will be productive, stimulating and enjoyable.

It is only fitting that NACCS return to San Antonio now. San Antonio is the site to the original discussions that took place in forming NACCS. So, from the Site Committee's perspective, having NACCS come to San Antonio is like coming home.

NACCS XXVI comes at the threshold of a new millennium which for *nuestro pueblo* is uncertain. Our expectation is that this forum, where we honor and celebrate Chicana/o voices of all ages and of a variety of fields and disciplines, will also commemorate our strengths, identify our challenges, and inspire us all to continue *la lucha de nuestra Raza*.

Again, *BIENVENIDOS a San Antonio*!

Sincerely,

María Antonietta Berriozábal

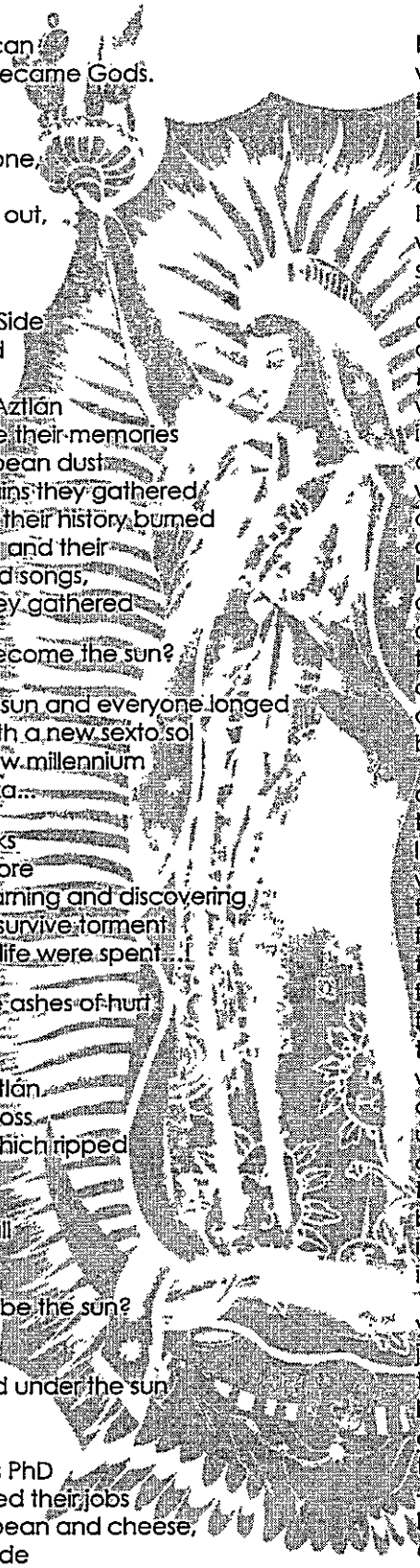
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Canto Chicano for the New Millenium
NACCS Conference (Con el Foco Prendido)
April 28, 1999, San Antonio, Texas, UTSA downtown
by Nephtalí De Leon



and they gathered at Teotihuacan
the great ones, where people became Gods.
"Who shall jump into the fire
to become the sun?
A proud vain God said, I'm the one,
but he failed
and a poor and sickly one cried out,
can I try?

Like NACCS who gathered
in downtown San Antonio West Side
like the poor God they gathered
from the sick and sweaty streets
from the legacy of field work in Aztlán
from the molcajete pobre where their memories
were ground into bilingual european dust
after 500 years of colonizing chains they gathered
in the dust and the ashes where their history burned
their books and their knowledge and their
trampled streets, sacred rites and songs,
poetry and philosophy gone, they gathered

Who shall jump into the fire to become the sun?

a dead chicharrón was the fifth sun and everyone longed
to usher in the new year 2000 with a new sexto sol
and a canto Chicano for the new millennium
un canto enamorado de La Raza...

but history raged upon these folks
Amerindian gypsies, mestizo galore
traveling, tripping, changing, learning and discovering
from those who taught them to survive torment
and even thrive when love and life were spent...!

like a phoenix they rose from the ashes of hurt
and the centuries of pain
only this time they arose
like a mighty brave eagle de Aztlán
it pulled out the nails from the cross
sharp beak and mighty talons which ripped
500 years of missionary lies
and bore high on its wings
the vision and the dream of us all
la Raza Cósmica de Aztlán...

Who shall jump into the fire and be the sun?

I will said the MEChista
Whose parents had both burned under the sun
In the migrant fields of Aztlán...
I will said the academic prof
who had worked two jobs for his PhD
while his wife and children worked their jobs
and packed his daily lunch de bean and cheese,
I will said the young Chicano dude
who lost a brother in Vietnam,
I will said the lesbian
who had been thrown out in the dark
for holding hands in the park,
I will said the serious scholar
more concerned about tomorrow's light
and unconfused by the American dollar,
I will said the lady PhD
who burned so many candles at both ends
she glowed like an eternal lamp...

and people were amazed
at the many so ready to self sacrifice
to self immolate, todos con el foco prendido
with at least 400 watts each one!
it was clear that the sexto sol was near
and that they who spoke like an eagle
were about to be amazed
an apparition was indeed taking place
on the freeways del west side
La Virgen de Guadaliberty appeared
on an urban Tepeyac hill
affirmative love on a freedom quest
to reclaim liberty tribes wandering far and wide
and bless their strides, huérfanos de los países,
abandoned by two sides, pochos or wets,
but strong with a new-born pride.

and the barrio found out
that the children of Aztlán
lowriding cruising academic pools
were not just there for the intellectual jive
they were ready to live and to die
for the new sexto sol
the light of the new millennium
for a free and sovereign Aztlán
free from missionary impositions
taking on a new position – que la Raza's cup
was full of the blood and the body of Aztlán
de-mithified and de-crucified
un-nailed from the cross of 500 years plus
and their banner said it all
the unfulfilled promise of liberty was claimed
by Tonantzin who never failed but transformed,
including e-mail and all,
injustice – into justice for all...

y todos los de NACCS con su foco de mil watts
joined hands and burned upon the sacrificial stone
to rise high like a phoenix of love
beyond cognitive lore NACCS rose
as if in ancient mythic dreams
to lead the way as the great sexto sol
–burst into the universe
brilliant in Aztlán, like a lighthouse storm
and no one could ever doubt
that Aztlán was reborn!

NACCS Conference Fact Sheet

Downtown Transportation Information:

Trolley service is provided in the downtown area at a cost of 50 cents per trip. Various routes within the downtown area are currently provided, for the most current routes you may pick up trolley maps at all downtown hotels.

Special Activities:

The Site Committee is pleased to announce supplementary activities showcasing San Antonio Chicanisma. Activities include:

- a historical tour of barrio murals
- a custom car show
- a poetry slam
- a mini-cinefestival
- an exhibition of local high school artists' work
- a true history of San Antonio
- a fundraiser for local community organization

Gran Baile:

The Gran Baile will be held at Plaza Guadalupe, located a mile from UTSA-DT, at 1301 Guadalupe Street. UTSA shuttles will transport NACCS participants to and from the Baile every ten minutes.

Restaurants Coffee Houses and Bars:

- Pico de Gallo at 111 S. Leona (at Buena Vista St. and Frio St.), (210) 225-6060
- Rosario's at 910 S. Alamo, (210) 223-1806
- La Tuna/Beto's Empanada Bar at 419 E. Cevallos, (210) 224-2386
- Lulu's Café at 1126 W. Commerce, (210) 212-3871
- Piedras Negras de Noche at 1312 S. Laredo, (210) 227-7777
- Giovanni's Pizzeria at 913 S. Brazos, (210) 212-6626
- Guadalupanita Café at 1310 El Paso, (210) 226-0791
- Salsa Mora's at 502 S. Zarzamora, (210) 434-8011
- Malt House at 115 S. Zarzamora, (210) 433-8441

Restaurants Coffee Houses and Bars cont'd

- Bar America at 723 S. Alamo, (210) 223-7462
- Cattleman Square Tavern at 904 W. Houston, (210) 227-9616
- Cadillac Bar at 212 S. Flores, (210) 223-5533
- Fresno Bar at 1224 Fresno, (210) 732-3286
- Espuma's Coffee and Tea Emporium at 928 S. Alamo, (210) 226-1912

Local Attractions:

- San Antonio Mission Trail
- Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center
- Esperanza Peace & Justice Center
- San Antonio Central Library-Latino Wing
- Centro Cultural Arts
- Institute of Texan Cultures
- Universidad Nacional Autonoma Mexico
- Japanese Tea Garden, Brackenridge Park
- Carver Cultural Center
- Mexican Cultural Institute-Hemisfair, Alameda Theater

Midwest Foco Agenda Business Mtg. San Antonio
April 28-May 1, 1999

1. Approval of NIU (Northern Ill. Univ) minutes

NEW BUSINESS

2. Selection of Caucus Reps
   a. Chicana Caucus
   b. Committee on Action
   c. Student Caucus
   d. Lesbian Caucus
   e. Joto Caucus
   f. Community Caucus
   g. K-12 Caucus
3. Midwest Resolutions (please write)

4. Midwest activities for next NACCS Newsletter

5. Standing Committee Nominees
   a. Editorial Committee
   b. Development Committee
   c. Policy Committee
   d. Grievance Committee
   e. Naccs Scholar Committee
   f. Student Premio Committee
   g. Awards Committee

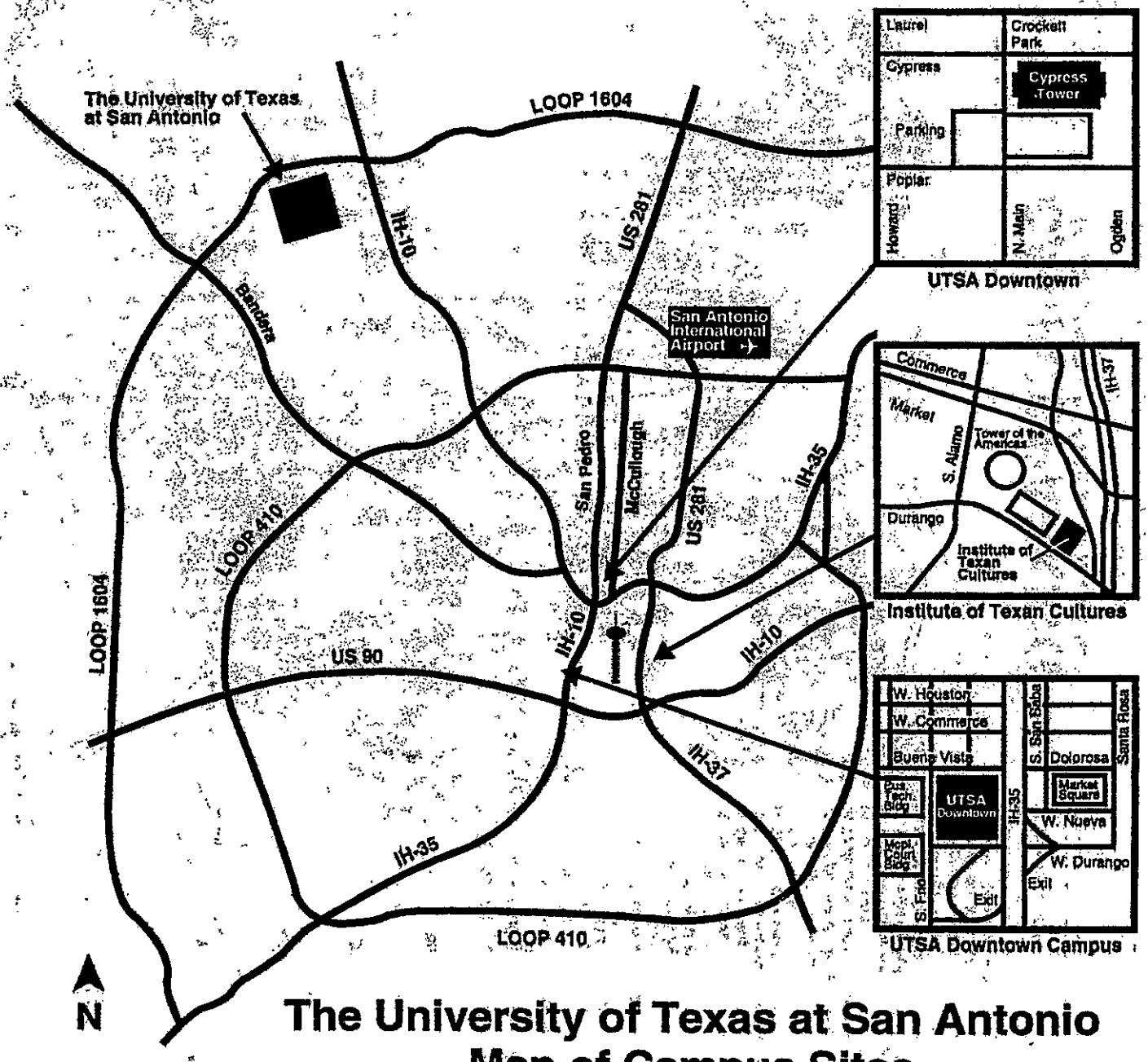
6. End-of-year written Foco Reports from all caucus reps

7. Next Midwest Foco Conference Report

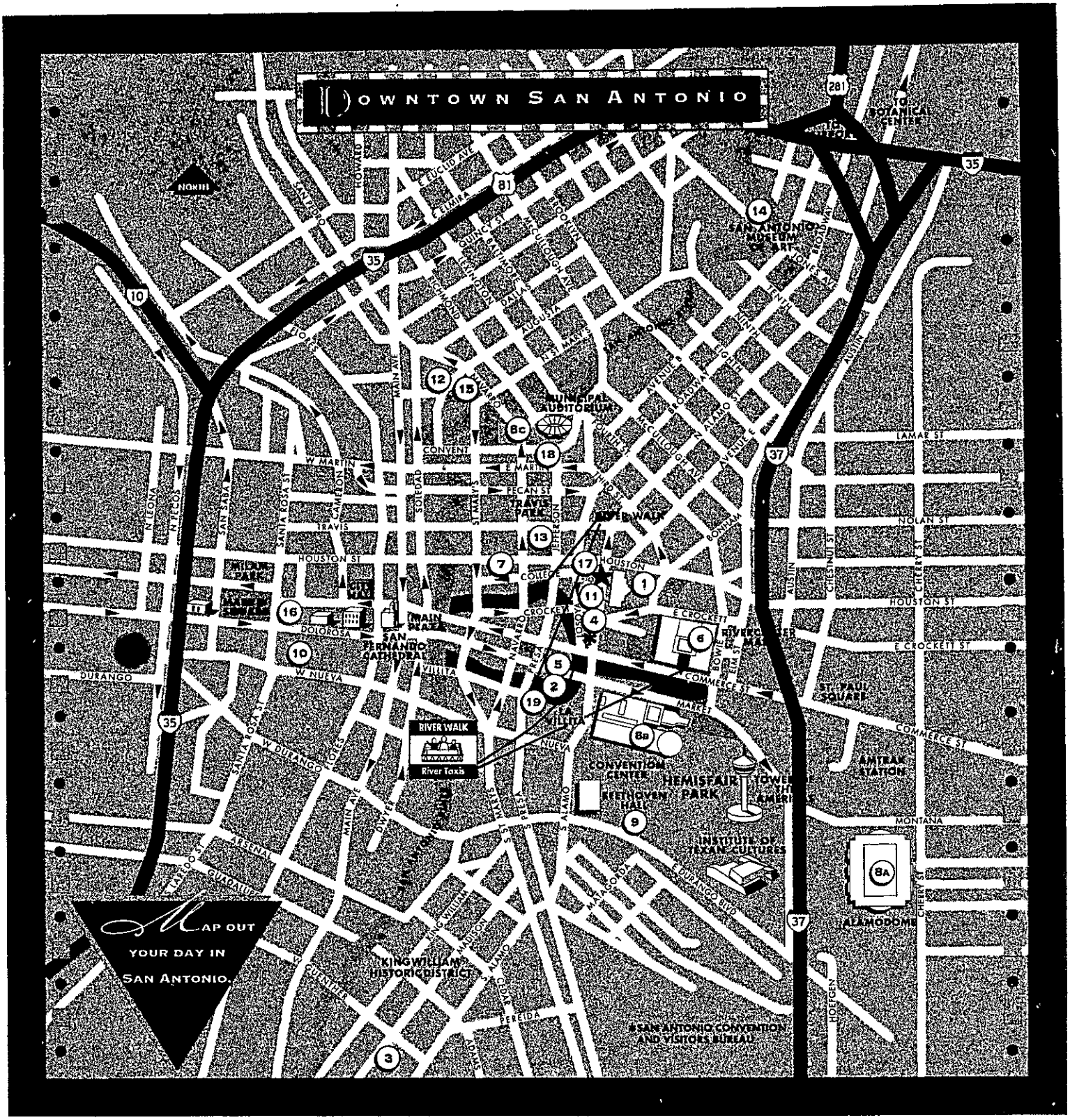
8. Announcements

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. Other Business



The University of Texas at San Antonio
Map of Campus Sites



1 THE ALAMO
2 ARNESON RIVER THEATRE
3 BLUE STAR ARTS COMPLEX
4 COWBOY MUSEUM
5 HERTZBERG CIRCUS COLLECTION
6 IMAX THEATRE
7 MAJESTIC PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
8 MEETING & ENTERTAINMENT
A-C FACILITIES
9 MEXICAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE
10 NAVARRO HOUSE
11 PLAZA THEATRE OF WAX/ RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT!
12 SAN ANTONIO CENTRAL LIBRARY
13 SAN ANTONIO CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
14 SAN ANTONIO MUSEUM OF ART
15 SOUTHWEST CRAFT CENTER
16 SPANISH GOVERNOR'S PALACE
17 THE TEXAS ADVENTURE
18 VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA
19 VILLITA ASSEMBLY HALL
★ VISITOR INFORMATION (MAPS AND DETAILED INFORMATION)

Radisson Hotel
Site of 1999 NACCS Annual Conference

FOR MORE FREE BROCHURES, COME BY OR CALL ONE OF THE SAN ANTONIO CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU'S VISITOR INFORMATION CENTERS. LOCATIONS: (317 ALAMO PLAZA) DOWNTOWN, ACROSS FROM THE ALAMO OR IN BOTH AIRPORT TERMINALS. HOURS: 8:30 AM 'TIL 5:00 PM, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. (CLOSED THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS DAY.) PHONE: (210) 225-INFO (225-4636).

NACCS presents

Orale: Time to Give Back (a little more) to our Communities

a benefit fundraiser for Fuerza Unida and the Esperanza Center

Friday night April 30

8:30 pm – 12:00 am • $20
with music, wine and munchies
at the Esperanza Center, 922 San Pedro

Sandra Cisneros

Carmen Tafolla

Cherrie Moraga

performance by Maria Elena Fernandez
"Confessions of a Cha Cha Feminist:
Obsessions with shaving, waxing, tweezing & bleaching"

the artwork of Terry Ybañez

Sexto Sol

& Bárbara Renaud González, MC

Shuttle buses run from the UTSA Downtown Campus to the Esperanza Center starting at 8:15 pm and ending at 12:05 am.

NACCS XXVI Conference Sales

Conference Items:

_____ $10.00 XXVI Annual Conference T-Shirt

_____ $10.00 XXVI Annual Conference Commemorative Poster

Conference Events:

_____ $5.00 Gran Baile

_____ $5.00 Socio/Political/Geographic Alternative Tour of San Antonio

_____ $5.00 San Anto Mural Tour

_____ $15.00 Community Fundraiser

$_____ **Total Amount**

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