








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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Today:

- ▶ Fort Davis Historic Park is available everyday from 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m.
- ▶ World Wildlife Fund Conference - Rio Grande River Concerns, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Espino Conference Center, 2nd floor University Center
- ▶ Tech Prep Board Meeting, 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Turner Range Animal Science Center (RAS) Room 124
- ▶ Student Presidents' Association (SPA) Meeting, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m., UC 210
- ▶ Academic Enhancement Seminar, 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Ferguson Hall 213
- ▶ College Republicans Meeting, 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m., UC 210
- ▶ Sully Productions Meeting, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., UC 202
- ▶ Pre-Law Association Meeting, 6:00 p.m.-6:50 p.m., LH 303
- ▶ Collegiate FFA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., RAS 135
- ▶ Dennis Jay / country music, Hotel Paisano, Marfa, 8p.m.
- ▶ Jazz Band Concert, 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Marshall Auditorium
- ▶ The Blue Javelina Restaurant, reservation only for Chef's Table Prix Fixe dinners, Marfa
- ▶ Range and Wildlife Club Meeting, 5:30 p.m., RAS 130

Friday 14:

- ▶ Alpha Psi Omega (Theatre Honor Society) Meeting, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., FAB 204 (Green Room)
- ▶ The Blue Javelina Restaurant, reservation only for Chef's Table Prix Fixe dinners, Marfa
- ▶ Harry's Tinaja will be hosting Rico Adorno from 3:00-6:00p.m.
- ▶ McDonald Observatory offers Star Parties starting at 8:30p.m.
- ▶ Railroad Blues is hosting Open Mike Nite, starting at 10:00p.m.

Saturday 15:

- ▶ Upward Bound Saturday Program, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Lawrence Hall 309
- ▶ SR FB vs. Mary Hardin-Baylor*, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Jackson Field
- ▶ Sigma Tau Delta Meeting, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., MAB 113
- ▶ The Blue Javelina Restaurant, reservation only for Chef's Table Prix Fixe dinners, Marfa
- ▶ Friends of the Marfa Public Library launches The Good Read: Marfa Reads Fahrenheit 451
- ▶ McDonald Observatory offers Star Parties starting at 8:30p.m.
- ▶ Railroad Blues is hosting, the Sheila Marshall Band, starting at 10:00p.m. \$10 cover

Sunday 16:

- ▶ M. Ed. Comprehensive Exam, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., ACR 203
- ▶ Poker Tournament, 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., UC 2nd floor foyer
- ▶ Academic Enhancement Seminar, 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Ferguson Hall 213
- ▶ Ultimate Frisbee Practice, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Track Field

Monday 17:

- ▶ Desert Landscaping & Water Harvesting Workshop at the Hotel Paisano. Sponsored by Capital Farm Credit and Texas AgriLife Extension, Free, Registration begins at 8:30am
- ▶ Academic Enhancement Seminar, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Lobo Village Community Room
- ▶ Equine Science Association Meeting, 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., RAS 135
- ▶ Racquetball Club, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Graves-Pierce Racquetball court
- ▶ BSA Meeting, 8:00 p.m.-10:15 p.m., UC 210

Tuesday 18:

- ▶ Baptist Student Ministry (BSM) Crave, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., Lobo Village Community Room

Wednesday 19:

- ▶ World "Pecos Bill and the Ghost Stampede" Performance, 1:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m. Marshall Auditorium
- ▶ Business Negotiations, a free seminar, Small Business Development Center, Centennial School Building from 2:30p-4:30p. For more information or to register call 432.837.8694.
- ▶ Academic Enhancement Seminar, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. FH 213
- ▶ Student Government Association Meeting, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m., WSB 201

CBBS conference blends history, archaeology of Big Bend region

For 15 years, the annual Center for Big Bend Studies (CBBS) Conference has expanded the knowledge base of history, culture and archaeology of the Trans Pecos Region of Texas and Mexico.

Over 150 persons attended this year's conference, held Friday-Saturday (Nov. 7-8) at Sul Ross State University.

Presentations covered topics such as rock art, nature and historical writing, the mining industry, the Buffalo Soldiers, Rio Grande border history, modern cultural issues, and even the recent flooding of the Rio Grande.

Historian and author Lonnn Taylor, Fort Davis, called the conference an excellent blend of history and archaeology.

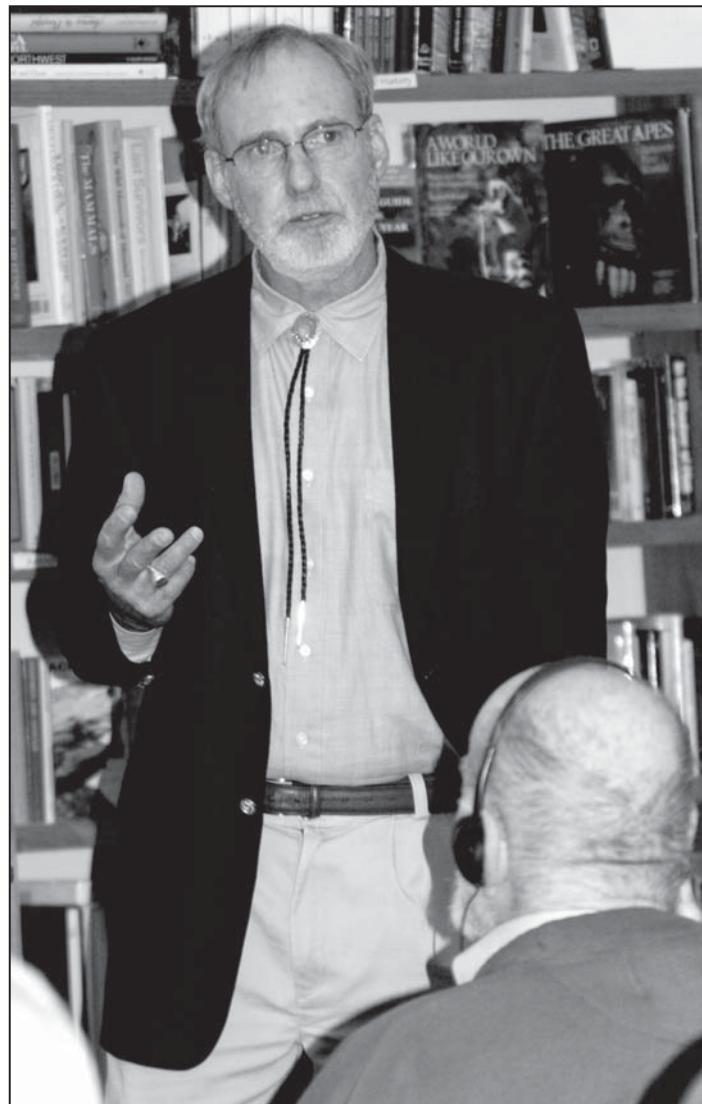
"They (CBBS) have achieved a great balance between archaeology and history," said Taylor, who spent 20 years at the Smithsonian Institution before retiring to Fort Davis. "These are two very different subjects, but for some reason, the people coming to this conference are interested in both."

"I have never been to another conference where the audience is so absorbed by what the speakers are saying," he said. "This audience is really dedicated."

"Very few of the presenters are academics; many do this as an avocation," he said. "To me, that means the sessions are being presented in such a way that the ordinary person can understand what's being talked about."

"This area of the state was the focus of archaeological research in the early to mid-20th century, but had received only sporadic attention since then, primarily due to a low population base and a lack of large projects," said CBBS director, William A. "Andy" Cloud. "Thus, we were far behind the rest of the state comparatively in our understanding of past cultures of this region."

According to Cloud, the Trans-Pecos Archaeological Program was the "mechanism to address these problems," and focuses on six areas of research: Paleoindians in the Trans-Pecos and Big Bend (from about 9500- 6500 B.C.); human adaptations during the Archaic period (from 6500 B.C.- A.D. 1000); the Livermore phase and aspects of ritualism in Prehistory (about 700-1200 A.D.); nomads and farmers at La Junta de los Rios (around the confluence of the Rio Conchos and



Rio Grande, about A.D. 1200-1800); Spanish exploration and missionization of Native Americans in the Trans-Pecos (starting in 1535 and continuing through the early 1700s); and rock art research.

Research has also occurred in Big Bend National Park. Cloud said that nearly 45,000 acres have been surveyed by the CBBS over the last 13 years "to try to understand how people used the landscape and made adaptations."

"We have made tremendous progress in studying pre-history, proto-history and historic times in the past 13 years," said Cloud.

"Archaeology today is about behavior, human life ways and what factors drove day-to-day activities," Cloud said. "At the same time, the history of this region is also an integral part of our overall mission."

For more information, contact Cloud, 837-8289 or wacloud@sulross.

New Ride-Sharing Board Available Online

Alpine resident Allison Ofenstein has set up a virtual ride board online that will help eliminate this problem.

The ride-share program was developed to connect those that need to go out of town but do not have any means of transportation, or those that simply want to share travel costs with others.

Users will have to register before posting to the forum. New topics will be added as needed.

Access this group by visiting <http://alpinerides.mybb3.org/index.php>.

Supplies desperately needed for Ojinaga schools

Many of you know about the recent flooding in the Presidio/Ojinaga area. Due to this flooding, the schools in Ojinaga have been destroyed.

In order to get things back up and running as soon as possible, Kappa Delta Pi Zeta Delta is having a donation drive. We are asking for school supplies that can be used in Ojinaga's schools.

Supplies could possibly include:

- Paper (notebook, printer, and/or construction)
- Pencils/Pens
- Chalk
- Markers
- Crayons
- Glue
- Kleenex
- Hand Sanitizer
- Plastic School Supply Boxes
- Scissors
- Folders
- Rulers

Or anything else that might be useful in a classroom.

Starting Monday, we will be placing donation boxes in front of the student activities office in the U.C., in front of the Education Office in MAB 305, and in the front lobby of the library (near the circulation desk).

Although we are mainly asking for donations of school supplies, if you wish to donate money, please drop the money off to Elizabeth Kim (Education Dept. Secretary) in MAB 305. Since we don't know whom to make checks out to, cash would be preferable.

Kappa Delta Pi thanks you for your support and donations in advance.

- Stacy Lind, KDPZD President

Agriculture Department to Provide Emergency Loans to Presidio County

Loans will be extended to eligible farm operators

San Antonio, TX— Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) today announced that the Secretary of Agriculture designated Presidio County as a primary disaster area. This designation is based on damages and losses caused by flooding that occurred September 9 to September 12, 2008. Brewster, Hudspeth and Jeff Davis were named contiguous disaster counties.

Provided eligibility requirements are met, farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties are now eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Loan applications will be accepted through June 22, 2009.

"The flooding in Presidio and surrounding areas majorly impacted the entire region. So, I'm pleased that the farm operators will be able to seek relief so they can start to rebuild."

After assessing the damage, Rodriguez worked with President Bush and Gov. Rick Perry to ensure funding for the area.

No. 2 Electronics Retailer Files Chapter 11

Madeleine Cantú
 Skyline Editor

Circuit City joined the ranks of the battered public companies as the retailer filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on Monday, November 10th. As No. 2 in the US for consumer electronics, it will be the largest retailer to file since 2002, when K-Mart declared bankruptcy.

A week earlier, the retailer closed 155 of its 714 stores across the country, and said they would be laying off 17 percent of its workforce in the states. The remaining stores will keep their doors open as Circuit City operates under debtor-in-possession financing (or DIP financing). This type of financing, available to businesses that file under Chapter 11, is by no means an easy out.

DIP financing comes with a set of strict conditions that the company must adhere to in order to be able to continue operating. One condition is that they decrease the amount of DIP financing from \$1.1 billion to \$900 million no later than December 29. Circuit City

will also have to take the money it makes during the holidays—the most critical time for retailers of the year—and apply it to loans that they received before filing for bankruptcy.

This filing will give us the time and resources to address our financial challenges while continuing to provide you, our guests, with the consumer electronics products and services you want for the holiday season," states Jim Marcum, vice chairman, acting president and chief executive officer of Circuit City on their main website.

Despite the fact that Circuit City has faced hard times in the stock market for nearly a year now, it hopes to emerge from the Chapter 11 crisis by the first quarter of 2009, according to a statement by the retailer.

Circuit City's filing for Chapter 11 comes at a difficult time for the business. With the current credit crunch and consumer apprehension on spending, they will have to go against the grain in order to pull their head above water.

There are many ways to file for bankruptcy. Chapter 11 can be filed by corporations, individual businessmen, or sole proprietorships, although the former of these use this Chapter of the US Bankruptcy Code most frequently.

In May, Linens N Things, a home goods retailer, filed for Chapter 11. A month later, Tweeter Home Entertainment Group, Inc. also declared bankruptcy. Mervyn's and Sharper Image also filed this year. Best Buy, which is ranked as No. 1 in consumer electronics retailer, discount retailer powerhouse Wal-Mart, and others are expected to gain from all these stores' closings.

