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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
SUNDAY (2 a.m.) The Fall Time Change in the United States begins. Don't forget to set your clocks back by one hour on Saturday night.

■ OCTOBER 26
LAS ANIMAS COUNTY
TUESDAY (9 a.m.) Board of County Commissioners work session will be held in the Las Animas Courthouse, 200 E. First St., Room 201. Information: 719-845-2568.
LIBRARY'S TUESDAY TOTS
TUESDAY (11 a.m.-Noon) Free program for caregivers and their children taught by certified teachers will be held at the Carnegie Library, 202 N. Animas. Info: Phyllis Kilgroe, 719-846-6841.

Today's Quote

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present."

~ **Bil Keane**

CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY (1:30 p.m.) Work session will be held in Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Animas St., Third Floor. Information: Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843.

VISION LOSS SUPPORT
TUESDAY (1:30-3:30 p.m.) Group meets monthly at the Trinidad Work Force Center, 140 N. Commercial. Refreshments will be served — family and friends are encouraged to attend. Info: 719-546-1271.

HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY
TUESDAY (5:30 p.m.) School board meeting at the school, 613 Prospect St. Info: Jasper Butero, 719-846-4522.

SQUARE DANCE CLUB
TUESDAY (6-8 p.m.) Swing your partner — join the fun at the Square Dance Club at LaCASA on Hwy 12 in Jansen. Beginners welcome. Info: Peter Monzon, pmm49@hotmail.com.

■ OCTOBER 27
TOURISM BOARD
WEDNESDAY (9 a.m.) Committee meets in the City Hall Third Floor Conference Room, 135 N. Animas St. Information: City Clerk, Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843.

E-911 AUTHORITY
WEDNESDAY (3 p.m.) The E-911 Authority Board meets at the Garcia Justice Center in the Las Animas County Sheriff's Office, 2309 E. Main St. Information: Rita Mantelli, 719-846-4441.

TRINIDAD SCHOOL BOE
WEDNESDAY (6 p.m.) The Board of Education will hold its regular session at the District Administration Office, 612 Park St. Info: 719-845-2048.

■ PUBLIC SERVICE
TRINIDAD SUPPER CLUB
THURSDAY (6 p.m.) Fall Club Social will be held at the Double D Grill, 443 N. Commercial St. Info & RSVP: Yvonne Marques, 719-846-3518. Anyone is welcome to join.
AADA CANDLELIGHT VIGIL
THURSDAY(6:30 p.m.) Advocates Against Domestic Assault annual community event will be held at the LaQuinta Inn, 2873 Toupal Dr. Info: Eleanor Olguin, eleanorolguin@hotmail.com.

I LIKE LAS ANIMAS COUNTY
FRIDAY DEADLINE: Essay Contest for Grades 6-12 at the Trinidad Community Foundation, 134 W. Main St. Info: Margaret Apodaca, 719-846-3943.

TRICK-OR-TREAT STREET
FRIDAY (3-5 p.m.) Annual downtown fun event for kids and costume contest at the First National Bank.

OPEN HOUSE & RECEPTION
SATURDAY (1-4 p.m.) Annual Fall Open House and Artists Reception featuring renowned Indian Jewelry Artist Calvin Begay will be held at the Purgatoire River Trading Co., 113 E. Main St. Info: 719-845-0202.

GREAT PUMPKIN SHOOT
SATURDAY (10 a.m.-1 p.m.) Join the fun at the free event to be held at the new Archery Range at Trinidad Lake State Park, Carpio Cove, Hwy 12. Park Pass required. Info: 719-846-6951.

TRICK OR TREASURE
SATURDAY: Kids' fun event at the Fisher's Peak Community Church on Santa Fe Trail Drive. Info: 719-868-3375.

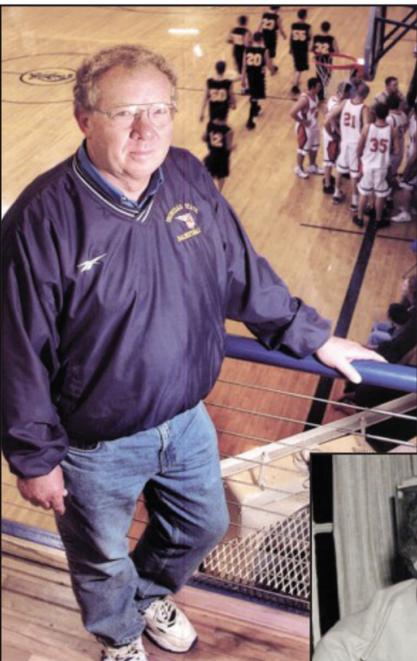
RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 10/26/15. Model Ditch: Priority # 20 --- Appropriation date: 10/7/1865.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:

Release 1.96 AF
Inflow 104.16 AF -- 52.52 CFS
Evaporation 5.20 AF
Content 21,689 AF
Elevation 6,185.95
Precipitation 0

Downstream River Call / Highland Canal: 05/30/1866.



Photos courtesy of Trinidad State

Longtime coach of the Trinidad State basketball team, Jim Toupal will be inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame along with five additional members on April 19, 2016. Toupal's illustrious 35-year career is legendary at TSJC.

HONOR & ACHIEVEMENT

Jim Toupal to be inducted into Colorado Hall of Fame

By **Doc Leonetti**
Correspondent
The Chronicle News

Jim Toupal, a basketball coaching marvel for 35 years at Trinidad State Junior College, will be inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame on April 19, 2016. Toupal and five additional members were announced on Tuesday, October 20, 2015.

Toupal began his career at TSJC in 1969 as a faculty associate in business, and assistant football and basketball coach. He supplanted Gary Marriott as Head Coach in 1972. Throughout his 35 year career at TSJC, he also coached baseball, golf, and volleyball, and served several years as Athletic Director. Now retired, his record of winning basketball games is legendary.

And his achievements in TSJC basketball are incrementally mind boggling:

- Inducted into the National Jr. College Athletic Association Hall of Fame in March, 1998.
- TSJC Scott's Gym floor named in honor of Toupal, 2008
- Inducted into the TSJC Educational Foundation Hall of Fame, 2013
- Fifth winningest record in NJCAA history with a 668-292 record.
- Set a national record with 132 consecutive home victories in the decade of 1980-1990.
- Named Region IX Coach of the Year four times.
- Led his 1986 team to the NJCAA National Tournament, posting a 2-2 record and finishing 7th.
- Finished 4th on the all-time list in NJCAA history with over 1,200 wins.
- Coached 12 NJCAA All-Americans.

"I always felt two of his greatest strengths in coaching were his ability to get kids to play hard and to play together as a team," said Mike Vecchio, long-time coach and teacher at Trinidad State.

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A.R. Mitchell Annual Black & White Western Ball — a story in pictures



Photo by Eric John Monson



Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Nothing quite like dancing the night away on a special fall evening

The A.R. Mitchell was awash in twinkling lights, deer antlers and other amazing decorations as party guests arrived for an evening of dinner, dancing and fun at Trinidad's most celebrated social event of the year. The evening began with an over-the-top barbecue dinner catered by Dave's Famous Barbecue while friends and business owners like Frances Moinet and Carol Bolton (above inset, L-R) gathered for socializing. A spectacular dessert auction of donated treats started the fundraising efforts in earnest and was called by the Mitchell Museum's own Director Christine Boyce (above lower inset on left), assisted by local artist Paula Little. A silent auction on the second floor enticed party-goers to dig deep into their pockets for some outstanding treasures to support the Museum and then carry home afterwards. Diners then hit the floor to country and western strains from the ever-popular Whiskey Creek Band and danced the night away in the glow of the soft lights. **See more on Page 3 ...**

MASTER CRAFTSMAN

Renowned Navajo artist Begay to make special Trinidad appearance

By **Steve Block**
The Chronicle News

Navajo Artist Calvin Begay designed his first piece of jewelry at age 10, learning the craft from his mother and an uncle, the cru-

cial first step in what's been a 30-year career as a master jewelry designer and craftsman. Begay's works have won him numerous awards at the Gallup Inter Tribal Ceremonial, including a Best of Show Award in 1989, and his jewelry has been featured in Southwest Art and Arizona Highways magazines.

Begay will make a special appearance in Trinidad, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, at the Purgatoire River Trading Company, located at 113 E. Main St. The Native American artist will present his latest and finest original creations at the showing, while offering 35 percent off on the price of all of his new works in this unique one-day event.

Proprietor Vibeke Adkisson said she was delighted to host the renowned artist in Trinidad.

"He's really a phenomenal artist," Adkisson said. "He's the foremost inlay artist working on the Navajo Nation today. It will be a phenomenal show."

Begay innovates constantly and updates his designs, working in both gold and silver while adding new stones to his repertoire. Clients and collectors, not only in his native Southwest, but all across the country and around the world, prize his work. He was born in Gallup, N.M., in 1965 and raised in Tohatchi in northwestern New Mexico. His works show a unique

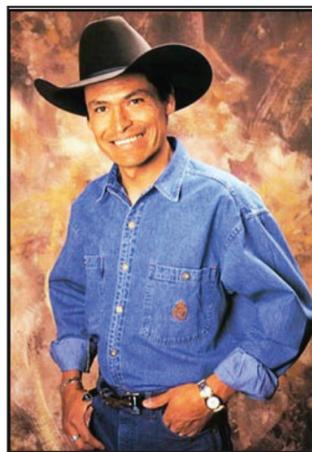


Photo courtesy of Begay Jewelry

Navajo artist Calvin Begay

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WEATHER WATCH

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 65. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north in the afternoon.

Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest after midnight.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 64. West wind around 5 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming west after midnight.

Thursday: A 10 percent chance of

showers after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 62. West wind around 5 mph becoming south southeast in the afternoon. **Night:** A 10 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38. Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming west southwest after midnight.

Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 57. West southwest wind around 5 mph.

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dad High School who assisted Toupal on the basketball court for ten years. "On many road games, when everyone in the arena was against you, he got players to rise up to the challenge by simply playing harder than the home team did. I also saw many a good player benched if he thought the player was being selfish. In my opinion, he was one of the best Junior College coaches that I've ever seen. This is a great honor for Jim, and I couldn't be happier for him."

Fellow inductees at a ceremony to be held at the Marriott City Center on April 19, 2016 in downtown Denver are: Vinny Castilla, Colorado Rockies baseball, Ralph Simpson, ABA/NBA Nuggets basketball, Milan Hejduk, Colorado Avalanche hockey, Rhonda Blanford-Green, track coach Aurora Central High School, and Jim Danley, Eaton High School baseball.

"I feel fortunate to have worked with him for 12 years," said TSJC Coach Rich Holden who served as Toupal's assistant. "What impressed me most was how he was so successful for all those years against very stiff competition year after year. It's quite an honor. He may be one of the only people at the Jr. College level that has been inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame. I'm really pleased with his recognition, and I'm most appreciative for Pete De Luca for all the work he did to help Coach get into the Hall. It's good that they did hear that voice from Trinidad and were able to understand how hard he worked at that level to do what he did. That's what's really cool about the whole thing. I really felt like it was a perfect tribute to a great career. It was incredible. It will never be duplicated in a lot of places. Coach is quite a guy."

Dick Compton, who served as the Financial Aid Director during the majority of Toupal's tenure as a coach at TSJC, was also grateful for the Colorado Hall of Fame

nomination.

"It's well overdue, a well deserved recognition," explained Compton. The former Director, as did this writer, watched Toupal coach his first game in 1973. "Toupal brought basketball to the highest level for us. Trinidad has never been a hotbed for professional athletes, yet he worked hard to get them placed at another college where they could be successful. I surely enjoyed watching him working with his kids, many times from the clock in 'Great Scott Gym.'"

A Trinidad native, Toupal was an All-State football and basketball player at Trinidad High School. He was mentored in football by Dutch Nogel, a coach who knew how to win. The fiery John Kilpatrick coached him in basketball, and later, in his retirement, assisted him at Trinidad State. Toupal moved on from Trinidad High to play football for Boston College on a full scholarship, eventually earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting. He and high school sweetheart Nancy Salbato were married in 1968.

"It's a privilege to be inducted into the Colorado Hall of Fame," explained Toupal. "This honor is the result of the endless support I've received from my colleagues and friends over the years. I have a lot of good memories of all the athletes I've coached. A lot of them correspond with me regularly to this day."

"The support I've received from my associates over the years, too, has been very rewarding. The Trinidad community and the TSJC Booster Club over all those years I coached were most essential to my success. They've all helped me get inducted into three hall of fame entities (Trinidad Jr. College Educational Foundation Hall of Fame, NJCAA Basketball Hall of Fame, Colorado Sports Hall of Fame). Most importantly, any success I have experienced must be attrib-



Photo courtesy of Trinidad State

Toupal in 2013 with other honorees of the TSJC Educational Foundation Hall of Fame. From left to right: Foundation Director Toni DeAngelis, Hall of Fame inductee Reuben Gutierrez's son Harold Gutierrez, Hall of Fame inductee Jim Toupal, former TSJC President Chuck Bohlen, Hall of Fame inductee Kathryn Rubin and program speaker Lonnie Shelton.

uted to my family, especially my wife Nancy who has put up with me and been by my side for 47 years. I could have never accomplished what I did without their support, and they surely gave me a lot of that."

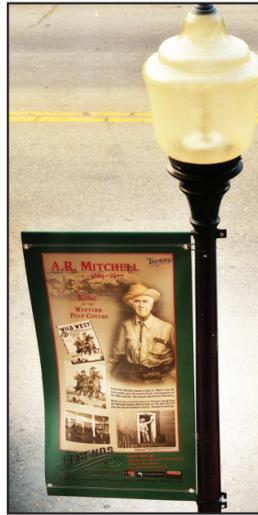
In the decade of 1980-1990, Coach ran the table with a ten year home court winning streak. He chalked up 139 consecutive wins in Scott Gym in that remarkable run. In his storied career, he averaged 22 wins a season for 30 years, and completed his coaching career with 668 wins and 292 losses.

The venerable Coach retired in 2004, but the legend of his accomplishments will linger forever.

"It's been a great run," Toupal concluded. "If I had to do it all over again, I wouldn't change a thing. I had several opportunities to move on to other coaching jobs at four year colleges, but I'm happy I chose to stay in Trinidad. I appreciate Tim Simmons, Pete De Luca, and the Colorado Hall of Fame selection committee for what they have done for me. This is truly a great honor."

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Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News



There were diners at the appetizer table, artisan goodies at the dessert auction, festive greeters at the door — and of course, this year's A.R. Mitchell Museum's honorees of the Black and White Western Ball Paul and Roberta Cordova (far lower left) who could not be present at the festivities, but were recognized for their longtime support of the Mitchell. Pictured above are greeters Peter Berg (left) and Sally Jane Ruybalid (right) and Museum Director Christina Boyce (center).

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Fine artisan jewelry photos courtesy of the artist



ability to translate traditional Navajo inlay techniques into jewelry that reflect his Native American heritage, yet have elegant and contemporary flair.

Begay said in a Friday phone interview that he hadn't been back to Trinidad in well over a year. He said gotten to know Vibeke Adkisson and her late husband, Lonnie, through his visits to their Purgatoire River Trading Company, and their frequent travels to his Native American Traders Gallery in Gallup. Trinidad is a favorite place to

visit for Begay.

"I always love coming to Trinidad because of the people there," Begay said. "They're very nice people and I enjoy visiting with them."

Now 49 years old, he learned the fine art of Navajo jewelry making by observing the techniques of his mother and uncle, and then applying what he'd learned into his own original works.

"I started by making the more traditional Navajo jewelry, but I eventually started making more contemporary pieces," he said. "Necklaces seem to be the most popular

thing right now, though I make many other types of jewelry as well. I like working with gold and silver, but also with turquoise, though good quality turquoise is getting harder to find these days."

He participates in rodeos and travels the lonely backcountry in his all terrain vehicles. That wild and free spirit is reflected in the precious metals and stones that he transforms into stunningly creative works of the jewelry maker's art. He was asked how it felt to have found such great success while doing the work he loved.

"It makes me feel very humble. You never know how it's going to work out when you first get started. I didn't know it would ever go this far, but it's been taking good care of me."

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