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Letter to the Editor

Charitable giving not set in stone

Dear Editor,

It shames me to see letters written to the editor by people who didn't get a monetary donation they felt was owed them. Where is it written that money collected from an event must be given to a particular organization just because it was in the past?

Dan Michael said, "Every woman walking into the abortion clinic is there to kill her baby. We are our brother's keeper."

The Hope Clinic does more than just abortions. They do counseling and birth control. I found this information by looking at their website. However, I could not find any information on the Small Victories website about their use of donations after March of 2004.

How much does Small Victories spend annually on the care of the babies and mothers they "saved?" Diapers cost money as does formula, medicine, daycare, clothing . . . and so on.

Saving a baby is only the first step. The Pregnancy Care Center provides many items for the saved babies along with many others. They provide instruction on how to care for the baby after it's born as well as helping in many other ways.

And where do you get off saying that you've "taken homeless mothers into your home because nobody else in this town would?" I have taken many people into my home over the years that needed a place until they could get back on their feet. I babysat for free so teenaged mothers could look for work. I've taken sick babies and their parents to doctor appointments and to the hospital. How dare you presume to know what I or anyone else in this town would do for a person in need.

There's an old saying about getting more using honey instead of vinegar. Maybe you should work on that.

Phyllis Fetsch
Highland

Kuhl's view

Irish name is a blessing

— most of the time

On Saturday, you can call me Patrick O'Kuhl.

Everybody's Irish on St. Patrick's Day. At least that's what Sister O'Peter Marie used to tell us.

And the ones who aren't are green with envy.

There weren't very many kids of Irish descent at St. Paul



By Pat O'Kuhl

heartwarming story about a big, burly red-headed Irishman who saved my uncle's life during the war. Or maybe a great-great-grandfather who pumped a little Irish blood into the family tree.

That wasn't it.

"All the other good names were taken," Pop told me.

A thought to remember

Kathy Oriez remembered #4 Bandelier Book.

Kathy Oriez's Nov. 14, 1979, feature story headline was "Translation of 'lost' history donated to Latzer Library." Two of her headings were Bandelier's: "Lost"



By Roland Harris

history uncovered in Vatican archives in 1960s by Jesuit priest" and "Young Bandelier did not benefit from local bank's failure in 1880s."

Kathy's first heading was true but I believe Madeleine Rodack did a "white wash" on Kathy while she was here in Highland in the summer of 1978. After looking at the facts again, I believe young Bandelier did benefit from the funds of the local bank, but maybe young Bandelier didn't know that his father was taking the money from the bank, rather than from Adolph E. Bandelier's personal funds.

Madeleine Rodack wrote:

"This important work of Adolph F. Bandelier might never have been written, if the eminent historian, archeologist, anthropologist and ethnologist of the Indians of the Southwest and northern Mexico had not found himself practically penniless in the city of Santa Fe in the year of 1885. The former Highlander was earning a precarious living giving lan-

guage lessons and writing magazine articles.

"When in 1886 the Archbishop Salpointe of Santa Fe offered Bandelier \$1,500. to write a history of the Spanish Borderlands, he was delighted and he

was commissioned to write this book, which was prepared in sixteen months. It became "History of Civilizations and the Sonora, Chihuahua, New Mexico and Arizona."

This original book, finished in 1887 by Bandelier, was written in French and was to be a gift from the Archdiocese of Santa Fe to Pope Leo XIII, for the pontiff's Golden Jubilee.

(Bandelier also wrote, "The Discovery of New Mexico by the Franciscan Monk, Friar Marcos de Niza in 1539." The translation of this book, from French to English, was also done by Madeleine Turrell Rodack and she gave a copy of her translation to the Louis Latzer Memorial Public Library in 1979.)

"Bandelier's original book, after it was given to Pope Leo XIII, became known as 'lost', because somehow it was uncatalogued and misplaced. Father Ernest J. Burrus, a Jesuit from Saint Louis University of St. Louis, who

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