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ELAINE J. ABEYTA

Elaine J. Abeyta, age 69, passed away peacefully at her home on March 16, 2011. she was 69. Elaine was born on May 17, 1941 in Trinidad, Colo.

Visitation will be Monday from 3 p.m. - 6p.m. at the Comi Funeral Home Chapel. Rosary will be recited Monday, March 21, 2011 at 7 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Funeral Mass will be celebrated Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Interment with Rite of Committal will follow at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery.

Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

IN MEMORIAM

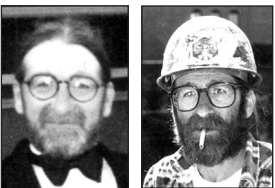
In Loving Memory of **JENNIE SALBATO**
 Who Passed away Five years ago, March 17th



It has been Five years since you have been gone but not forgotten.

Sadly Missed by
 Husband, Louis, Sons,
 Larry and Family
 Matt and Family,
 Granddaughters and Grandsons

In Loving Memory of **MIKE EVERHART**
 On His 60th Birthday
 March 19th



Do not ask us if we miss him, For there is such a vacant place, Often we think we Hear his footsteps, Or see his smiling face. Sad and mournful Was his parting. Lonely are our hearts today. For the one we loved so dearly, Is celebrating his birthday in Heaven today

Sadly Missed by
 Maxie, Grady, Eliza, and Lizzie
 and Grandchildren

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**Miners Colfax Medical Center
 Raton, New Mexico**

March 12, 2011
 Baby Boy Flores
 Adrian and Laura Flores
 Trinidad, Colo.

March 16, 2011
 Baby Girl Valdez
 Jorge L. Valdez and
 Kyrstin A. Martinez
 Raton, N.M.

**Parkview Medical Center
 Pueblo, Colorado**

March 15, 2011
 Baby Girl Trujillo
 Corey and Chelsea
 Trujillo
 Trinidad, Colo.

RATON POLICE BLOTTER

**ARRESTS:
 03-16-11**

- Stephanie Munoz: Arrest Order, probation conditions, driving while suspended/revoked
- Christina Sanchez: Arrest Order, not attending MRT or counseling for community corrections
- Carlos C. Fratterelli: Arrest Order, probation conditions for investigation and possession of drug paraphernalia
- 03-18-11**
- Meagan Vanderpool: battery
- Juvenile: battery
- Brian Archuleta: Arrest Order for probation violation, falsely obtaining services

**CITATIONS:
 03-16-11**

- Oscar A. Arreola: disorderly conduct
- Sherrie Mata Alderette: speeding
- Stephanie Munoz: driving while suspended/revoked

**INCIDENTS:
 03-16-11**

- Raton Public Service: victim of larceny
- Adrian P. Valdez: victim of burglary and tampering with a motor vehicle
- Dana Liles: victim of larceny
- 03-18-11**
- Amaris Sandoval: victim of criminal damage to property
- Somerset Apartments: victim of criminal damage to property

**ACCIDENTS:
 03-16-11**

- Juanita Angeli and Priscilla J. Mays: light damage
- Benny Sanchez and James Mayer: moderate damage

CARD OF THANKS

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We, the family of Domenic Mark Pachelli, express our deepest gratitude for the kindness and support shown to us during our recent sorrow.

We are overwhelmed by and grateful for the generosity of sympathy cards, Mass cards, flowers, food, paper products, calls and visits by family and friends, and monetary donations and contributions made in Domenic's memory.

To Dr. Arora, Reliant Renal Care, Fresenius Medical Care in Walsenburg, and to Drs. Wheling, Albright, and Sicher of Southern Colorado Nephrology, we thank you all for the many years of compassionate care you gave to Domenic. Thank you also to Lincare for the professional and efficient delivery of Domenic's medical equipment. A special thank you to Trinidad Housing for the many years of care and providing Domenic with special needs as his condition required.

Special thanks to the New Hope Catholic Charismatic Prayer group for the recitation of the rosary and to the Knights of Columbus for hosting a reception in Domenic's honor. Thank you to Father Becker for the beautiful Mass, the Eucharistic ministers, to Dick Anderson, Virgil Micek, and Paul Montera who acted as pallbearers along with Domenic's family, Leeann Fabec for singing and Sister Regina for playing the lovely music, and to Mr. Pete De Bono and Mr. John Bachicha for your support and care of our family during the funeral procession.

Our deepest gratitude to Kitsy Comi and her staff for the compassionate and dignified care you gave to Domenic and the loving support shown to our family.

Our sincere thanks to all who attended the rosary, reception, and funeral and for those who could not be with us, we appreciate the prayers and thoughts extended to our family.

We will forever be grateful for your generosity and kindness, and may God bless you all.

The family of
 Domenic Mark Pachelli



Photos by Tim Keller

Soprano Rebecca Arendt brought beautiful dresses and a beautiful voice to her several appearances on stage.

Celtic Fire sells out Shuler Theater

By **TIM KELLER**
The Chronicle-News

On the eve of St. Patrick's Day last Wednesday night, a polished troupe of musicians and dancers from as far away as Dublin took the Shuler stage before an exuberant sold-out crowd.

Twelve talented performers presented an elaborate production they called "Celtic Fire!" combining elements of Celtic music with generous classical overtones, supplementing the mix with a pair of high-energy dancers just off the plane from Ireland.

The core group was a Colorado-based Celtic band called Feast, led by Kathryn and Tyme Mientka of Grand Junction. They and the half-dozen performers added for a five-date St. Patrick's tour of New Mexico and southern Colorado all had extensive experience performing in the British Isles and Europe.

Their joy in playing the music was apparent, no doubt bolstered by opening the tour to a packed house in a beautiful theater. Tyme Mientka was an endearing host with his slightly shy and unpolished commentaries between songs, a nice counterpoint to the sometimes overly-polished stage production.

Violinist Marcin Arendt,

aka Dr. Arendt of the CU Boulder music faculty, stood out for his easy virtuosity and the sheer delight he brought to his playing. His tour de force gypsy-influenced medley was all over the map and all over the stage as he playfully invited duets with the piano, the harp, and one of two violas. Accompanied by the whole band, his many tempo changes and humorous accents typified the approach of others, too, throughout the two-set concert.

Another standout was drummer David Alderice, whose understated New Orleans-influenced funk was augmented by a Zen-like "cool" with his long red beard, turban-wrapped head, and placement in red lights on a riser above the rest of the action. An acapella duet with his percussionist girlfriend was a crowd favorite, combining rapid-fire nonsense syllables with minimal handclaps for a rousingly enjoyable performance.

Soprano Rebecca Arendt took center stage to sing "Danny Boy" and other Irish songs, her beautiful voice overcoming a somewhat stiff appearance. She warmed up when joined by her violinist husband, whose gleeful playing could coax a smile from a Buddha.

The Irish dancers – athletic Mark Morrison and spritely Tanya Baird – flew in from Dublin just in time for the Raton show, having rehearsed to video of a Celtic Fire performance. Though the musicians had barely met them, the energetic dancers fit in seamlessly; in fact, part of the night's joy level came from the musicians themselves watching the dancers perform for the first time.

The production travels with two sound engineers, two lighting technicians, a stage manager and a stagehand. The sound was outstanding but the lights were unnatural washes of saturated colors that flooded the stage and the front rows of the audience – sometimes orange, sometimes green (of course), sometimes a mix of pink with blue. Only the red light added rather than subtracted.

The musicians all relied on sheet music on music stands, perhaps inevitable when gathering busy professionals from scattered locations for such a short tour. In most cases the use of sheet music was not distracting, although the harpist's music stand blocked much of the audience's view of her and her playing. She played from the sheet music even for her solo rendition of O'Carolan's "Shebeg aug

Shemor," a perennial standard in the Irish harp repertoire.

Songs and their titles were seldom introduced, so the audience often lacked context that might have added to their appreciation. The performers' names were mentioned only fleetingly or, in some cases, not at all. No program was provided.

As the crowd inched up the aisles after the show, it was clear that they'd loved the show, but one laggard – who looked suspiciously Irish himself – was overheard saying, "It's not quite what I expected. Too much contemporization." It was indeed a big, sometimes circus-like production of Celtic-influenced music, perhaps lacking the soul-wrenching intimacy some had hoped to hear.

It's hard to argue with a full house, though. Producer Bill Fegan says he had to turn many people away: even at \$29, every seat in the house was sold. A man wearing a kilt lamented the band's lack of bagpipes but said he was willing to settle for the harp. His smiles and laughter showed that he, like the others milling in the lobby to greet the performers after the show, had had a big night of great entertainment.

Mardi Gras contest is beneficial

Special to *The Chronicle-News*

The First National Bank of Trinidad, Walmart branch, and area students combined efforts and talents to celebrate Mardi Gras and benefit Trinidad Cancer Alliance.

For the seventh consecutive year, the bank sponsored a Mardi Gras mask contest, encouraging students from Trinidad High, Trinidad Middle School, and Primero and Eckhart schools to create unique masks in an effort to win prizes.

The top 16 masks were displayed at the bank branch for two weeks, where customers backed up their votes for favorites by placing pennies in a jar. Those cash votes plus a bank donation led to the Cancer Alliance receiving a check for \$370.87.

"This was a win-win project for us to sponsor," branch manager Roberta Noel said. "Involving area students in a project to raise funds for a local charity has been a fun event for us, and hopefully for the students too."

"The kids did an awesome job creating those masks."

Local artists Trisk Keck,



Photo courtesy of First National Bank in Trinidad

Judges Choice Award winners were, front row, David Vasquez, Hannah Cox, Dominique Romero; back row, Annice Vigil, Kayla Torres, Jennifer Ponce, Jason Valdez, Cece Salazar, Denisha Gutierrez and Taylor Mestas. Not pictured: Kensa McClintock, Vivian Miller, Kryssy Armijo and Maddie Danielson.

Carol Blatnick-Barros, Cynthia Ploski and Carolyn Schatzman chose favorites in each category as well as an overall judges pick.

Judges Choice Awards went to first-grader Dominique Romero, second-grader Hannah Cox, fifth-grader Taylor Mestas, sixth-grader Cece Salazar and high schoolers Kryssy Armijo, Annice Vigil, Denisha Gutierrez and Maddie Danielson. The Judges Overall Choice Award went to Cece Salazar

for best representation of the Mardi Gras spirit.

The People's Choice Awards went to first-grader David Vasquez, fifth-grader Taylor Mestas, sixth-grader Cece Salazar and high schooler Denisha Gutierrez.

First National Bank Choice Awards went to first-grader David Vasquez, fourth-graders Felicity Espinoza and Cierra Ross, sixth-grader Jennifer Ponce and high schooler Jason Valdez.

Judges Choice and First National Bank Choice winners received movie passes to the Movie Picture Showhouse. The People's Choice Award winners also received gift cards to Walmart. The grand prize overall winner received a gift basket with a movie pass, Walmart gift card, candy and Mardi Gras beads. All students who entered received a gift bag with candy, pencils, Mardi Gras beads and tattoos.

LUNCH MENU

Local Menus Week of March 21

Mount San Rafael Cafeteria
 The public is welcome to dine in our cafeteria. Wi-Fi is available.

- **Monday:** Baked Potato Bar and Chicken Noodle Soup
- **Tuesday:** Country fried steak and chicken, rice, gravy, mixed veggies, biscuit and split pea and ham soup
- **Wednesday:** Pot roast, new potatoes, carrots, green beans, dinner roll and broccoli with cheese soup
- **Thursday:** Sensational Salads and home-style

- mushroom soup
- **Friday:** Macaroni and cheese, baked and fried fish, broccoli and home-style mushroom soup

SCCOG Senior Services

Please make reservations/cancellations one day in advance: Trinidad 719-846-4515, Walsenburg 719-738-2205

- **Monday:** Country fried steak, baked potato with pepper gravy, Scandinavian veggie blend, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread and beverage
- **Tuesday:** Ham and Navy beans, jellied beet salad, pineapple tidbits, cornbread and beverage
- **Wednesday:** Pork chop pat tie with gravy, oven-browned potatoes, creamy coleslaw,

tropical fruit, whole wheat bread and beverage

- **Thursday:** Beefy cheese enchilada, salsa and sour cream, refried beans, tossed salad, peaches with flavored yogurt and beverage
- **Friday:** Pasta in Alfredo sauce with mushrooms, California veggies, Mandarin orange gel tin, whole wheat bread and beverage Trinidad Inn. Family and friends are always encouraged to join our residents (\$3.50/plate). No reservations required.
- **Sunday:** Meatloaf with mus room gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, pineapple upside down cake, bread and beverage
- **Monday:** Roast beef, red potato quarters, buttered corn, cherry cobbler, bread and beverage

- **Tuesday:** Basil chicken, fettuccini Alfredo, broccoli, lemon gelatin, garlic bread, Parmesan cheese and beverage
 - **Wednesday:** Beef strips with salsa, beans, mixed veggies, tomato and lettuce, fruit cocktail and beverage
 - **Thursday:** Roast pork loin with gravy, herb stuffing, cauliflower, iced pumpkin squares, dinner roll and beverage
 - **Friday:** Country fried steak with gravy, au gratin potatoes, three-bean salad, peach cobbler, bread and beverage
 - **Saturday:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, spinach, gelatin cubes, garlic bread and beverage
- Trinidad and Primero Schools Out for spring break**