Mayor, council recall election set for Nov. 8

By Laurie Laine
The Tombstone Epitaph

Some residents are requesting a recall election on the mayor and four council members, alleging violations of city codes and state and federal laws and accusing the mayor of financial mismanagement.

The Concerned Citizens of Tombstone, headed by Chairman Kim Townsend and Treasurer Edson Gama, gathered 256 signatures needed to request a recall of four council members and city hall officials.

Fewer signatures were needed to recall commissioner Bill Blythe, who was not included in the request.

“There are many issues of mismanagement and misuse of funds,” Townsend said. “I’m hoping we can get our work back.”

Former mayor Dustin Escalante said the recall election is about poor leadership.

DeLorme, who runs several businesses in town — including a newsstand near Tombstone School Street — said he does not see his business ownership as a conflict of interest with his role as mayor.

“I don’t think the mayor has the best interest of Tombstone at heart,” Escalante said. “I think his interest is in his own business, specifically his newsstand.”

When Escalante lost the election in November 2004, he publicly declared he would initiate a recall election at the earliest possible date. DeLorme, Blythe and Stinson agree the recall is a bad idea because the 2004 election had one of the lowest turnouts in recent history.

DeLorme said his opponents are counting on the fact that 70 percent of the town’s people don’t know there is a recall election.

“Even if you don’t get up and vote, you won’t be counted, and that is what my opponent is hoping for,” he said.

“More was accomplished in 11 months than was accomplished in four years,” Escalante said.

Electors are urged to sign the petition to serve their terms and allow DeLorme to continue.

Weekend a ‘hell’ of a good time for Tombstonians, tourists

By Melissa Weikas
The Tombstone Epitaph

If you are trying to get a bed-room in Tombstone for the weekend of Oct. 21-23, you won’t have much luck.

In the last five years, the annual Tombstone Good Old Days has been held the second weekend in October since about 1900 residents.

This Thursday street fair, sponsored by Tombstonians Inc., features parade participants, firemen, live dancers, blue bands and a parade, according to Steve Rain, president of the Tombstonians Inc.

“This year, we will have entertainment on the streets in the area from 3-11 p.m. on Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday,” Rain said.

The Good Old Days are sponsored in honor of Tombstone’s 70th anniversary.

The world-famous festival attracts tourists and 1900s recreation groups from across the country, Rain said.

“We have groups coming from Texas, California, Arizona and locally,” he added.

In addition to the parade, other events include a dance, a contest for a new sign and an auction for tombstones.

“The fun is just endless,” Rain added.

The contest is open to all Tombstonians, and the winner can write their inscription on the tombstone.

The tombstone is part of the Good Old Days weekend.

If you are planning on spending the weekend in Tombstone, Rain said, “We do get cancellations after the ticket is sold, so you might want to give the chamber of commerce a call to see if you can get a room.”

The tombstone is a real place that you can actually rent.

The annual festival, Good Old Days, will bring in a large crew of tourists the weekend of Oct. 21-23. Tourists will visit from across the country.

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Public figure, city advocate dies at age 61

By John Arlott
The Tombstone Epitaph

Tombstone’s advocate and friend Roger Renfro died of a heart attack in his home in Tombstone Oct. 3.

Renfro, 61, born on June 8, 1944 in Chicago, moved to Arizona in the 1980s. Soon after, he became a prominent figure in Tombstone, hosting several years of service to the community as an active nowhere and an avid participant in the happenings of city politics, business and Mhy.

“He always had that friendly in his eye,” said Consulente Michele Stanley, “the down-to-earth look, at least that’s how I remember him.”

Renfro, a lifelong Tombstone resident, became a recognizable figure in local politics.

At one point in his career, Renfro ran for a council seat for Ward 3.

“One of his legacies is getting Allen Street closed,” Stanley said. “It took us 18 months to do, but we did it.

Renfro was known for his sense of humor.

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Superintendent brings diversity into Tombstone

By Matt Wang
The Tombstone Epitaph

When James Ronald Hennings arrived in Tombstone in July 2004, he was flattered by the city.

Tombstone’s history and culture present a unique challenge.

“We are trying to bring back the old school system in the state,” he said.

In his 15 months as the superintendent of Tombstone Unified School District, Hennings has been happy with his decision to come to Tombstone and with the progress the district is making.

“I’ve really enjoyed it here,” Hennings said.

Hennings grew up in a rural area on the outskirts of Maricopa. He was adopted at the age of two.

The father was a Civil War hero and his family lived in historical landmarks.

Hennings remembered going to Gateway from time to time.

“I always thought that here was the town that my mother always asked her father, ‘When can we take a vacation?’”

Because of his historical upbringing, Hennings said Mr. Tombstone was a perfect fit.

“Tombstone was like a home for me, a great historic town,” he said.

Hennings has 37 years of experience in education, including 10 years as an administrator and seven as a teacher.

He spent six years as a principal in the Phoenix area.

He has served as a minority achievement specialist for the Department of Defense.

His other jobs were spread over the United States. He spent time in Mississippi, Minnesota and becoming superintendent for Parker Unified School District in Arizona.

After taking superintendent jobs in Window Rock, on the Navajo reservation, and in Florence, Hennings moved to Tombstone.

He linked the similarities between Tombstone and where he grew up.

“The roots have been put in place and we’re just starting to grow in,” Hennings said.

Hennings said the district has “by far” the best opportunity to grow and that “it is one thing that is going to be at the top of everyone’s mind.”

Tombstone High School could be one of the best schools in the state.

Hennings said that until there is a clear vision for the city, you don’t know how to live in the city.

“We want to have more schools open in the area. I am going to have to work with the city to make that happen.”

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J. Ronald Hennings’s goal is to turn what the new school facilities can be used.

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Letter from the Editor...

The primary object of The Tombstone Epitaph is to serve the Tombstone community with the best quality of accurate and fair news writing and reporting.

At the same time, The Epitaph also serves as an educational tool for the students of the University of Arizona Department of Journalism.

This special six-page online version of The Epitaph was approved by the Executive Editor, William F. Greer, and overseen by Editor in Chief John de Dios. The new version was done to feature and expand more on the content and design of the Oct. 14 issue 23 of The Tombstone Epitaph.

Emily Adams, associate design editor, re-designed the Sports page for this special.

Staff writer Brooks Kary, acting as the design chief, redesigned the inside pages of this special issue.

Copy editor Ashley O'Hagan and associate design editor Jeff Adler both contributed to the online version.

This special issue retains the front-page design by Will Navarro, design chief, which was published with the original four-page version.

— John de Dios, Editor in Chief

The San Pedro River estuary from 3,000 feet above. As Southern Arizona’s population has bloomed and water demand increased, the river’s flow has been reduced to a trickle.

**Council members approve duty station**

*By Erin Rorden*
*The Tombstone Epitaph*

The City Council approved the Mutual Aid Agreement with the Cochise County Sheriff’s Department Oct. 7 for a preferred-duty station to be set up in Tombstone.

“It allows them to come into our city and establish a satellite office for their officers to step in and do their reports,” Marshal Larry Talby said.

Unless they have someone over here full time, it’s not going to benefit our department, Talby said. He hopes it is a step forward for the sheriff’s office going forward.

If the Sheriff’s Department follows through with the program, the station would be available full time.

The station would be located near his office, Talby said.

The council also approved a bond running sake only for the Tombstone Fire Department’s Ladies Auxiliary.

The Oct. 4-9 hike was held in front of the Tombstone Coffee and Tea Company on Allen Street. Council members approved the Historic District Commission’s recommendation to remove the two pay phones in the historic district and move them near the public restrooms on Allen Street.

Members also approved the use of two golf carts on Allen Street during the Western Music Festival and a request from Tombstone’s Small Animal Shelter volunteers to set up a table in front of the city, on Snake Alley until Day 35.

Council members approved a request from the Repurpose Company Inc. to use Schieffelin Hall for rehearsals and performances.

The council ended with the proclamation of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Mayor Andrew DelBustro urged Tombstone citizens to try to end domestic violence.

**Old West goes online: Click here**

*Susan Wilson of the O'Hagan: One is many Tombstone vendors that use the Web to boost business.*

**International shoppers visit the net for a taste of Tombstone**

*By Matt Wang*
*The Tombstone Epitaph*

The city meets digital in a label tradition cannot restrict the computing of technology.

Cats, dogs, lambs — and even carrots, mushrooms and carrots — can thrive among the stores in Tombstone without losing the living room.

Local stores are known for their traditional authenticity, but with the growing popularity of Tombstone’s sales, they have evolved.

Customers from all over the world are now able to get the same Tombstone experience without having to make a trip.

“A customer’s gone for people that are looking for 1850s Hippie clothing to find,” said Susan Wilson, owner of O’Hagan Saloon & Mercantile. “We sell all sorts of things. Western, German, Italy and France.”

The Arts and Crafts of Tombstone and the Poster Shop sells internationally in England and Germany, and owner Jeanne Hope.

Some popular mid-valley items are reproductions of early handcrafted and carved poster. Art and Crafts of Tombstone and the Poster Shop expect roughly five or six orders per month.

“Families come in and order something for their parents or for themselves,” Hope said.

The emphasis of the Tombstone is the history of the town.

The store depends on mail order and Internet sales for an extended front page.

“I tell people about it,” Hope said.

Despite the popularity of Internet, personal shopping and shopping, Senator Wilson said that his old-fashioned customer retention are the best promotion for his store.

“Word of mouth sells more of our products than the rest of us,” Wilson said.

When people come to Tombstone the store, they tell their friends. Word of mouth is the best advertising,” Wilson said.

But the ads that she Web site has “the best customers we ever had.”

“People like to know that they can get for others,” Wilson said.

“The new ways we can tell on my 105 year-old.”

Check it out

**Flu shots canceled**

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Former secretary’s scrapbook is snapshot of the 1930s

By Susan Bole
The Tombstone Epigraph

This September, the Tombstone Epigraph is celebrating its 125th anniversary. To commemorate the occasion, the Epigraph has created a special feature that highlights the history of the newspaper through the decades. This feature includes a scrapbook created by one of the Epigraph’s former secretaries, which provides a glimpse into the newspaper’s past.

The scrapbook contains newspaper articles, photographs, and personal notes that reflect the newspaper’s history. It includes articles about local events, such as the annual rodeos and parades, as well as national news stories. The scrapbook also features personal stories and memories from the secretary who created it.

By reading the scrapbook, readers can gain a deeper appreciation for the newspaper’s role in the community and the changes that have occurred over the years. The scrapbook is a testament to the newspaper’s commitment to covering the news and providing a voice for the people of Tombstone.

Read the full feature online at tombstoneremembered.com or in the print edition of the Tombstone Epigraph.
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Tombstone Trippin': Part II

By Sarah How

The Tombstone Epitaph

In the mid-1800s, Tombstone was a rough and tumble town, known for its lawlessness and violent nature. However, it was also a place of opportunity, where many people went in search of fame and fortune. Today, Tombstone is a popular tourist destination, offering visitors a glimpse into the Wild West.

One of the most popular attractions in Tombstone is the Oatman House, a former brothel that is now a museum. Visitors can learn about the life of the women who worked there, as well as the history of the town itself.

Another must-see is the Tombstone Courthouse, which served as the seat of the county government for many years. The building itself is a marvel to behold, with its tall columns and ornate details.

For those who enjoy a bit of adventure, there are also many opportunities to go gold mining in Tombstone. This is a great way to learn about the history of the town and to get a taste of what life was like for those who lived there.

If you're a fan of Western movies, you can't miss out on the Tombstone film festival, which takes place every year. This event brings together filmmakers and fans alike to celebrate the art of Western cinema.

Whether you're interested in history, adventure, or simply want to have a good time, Tombstone has something for everyone. So pack your bags and get ready for a trip back in time!
Filling with Tombstone's top guns

The air up there

By Brooks Hark
San Tan Sentinel

from 100 feet above, we could see Tombstone in a tiny mosaic of a plane. We started in privates around Tombstone Community State Historic Park, clearly the sevennteenth from the air. The hills around Tombstone are peppered with mines. Below, the black squares of abandoned mine shafts on patches of bare dirt look like giant anthills. The plane roared and we saw what it's called an "experiment" in the aviation world, the Cessna 177RG. The plane has two seats and two extra-wide wings. The plane, all wings, is a flying wing.

The term "experimental" is reserved for two-seat aircraft that are more than half homemade. In other words, the plane is built by an amateur using conventional designs and is usually experimental only by name. An alligator aircraft is a handmade or factory-built, but it has only one seat and weighs less than 2,044 pounds, according to federal aviation regulations.

The trip can be a little rough going over the town of Tombstone, with Sonny Adams at the controls. The experimental business is a hit, but I'm not retired. We have a plan, at least the plane does. A proportional force strapped to the wing above us will slow the plane down in case of "wing failure," Adams said.

But we did not encounter that yet. The flight was smooth and exhilarating, and we put me back on the ground with a smile.

The first try to an experimental is when Adams - a "sucker flight," because after one flight you keep coming back for more. "No matter if you fly solo or two, which is what we are," Adams said.

Sonny Adams and his wife, Tessa Adams, can’t wait to fly the plane.

In January 2002, Tombstone launched an 8-seat plane to the couple who has been flying out of nearby Spring Dome Airport. They have been flying out of the plane. The plane has been flying out of nearby Spring Dome Airport. They have been flying out of the plane.

Tombstone has been flying out of the plane for over 25 years and has been leased to the Adams' since 2002. It's amazing, fun. I work for an airline and fly alongside birds of running javelin," Adams said.

They ran a program through the business called "Tombstone Pilots," which teaches five students and airmen in service to the community.

They have also held an event called "Wings and Spurs," which occurs once every week. It is called "Wings and Spurs," which occurs once every week.

One small group with flying into Tombstone is the lack of fuel service from the airport. Arrangements for transportation into the city need to be made beforehand. Tessa Adams said it is best to get an official fueling service for upcoming flights.

The area it stands with thousands of miles weht of renovations and additions is Sonny and Tessa Adams. The handmade hangar is where the Adams have made to the Tombstone Municipal Airport.
**TOMBSTONE SPORTS**

**Jackets stumble in Region showdown**

By Dan Soder

The TOMBSTONE Epitaph

For the first time all season, the Tombstone junior football team was shut out in a 17-8 loss against the Hulbert Jaguars on Friday night in the front yard of the school.

Offensively, the Hulbert Jaguars went on to win their third consecutive game by a score of 17-8 on Friday night in the front yard of the school.

In the first half, the Hulbert Jaguars were led by senior quarterback Jason Williams, who completed 12 of 22 passes for 143 yards. Williams, who had five attempts in the first half, threw for 120 yards and one touchdown. The Hulbert Jaguars also scored a safety in the second half.

The Tombstone junior football team, coached by Jerry Williams, fell to 1-3 in the Region 1-3A football standings.

The Hulbert Jaguars, who are 6-1 overall, improved to 6-0 in the Region 1-3A standings.

**Injuries illnesses plague runners**

By Jennifer Carlson

**2A East Region midseason reports**

By Kyle Kreeger

**2A East Region (3-2-2)**

The Coach Ellis High School football team scored a 14-8 win over the Tom Forks High School football team on Friday night in the front yard of the school.

The Coach Ellis High School football team, coached by Coach Ellis, improved to 3-0 in the Region 2-2A football standings.

The Tom Forks High School football team, coached by Coach Ellis, fell to 0-3 in the Region 2-2A football standings.

The Coach Ellis High School football team will host the Jay High School football team on Friday night in the front yard of the school.

The Jay High School football team, coached by Coach Ellis, is 3-0 in the Region 2-2A football standings.

**Watch out for next issue!**