Gradillas back in the saddle again

By Emily Adams
The Tombstone Epitaph

Public Works Director Alex Gradillas recalls a full life of service to Tombstone, from his early days as a printer to more than three decades serving as a public and political official for the city.

“I grew up here,” Gradillas said as he looked back in his chair: “I knew all the printers.”

Gradillas, 68, was born and raised in Tombstone. He spent about 50 years in public service positions including 12 years as mayor and six years in City Council. He is the youngest of 10 children and is the son of a miner.

After graduating from Tombstone High School, he studied business at Amurillo College for a year. Gradillas said: “Being young, you don’t look too far ahead so I went back to Tombstone and was offered the Epitaph and figured I would try my shot.”

He apprenticed at the Tombstone Epitaph as a printer. This led to an enduring interest in printing. He stayed on with the Epitaph for 26 years.

“I worked for Clayton Smith who was the owner then. I was hired as an apprentice printer and over time I learned and took classes and was promoted to foreman,” Gradillas said.

He left the Epitaph to start his own printing company. That started a dream of development of new printing technology, Gradillas chose to make printing a hobby, instead of a business.

“It’s hard to keep up with big printing companies. Your small printer can do more than big printers,” he said.

Gradillas continues to print flaps and brochures when he has spare time.

“I kept some of the equipment to do smaller printing jobs. I decided to keep it as a hobby and, to be honest, I still make some small jobs all aboard the Tombstone Hair Station

By Cori Diamond
The Tombstone Epitaph

Tombstone Hair Station keeps the city frosted, pretty and the customers happy.

“I’m a girlie girl,” Tombstone newcomer Evie Evans said while she patiently waited for her beauty desires, and tries to make room for every one.

In the salon, the owner Harris tries her best to meet with her customer’s needs.

Tombstone Hair Station offers more service than any other salon in the area, according to Harris. Tombstone Hair Station is the largest casing salon in town and is well-known for its consistency in dealing with customer service and needs.

Two women work with Harris in the shop. Shanesia Mccartney and Charity Molina have been working together for about 10 years. Most of their business is in beauty parlors.

Harris has two clients who travel to Tombstone from out of town to get her hair cut. One is from New Mexico and one is from Colorado, she said.

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The majority of customers come from local, the salon also stays open on Saturdays.

"This business is built around the locals and I always save a couple appointments a day for them," Harris said.

Lillian Britt, a regular, is one of the salon’s local clients who has a reserved appointment. Britt has lived in Tombstone for one year and has been a loyal customer of Tombstone Hair Station since the first month she arrived.

"I called looking for a certain product and there was the one to complete with my needs," Britt said. "I called many salons and she was the only one.

Harris focuses her business to meet with her customer’s beauty desires, and tries to make room for everyone.

"It’s hard to turn people away knowing there is nowhere else to go," Harris said.
Diverse dishes grace the Longhorn's menu

By James Patrick

The Longhorn Restaurant at the Longhorn Ranch is a spot on Tombstone's "mastery" list of restaurants. Diners enjoy a variety of American, Mexican, and Italian food and even French selections to choose from.

Serving to appease all appetites, the menu goes far to let both fish and chicken fanatics savor the savory dishes, and the vegetarian and those who want a "light" meal won't be disappointed with the variety of vegetable dishes served.

Savoring the sensation of luscious lemon drops, the sound of the wind, and the feel of the sun on your skin, it is not surprising to hear a water call out, "I'm ready for my morning rights!" It is departing soon.

The meals were prepared only minutes after ordering. The pork rib entree was served with mashed potatoes and corn bread. The last item on the menu was a light and very satisfying dish of fish, friends, fresh fruit, mashed or baked – caramel, corn and berries.

Other large plates include a halibut or a 4-ounce steak and a halibut burger. Perfect portions and selections are available for either the hungry cowboy or the traveling tourist looking to get a good meal.

Meet the Marshal

By Ashley Johnson

Talvy ‘grateful to lay down law

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Talvy, who applied for the marshall job earlier this year after a friend suggested he should get into a regular law enforcement gig, has held the position since April.

"I’m grateful for the opportunity to serve as the marshal," he said. Talvy grew up nearby Huachuca City and moved to Tombstone in 1975. He spent 17 years working in Tombstone law enforcement.

He is a member of the Chief of Police Association and has been involved in the Arizona National Guard for 25 years.

He said he has many plans to improve the city.

"There is a large drug problem which leads to burglaries and thefts," he said. "Put the biggest drug to local schools, but now people are moving to methamphetamine for more energy and longer highs. Meth is a heavy-duty problem.

My plan to tackle drug use in Tombstone includes educating people about the damages they cause to users' bodies and how drugs affect their loved ones." He said.

"Education goes a long way," Talvy said.

According to the National Drug Strategy, one in six Arizona schools doesn't have any in-house rehabilitation centers.

"You put in-house (facilities) so patients are in a controlled environment," Talvy said.

Talvy plans to keep pressure on local users so "they’ll eventually quit and get a job or leave town," he said.

Along with fighting crime, Talvy hopes to purchase better equipment, increase public awareness, solve more crimes and increase the number of unmanned patrols.

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THE TOMBSTONE EPIPHANY

Gunfighters, vigilantes and regulators still live, Allen Street during the 76th annual Helldorado Days. The three-day event, which started Oct. 21, featured shows and activities including gunfighters, trick shooting, fortune tellers, food, music and dancing and parades.

According to the Helldorado Web site, the event is the “most authentic reenactment of 19th Century West that you can find.”

Tourists from around the world came to see the event. Among them was Karl Bleyel and his wife Deb who made the trip overseas from Cleveland, England.

“It is just an excellent day, it is nice to see all the people dressed up,” Karl Bleyel said. “I got myself the hat and the holster, so I am ready to enjoy this weekend.”

A couple from Virginia traveled out with a tour group specifically to stop in Tombstone.

“We read about Helldorado (in) a magazine called True West magazine which we have mailed to us,” Sara Bleyel said. “We were out here in 06 and have always wanted to come back.”

One of the performers in attendance was Mike “Docile Mike” Leonard, who self-proclaimed “Doctor of Triggernometry,” who dressed the audience with pre-shaping tricks.

Using balloons as targets, Leonard showed the crowd that he could throw and shoot in under half a second. He also shot and spun the pistol, fist, aerial, shot and shoot behind his back.

During the trick-shooting display, Leonard explained to the audience how he learned the tricks and how many of the classic Western movies are not correct when it comes to firing a weapon.

Leonard, who lives in Tuscon, calls himself-a self-made trick shot, storyteller and a fast talker can read about him, his shows and stories on his site www.rakelklotz.com.

Aside from the shows, firemen training get to experience the variety of shops, cafeteries and bars Tombstone has to offer.

Exuma Lane of Palm Springs, Calif., had heard about Tombstone from the movies, but was surprised to see how much the town had to offer.

“I absolutely love it here. It is amazing how the whole town got involved, I cannot wait until I can get my mother out here with me,” Lane said.

City Clerk Marilyn Slade expressed some concerns about the number of tourists attending.

“Will be interesting to see if we have any drop-off in tourism at Helldorado due to gas prices being higher,” Slade said.

On Oct. 22, the PV Parks have released some cancellations for the weekend,” Slade said.

The highlight of the weekend was the Helldorado Parade Sunday afternoon, which started at the corner of Sixth and Allen Streets.

The parade included various bands, floats and nearly all the Helldorado Days performers going out for the last honds of the weekend.

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the program.

Jim and Pat Pederson, an organization dedicated to water conservation in the area, along with Cochise County and several local, state and federal agencies have come together to conserve water from the sub-irrigated area.

Other water conservation efforts in Cochise County included the local program, which asks that restaurants serve water to customers only when they ask for it.

An Environmental Operations Park in Stetson, dedicated to water security and conservation.

Another effort for long-term water conservation in the area in Water Wise, The Water Wise program will send people to homes, businesses and schools to teach everyone easy ways to conserve water.

It aims to teach people how to garden, do planning, and shower while using the minimum amount of water necessary.

“We are a water program and it’s basically free,” Robie said.

By Brooks Kary
THE TOMBSTONE EPIPHANY

David Ossian was born, Kingston, into action before gathering the ammunition and firing his six-guns.

The tall man in his eighties disappeared with the crack of pistol shots immediately blazed up on the next balcony, redirecting Kingston into a sharp right turn around the pylon.

Daisi demonstrated the Old West-reared sport of cowboy-mounted shooting before a crowd of a few hundred at the Empire Ranch at Las Cruces, just outside Soccoro, N.M., Oct. 1. Competition side-backhand around a long, half-circle shaped course with billboards placed in intervals. Then the riders from singleguns, 45-caliber pistols, and the tiny pieces of black powder from the cartridge started the holsters. Double-action revolvers were not permitted, since they are not from the same time period.

Baskets often scratch helldorado pilots while riding at full speed. The sport is a combination of barrel racing and target shooting.

David, a retired contractor and former rancher in Colorado, stands well over six feet tall. His gray mustache and weathered features further compli-

Daisi takes aim at a balloon during a demonstration of cowboy-mounted action shooting at the Las Cruces Empire Ranch outside Soccoro. Daisi was one of the first riders to take up the sport after its inception in 1957.

Calculate the total distance covered by the gunfighters during the event, assuming they move at a constant speed of 5 miles per hour and spend an average of 2 hours per day practicing. 

How has the sport of cowboy-mounted shooting evolved since its inception in 1957, according to the article? Provide specific details from the text. 

What is the significance of the Empire Ranch in the context of the event, and how does it relate to the sport of cowboy-mounted shooting? 

Could you describe the attire and appearance of the gunfighters during the event, as described in the text? 

What is the role of the Environmental Operations Park in Stetson, and how does it contribute to water security and conservation efforts in the area? 

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The article mentions the contributions of various individuals to the event, including gunfighters, trick shooters, fortune tellers, and food vendors. Please list and briefly describe the roles of each group mentioned.

What are the potential economic and social implications of the Helldorado Days event on the local community, as described in the text? How does the event contribute to the tourism industry in the region?
Tombstone sports

Jackets players revel in Senior Night celebration

By Kyle Kensing

The Tombstone Review

Tombstone varsity football fall不太好 tham Malone was all smiles Friday after a 30-15 Yellowjacket win over 2A East Region foe Mingus.

“Kids awesome,” Malone said of his one 만들우의 5:30 PM 스포츠

performance, his last before a Tombstone crowd.

Friday marked both Senior Night and the last game for the Jackets in a marquee game that saw the THS graduation-week change to the region’s last played berth.

“We needed to get back to the game, and tonight we came out and played our game,” Malone said.

The action did not stop during halftime Friday. Prior to kickoff the Jackets’ seniors were honored and recognized on the field on Senior Night.

At halftime, students were recognized as part of the 2005 Homecoming court, riders before the crowd in Corvette coronation.

Proving his, earning achievements are not the highlight of the football field, halfback Drayson Thomas was named the 2005 Homecoming king.

The Jackets’ standard tailback, we work earlier broke the Arizona state rushing record at 2,000 yards by car in Texas-El Pase running back Michael Arrington against the West Region champions, which will be either Antelope or Yuma Catholic.

After the halftime intermission.

THS offensive line (from left) Jason Roush, Kirk Staats, Quinn McMurtrie, Richo Reyes and Travis Reynolds have been in the Jackets’ lineup throughout.

Reynolds: “The Jackets’ standout tailback, he is the heart than last season.

McMurtrie had two catch...