Spontaneous gunfights were part of the festivities during the 125th Anniversary of the O.K. Corral. Organizers said it helped the tourists feel like they were in the Old West.

By David Kenner

The Tombstone Estimator

It seemed as though the entire world descended upon Tombstone over the weekend for a celebration that dates back to the late 19th. It was the 125th anniversary celebration of the shooting at the O.K. Corral.

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Chairman of the planning committee Esther Linn, who officiated in the downtown area for the event, said she met people from the other side of the globe.

"We had people here from Scotland, Germany, France and Pennsylvania," Linn said.

The list of countries represented at the anniversary celebration is an ever-expanding one that includes people from around the world.

"There were a lot of events that deserved global media coverage.

Chairman of the planning committee James Clark was particularly happy with the funeral procession and was stunned by the way it turned out.

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Clark’s goal was reached as the funeral procession began, you could hear a pin drop in the streets.

"All 500 people are in the funeral procession," Clark confirmed.

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Clark noted that people called to tell the after the conclusion that they had never seen so many people in costume for one event.

The celebration also included getting the tourists directly involved in the events. A mock jail and court in the middle of Allen Street con-
vincing tourists and put them in jail until they could pay a “fine.”

By By Kristine Ciardello

The Tombstone Estimator

The annual Sunday parade featuring the tribute to Buffalo Bill was resumed after a one-year break.

It was a successful weekend for Helldorado Inc. and everyone else involved," said Curt Buffham, first year Helldorado Days Committee member.

"I collected over $2,500 in tickets from the first 125th Anniversaries and we still sold out of them.

From the merchandise that Helldorado Inc. was selling — including T-shirts, taffeta tickets, and other souvenirs — to the parade, carnival, and other events that were not benefiting the large crowds, all the big profit they were hoping for.

The annual Sunday parade featured 52 entries, one of the largest since it began. The entry sheet included 52 entries.

Helldorado Inc. did not know how much it made, but planned to give any profits from the weekend to the Tombstone Unified School District Chamber of Commerce.

"We had a lot of people and we are happy with the funeral procession and it kept it going into the future," Richard Dollarhide said.

"It was a successful weekend for Tombstone."
By Kristine Ciardello

"Able and Willing returns to Tombstone"

By Kate Stevens

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Antique engine moved to Tombstone

By Kristine Ciardello and Katie Miller

Tombstone Epitaph

The Past Antique Engine Club outlined five reasons during the 150th Anniversary event to place the Past Antique engine show and demonstration during the Days... The group showcased engines near the Tombstone Courthouse... The club consists many generations, with the oldest member, singing the youngest member, how to work with the machinery. The membership is just shy of 50. "We love to love the club," said the founding... In 1991 with the goal... "Able and Willing" returns to Tombstone... By Kate Stevens

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Ron Lord, a stagecoach driver, said he plans to vote yes on Prop. 206, which would ban smoking indoors in any public building, including bars. "I feel it's still a free country here," Herrig said. "I and they tell me they love Tombstone because they don't smoke anyway, and we have the beer garden out side for them if they do," Sexon said. "But the now. That's who I want."

As the former mayor’s wife, politics is not a new thing for Bovis-DeJournett. DeJournett is running on the ticket for Ward 2, the area of Tombstone west of Sumner Avenue. DeJournett is a 46-year-old Tombstone native and is running as the independent candidate. She’s a very hard-working councilwoman, she’s very involved and is hoping to spend time going door to door, she said. She wants to make sure their voices will be heard equally and without ridicule or harassment, she said.

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Prop. 105 and 106: State Land
By Rebecca Swiel
THE TOMBSTONE EPITAPH
State land propositions 105 and 106 both deal with the conservation of land.

The Arizona Education Association is one of the sponsors behind proposition 105. The Arizona State Land Bureau is the managing authority for the state-owned land. Proposition 105 would amend the Arizona Constitution to remove the requirement for a majority vote in the legislature to remove land from public use. Proposition 106 on the ballots, said John Hartel, public relations representative for AEA.

Prop. 204: “The Minimum Wage for Working Arizonans”

Proposition 202, the “Raise the Minimum Wage for Working Arizonans Act,” would raise the state minimum wage to $7.75 an hour in 2007 and $7.95 an hour in 2008, with annual increases thereafter. If approved, Proposition 204 would be a minimum-wage increase for the state of Arizona.

Proposition 202 would increase the number of polling places open on Election Day for the 2008 general election. The number of polling places open for the 2008 election would increase by 106 on the ballots, said John Hartsel, public relations representative for AEA.


Proposition 206 would amend the Arizona Constitution to prohibit the use of eminent domain to take land but have very different outcomes when looked at closely.


Proposition 200, which will appear on the Nov. 7 ballot, will give Arizona’s children, “the early care and health care screening they need to come to school ready to succeed,” according to supporters of Proposition 200’s Web site. Those opposed to the proposition contend the funding provided will strain Arizona’s schools.

The proposition, called First Things First, is geared toward education and health care, focusing on education for low-income children. At least 90 percent of funds collected would go directly to programs for young children. Prop. 200 campaign leader Ray Vieh said the measure would allow for television to be used in school buildings, and the program should be on the ballot by 2008.

Opponents to the proposition argue that it may strain the distribution of existing tobacco taxes to Arizona’s Proposition 200 campaign. At least 10 percent of funds collected would go directly to programs for young children. According to the campaign Web site, opponents argue that Prop. 200 would decrease the amount of money available for the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce.

“The statistics are just staggering,” Vieh said. “Arizona really needs to reverse this trend.”

Prop. 400: Developer Dispute
By Rebecca Swiel
THE TOMBSTONE EPITAPH
The No. 7 decision will determine whether Tucson developer Diamond Ventures will get the OK to move forward with its 4,000-home development project in Marana. The development project is supported by state Sen. Steve Farley, a Democrat, and state Rep. John Kavanagh, a Republican.

Applicant approval for the project has been on hold since 2004, when the city of Marana halted the project’s progress in April 2005 for Smith Ranch, according to Priscilla Storm, project manager for Marana.

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Proposition 301 is an initiative that would increase the minimum wage to $8.45 an hour in 2008 and $9.25 an hour in 2009.

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Rep. Ray Vieh, an independent candidate who won the race for the Marana City Council seat in April, is a supporter of the issue. Vieh said Prop. 300 was a result of the failure of Prop. 200 in 2004. Vieh said the developer had not been able to complete the project in May 2005.

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October 22 marked the last day of Tombstone’s 77th annual Helldorado Days. The three-day event featured kids games, a parade and many other local favorites.

Left: “Pancho Villa” strolls the streets in the Helldorado Parade.
Right: Connor and Caleb Crezee, 7 and 5 respectively, celebrate their second time at Helldorado Days with a little clowning around.
Below: First- and second-graders race their stick ponies down Allen Street in hope of a glorious victory.
Bottom Left: The Shriners weave in and out of the crown during the parade.
Bottom Right: Little clown and honorary Tucson Shriners Alyssa Wilson, 8, hands out candy to event spectators.
**Yellow Jacket football season ends with loss to Bisbee rivals**

By Michael Irish

The Tombstone High School football team suffered a setback on the field for the first time in over two years. The Yellow Jackets fell 56-12 to the Bisbee Bobcats.

"It really stinks," said receiver Charity Bunnell. "I'm feeling happy," said Wills. "We did really well." Bunnell added, "I don't even know what happened," said head coach Mike Hayhurst.

"It was sad but exciting," Wills said. "It was my last game as the Jackets had seven in the game, however, and they ended up making it back to the playoffs."

"You have to work hard in order to keep your grades up," said the head coach before walking off the field.

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