Council updates building codes
By Lisa Rich
The Tombstone Epitaph

The Tombstone City Council passed an ordinance to replace the local building codes with a more recent international standard. The new code, according to the city’s building official, will bring in more revenue from building permits.

The city has run under four different building codes from 1885 that did not charge standard rates for building permits, said Jim Boutte, city building official. “It’s been too cheap.” Boutte said at Tuesday’s meeting “These permit costs from 1980 are not comparing with the costs of today’s market.”

In 2006 the building department issued 39 permits. The value of these building projects totaled more than $51 million, but the city only brought in about $7,000 in revenue. Boutte said.

The disparity between the revenue the city can and projects values is a sign that Tombstone isn’t properly compensated for the services it renders, said Councilman Bill Barlow, Ward II.

“These figures don’t seem to add up,” Barlow said. Under the new ordinance, the four separate codes – building, electricity, plumbing, and mechanicals, and housing – will now be monitored under one code called the 2006 Family of International Building Codes.

The cost for commercial permits will increase by 40 percent and the cost for residential permits will go up 20 percent. Boutte said, which allows the city to double the amount of revenue earned from selling permits.

“People have been doing it in so many ways because of old codes,” Barlow said. “We’re going to make it more clear, Boutte said citing the old codes as vague in determining when a permit is needed.

“The code is very, very, very old, many unanswered questions about what the costs are, when you need the permits and other owner’s responsibilities are,” Boutte explained.

Though Council members passed the new code, they held off approving a section of the ordinance that would add new costs to buildings they feel needed more information.

Impact fees would be added to building permits for new residences, new manufactured homes and commercial buildings, and remodeling projects that cost more than $75,000.

“All new residences that come in carries an additional on-cost or surcharge,” Boutte said. “It puts too big of a burden on the community.”

Councilman Tom Wright, Ward IV, said he was reluctant to approve the ordinance without knowing how public will react to discuss the impact of the fees and how they would help the city.

The Council will hold a special meeting to discuss the ordinance at 7:30 p.m. March 28 in Schieffelin Hall.

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A special meeting of the Schieffelin Hall will be on March 26 at 7 p.m. to discuss the impact fees.

Nearby ranch to receive more large draft horses
By Emily Kraft
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MIDNIGHT — Five miles east of McNiel, a group of large, mysterious creatures thrives on the Caballo Grande Ranch.

Four years ago, Kathy Mattmueller and Randy Bell began moving their 25 draft horses from Michigan to Arizona. Now, 27 draft horses live on the ranch, four foals on the way in the next few weeks. Mattmueller said that compared to their formerly busy lives, the horses must be getting bored.

Compared with their families, horses and show in Michigan, Arizona purports little attention to the gigantic horses, she said.

“We moved here because in Michigan, the horses are in high demand, said Mattmueller. “We wanted to be able to do more stuff with them more months out of the year than there doesn’t seem to be much to do.”

Bell, a substitute teacher in biscuits, that every county in Michigan has a draft horse-competition at the fair.

“These horses are big,” Bell said. “People out here don’t think what it is like to have horses. We would have Bill Cosby, Brimley Spares dancing up to their feet. That’s how big they are.”

Mattmueller and Bell argued the biggest problem isn’t the business of the horses, but their health. A veterinarian hasn’t even visited the ranch. Most, Bell said, aren’t even registered. “When we went through the yellow pages, trying to find someone to care for the horses, one vet told us to turn our horses and wouldn’t come near them,” Mattmueller said.

Carl Richardson, a 24-year veterinarian who runs the Cochise Equine Clinic, said the problem is the location of the Caballo Grande Ranch.

“They are on the very far edge of everyone’s practice — 75 or 80 miles one way. It’s an unreasonable area for them even enough horses or clinics to justify a veterinarian. She’s at the outer edge of any normal practice.”

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Ambassadors welcome weekday tourists
By Kristal Hatchell
The Tombstone Epitaph

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“Any time people are on the streets and in costume it makes the experience more unique,” Howard said.

The group has been formed to meet and see for a short time, but Howard said the people has told them about seems to be very supportive of what they are trying to do.”

“Think it’s a terrific thing,” said Louise Waddek, owner of Pony Express. “It’s nice to have people who are willing to stop up for the town rather than their own benefit.”

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Incomplete data plagues tourism numbers

By Nick Smith

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Officials at the Tombstone Chamber of Commerce admit they lack some data about the tourism levels over the weekend. They say they would like to see the most up-to-date numbers are not available.

The chamber has compiled figures tracking tourism levels, but massive amounts of information are not available, a representative said. The chamber representative contended with planning Ed Schnell He said, “it’s a matter of finding the time.”

The Chamber of Commerce tracks the number of rack-cards, the number of Visits Center attendances, the amount of toll-free phone calls and the number of returned rack-cards, Said.

“We what complete we are the tracking component,” Sullivan said.

From the data provided, the Visits Center has seen an average attendance of 6,336 visitors per month.

The Chamber of Commerce counted 3,000 phone calls to their Information Center for fiscal year 2005, although the numbers from last year are not available, said.

Rack-cards are placed in tourist brochures areas throughout Arizona and the Southwest.

Card data is compiled by encouraging tourists to return an attack response for a free gift, Sullivan said.

According to data provided by Sullivan, 1,719 rack-cards were returned between February 2004 and May 2005. Another 1,190 cards were returned between March 2004 and May 2005.

The Visitors Center has seen a sharp increase in tourism in this month due to the different activities, said Peggy Fitzgerald, the chamber employee. Sullivan said, “It would attribute it to more to spring breaking than the Ed Schnell.

Ferd said.

According to the data provided by Sullivan, the estimated 150,000 people more than usual in the Southwest in the month of March.


Tourists stroll along Tombstone’s historic Main Street. The Chamber of Commerce suggests tourism levels are right around normal.

Author’s writes about love and history of Old West

By Phyllis Petrauskas

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Historical authors Jane Eppinga, left, and Marilyn Butler, right, were in Tombstone to celebrate the 23rd annual Ed Schnell Territorial Days last weekend.

“Morgan no women and their contributions, the book is an account of the Chamber of Commerce history.”

The book also details the discovery and establishment of the town by Edward L. Schnell. The granddaddy of Butler, said. “It’s why they are their founding.”

Burk said about the celebration. “I’m sure my general granddaughters, the horses are looking down and are happy.”

Schnell, the chamber executive director, said it’s an account of the southwestern and genealogy. “I love the discovery and animals that are interesting, that are unique.”

Eppinga said.

The two spent the weekend signing autographs, from the show are donated to the Friends of the Prospector. “It’s a wonderful world,” she said.

“Domination Tombstone: Adventures of a Prospector” is a compilation of her granddaughters’ memories from her life as a prospector in the Old West. Much like Eppinga, Butler said her inspiration for writing her book came from a perspective, but it was the environment of perspective that she has her perspective.

While she was a student at Mesa Community College, Butler’s work was shown at James McBride, PhD, of Arizona State University, who gave her the confidence to publish.

“Many of the people who are working with will be the public,” Eppinga said.

“Domination Tombstone: Adventures of a Prospector” and “Images of America: Tombstone” are available.

Local volunteer group knits for nation’s babies

By Kristal Marshall

The Tombstone Epitaph

A Tombstone woman’s talent and hobby will impact the lives of families across the nation—many of whom she probably never

She is donating her handmade baby hats to Stitches from the Heart, a nonprofit organization that provides newborns help to hospitals and premature centers across the country.

Provided Kathy Silverton said she started the charity eight years ago after being inspired by her daughter, who had asked on articles about need in premature, hats and booties, and encouraged her to try. “I just grow like wildlarks,” Silverton said.

Volunteers run the organization, which brings in enough money to cover the costs of shipping items to hospitals, Silverton said.

The volunteers send boxes to 1,700 hospitals and organizations around the country. Items are sent to the collection site in Santa Monica, Calif., and then dispersed throughout the country.

Some of the handmade items have reached centers in Arizona, and Connecticut.

Some have been donated to Reachout Pregnancy Center in Tucson, 2648 Broadway Ave., has received baby items from Stitches from the Heart. “I was just delighted when I found out about this group,” Harrier said. “I can enjoy what I’m doing and help out these babies.”

Lesli Frey’s daughter’s assistant, said the donations help mothers who are born premature, whole and ready to be mothers. “They give 30 or 40 babies each month to many mothers.”

“Some have the maternal care, others they have not,” said Frey.

Frey is a licensed practical nurse. “Said.”

According to Silverton, the women who come to the center can shop in the center, in some of the items that are donated for purchase.

Director Pati Stark said the women only buy items. “They are being donated to the organizations.”

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**Upper left:** The water at this beach in the Manuel Antonio National Park is between 80 and 90 degrees. Top right: La Fortuna features many hiking trails, even one short hike that leads to an incredible waterfall.

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**Benson High Tombstone High Mar. 24th Baseball- Away**
Yellowjackets Baseball Start Sport Where

**Softball team continues to struggle**

By Jennifer Laine
Although Tombstone track and field team was not rewarded with first place finishes in every event this year, they did have a strong showing at the Willie Williams Classic at Roy P. Drachman Stadium in Tucson, March 18-19.

The hereford resident by way of Chicago, Manigault transferred to Tombstone High School senior an athletic scholarship. Thomas' athleticism began being noticed last fall when he and the Yellowjackets compete at the 2 Chandler High School track meet. Thomas' next opportunity to display his best arrives today when he takes to the track at the 2A state championships today in Tucson.

French was born in Scottsdale and now calls Elgin home. Although her family is from the country, she and her family have plenty of room to roam on their 10 acre lot. "I love to go on walks when I'm not working. I love to go on walks and see the animals," says French.

The ultimate answer to French's future is "I don't know," she said. "I'm thinking of going to college to study psychology and maybe law."