**City Hall fighter gives up her battle**

By John Kostis

The walk to the Lamp Light Room on Fourth Street was about 10 minutes from Allen Street -- in the opposite direction of everything central to Tombstone.

It required anyone who wanted to eat at authentic Mexican food to cross Freemont Street, a route that has seen triple to quadro pedestrian deaths in recent weeks.

According to Sylvia Prysant, the owner of the Lamp Light Room, the ability to draw crowds from central Tombstone inspired her to hand out fliers on Allen Street.

"The bottom line is that you’re off-the-street business, you go to the business," she said. "Oh days when it was packed out. I’d get and go for lunch, but for dinner (without advertising on Allen Street)."

Prysant handed out fliers to visitors that gave them something tangible to look for.

The fliers entailed potential customers to compare prices and made them aware of the restaurant that lay off the broad path most Tombstone residents follow. Now, it is closed, and Prysant is facing a foreclosure in which she will lose her property over the back at Jan. 15.

"I lost $50,000. I was able to, with the City Council and my councilman, get my first Amendment right," Prysant said.

Prysant’s monetary losses are well documented.

The reasons for those losses remain debatable due to the continued success of numerous businesses that operate in nearly the same condition and location in the Lamp Light Room previously.

"I think some of that (advertising), it's not reflected in the success of the owner of the Larian Motel. The Larian is doing fine: working the fundamentals changed but you’re not doing well (in the uncertain success)."

According to Anderson, good customer service and consistency have been the key to his continued success despite the economy.

"On any given night by the Larian and the Motel, we’re always full. The (current) President, the executive director of the Tombstone Chamber of Commerce, (Anderson) has responded to the business climate with fast $49 and large rooms."

Gnome owned the Larian, along with the Sugarloaf Inn and Founder Hotel in businesses across Fremont Street that have continued to have customer success despite the economic climate.

The 1886 Festival of Frontier Pioneers decorated the Christmas tree in the Chamber of Commerce as a personal touch to her guests.

**Good deals important for locals**

By Natsuko Hori

Top O’ the Hill closes for good

Even two years into the recession, Tombstone residents are still ready to lose their strings during this holiday shopping season.

The stagnant economy is discouraging Christmas shopping among the residents. They are planning to spend less and their fixed amount of budget for shopping has shrunk in contrast to last year.

"I have less money to spend. I think everyone has less money to spend," said Susan Hilligoss, a 35-year-old Tombstone resident who is thinking about purchasing Christmas gifts for $100 for three grandchildren in Issaquah, Wash. "That’s a $1000 (more money)."

She added that the prices keep climbing up. "I think people might even give up most of the Christmas shopping."

"I am not just worrying about getting good deals for my family, but also just trying to get them short and shirt, shoes, for the 10-year-old daughter."

"The prices keep going up and higher and higher. I have been shopping that much if the prices are going down, but it’s fine. Then I am not going to shop for all that stuff," she said.

In addition, people are finding ways to eliminate expenses by giving away presents they bought for a Christmas few years ago.

"My list has gotten really small due to the sale at the dollar store," small said Sue Hilligoss, a 55-year-old Tombstone resident who works at The Shack Shack, a fast food and snack shop in the town. She said she spent about $250 to $300 last Christmas but will try to keep it under $200 this year.

"I will still have a lot of things I bought in the past for Christmas and don’t give them away, which I can wrap up and give away," she said, adding that she still has extra items from Christmas in the freezer and will use them for Christmas meals and even for New Year’s Eve.

Hilligoss bought a couple of four-wheeler at about $4,000 each last year. She had sold them for $3,500 to $4,000 because she was in need of money. However, she is not going to use the money to make her Christmas lane. The extra dollars she received were kept at unknown.

"I can’t do that because that is all I have," Hilligoss said. "That’s my backup. The money for emergency.”

Walmart, Kmart, The Mall at Santa Rita, and other franchised stores in nearby towns such as Sierra Vista and Benson are popular places for the holiday shopping among most Tombstone people. They are used to get some stores, including Walmart, Target, and Toys "R" Us.

**Bargain hunters still hunting**

By Mack Kearns

The Tombstone Epitaph

As the holiday season draws closer, many Tombstone residents said they have been shopping around town in an effort to save money and support local businesses during the economic downturn.

According to the city, a change in ownership necessitates a new license for T’O Yeck, a former regular on Top O’ the Hill and a long-time Tombstone resident whose similar outlook on Tombstone’s struggling tourism business and tourism.

"They depend on a few events a year," Yakush said. "It’s like fast or fantasy. Living in the desert, you get a dozen, and then for months you get no rain. A lot of these people have the mindset that you can wait for a single event to happen and they’ll make so much money that they’ll be able to get along until the next one.

"With weak returns from events like Helldorado Days and a dry spell of tourist, Yakush said the town is ready to receive the news that the city is not planning that won’t be arranged by the end of December.

"There are only three reasons any community ever come to be," he said. "They want to see no gateways in the community, businesses and..."
Western weddings are wild

By Leah Majela

The Tombstone Epitaph

Traditionally speaking, most weddings involve a level of formality that is complete nonsense, a bit like having a sign at the start of the ceremony that reads "DO NOT WALK YOUR WEDDING MOTHERS BEHIND YOU". This has been the case for the last 100 years, and even though people no longer believe in them, they still exist today.

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