Mourners trek down Allen Street as part of a local tradition called the walkdown. The service was for the former owner of the local pawnshop.

Walkdown strides into tradition
By Taylor Reed
THE TOMBSTONE EPITAPH

As the temperature dropped below 85° and a cold wind whipped through the streets, Tombstone showed a soft spot as locals gathered together in a walkdown for Pete Talvy.

The Tombstone walkdown is a unique tradition that has been around since the Earps, Clantons and Romans. Friends and family showed up dressed in 1880s attire as the procession took around 15 minutes. The town goes silent. The procession ended when the body was placed in Boothill Cemetery.

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By Angela Grossman
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Many businesses around Tombstone are making renovations as springtime sets in on the streets, with businesses doing everything from catching up on repairs to adding new displays to their storefronts.

The visitor center will get a new roof and headboard. Remodeling at the Tombstone Bank, which is set to continue through the summer, will yield a newly repainted facade with the bank's logo prominently displayed.

The town has recently seen a rise in tourism, and businesses are taking advantage of the increased foot traffic.

The Tombstone Epitaph is pleased to introduce the new style for the paper.

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A painter works the front of the Tombstone Visitor Center as part of the restoration project funded by a $50,000 grant.

SOLICITATION

Order Change gets angry response continued from page 1

& Barry LaCasse

Tombstone Unified School District's super-
intendent proposed more than half a million
in budget cuts at the March 16 board meeting at Tombstone High School. The cuts were made in anticipation of state budget cuts that could range from 10 to 25 percent.

The cuts, said Superintendent Karl Utterback, totaled $390,967, or the equivalent of an 11 per-
cent cut from the state. Many of the cuts would eliminate full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, which can be distributed among multiple employees. Specifically, the proposal would:

• Close 3.1 FTE positions from the district office.

• Eliminate all non-essential field trips.

• Freeze certified FTE positions and 2-classified FTE jobs from Walter J. Meyer High School for next year.

• Close one building at Meyer to save on electricity.

• Shift fifth- and sixth-grade students from Meyer to Black Canyon City School.

• Close one certified FTE position at Black Canyon City High School.

Utterback said the cuts will save the district $201,967 this year and $138,967 next year. At this week's meeting, he was given the go-ahead by the board to begin the process of dispensing with the position he proposed to eliminate.

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P.E. programs failing Tombstone students

By Melody Bartholomew

The Legacy Region

State budget cuts haven't affected Tombstone school programs as drastically as some other states, but that's not true anymore. The programs students need to get into shape are a distant memory.

The state of Arizona, which has an obesity rate of about one-in-two, has no longer recognized any physical education in schools. However, Tombstone schools still provide it.

Joseph Thomas, the P.E. teacher at both 5th and 6th Elementary, and Tombstone High, spends about 90 minutes each day with each grade at the elementary schools. This is opposed to high school students, who work out for 90 minutes every day, only to be on campus in their four years of high school. However, students who work out for 90 minutes allowed to repeat the class.

“This is why we're not doing an extracurricular activity should be involved in a P.E. class,” said Lynne Holzman, who works with the students. "The only one bigger was for the old school because we don't know that the students are taking regular classes.

The two elementary schools of Tombstone High School use the Mayer room, which is the Mayer room. The track and field team travels 30 minutes every day to practice.

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"I think any kid who's not doing something to benefit their health, "I don't think it's fair," said Tom, on why students are becoming less healthy, "I think that they need to participate in activities that are interesting to them."

For example, the football team practices on a field at Tombstone High but travels to Tombstone's old school for its home football games. The girls' basketball team travels 30 minutes every day to practice.

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**By Kyle Sandell**

**The Tombstone Epitaph.**

Cochineal Stronghold, a variable feature of the area, is often overlooked. It is named after the Christian Apache chief who hid there for 10 years in the 1860s. The rocky canyon, used as a staging ground for raids on settlers, miners, and prospectors, was an ideal place for a hideout.

During the Apache Wars, Cochise’s tribe took refuge in the stronghold after escaping U.S. Army captors who had wrongly accused him of kidnapping a child. According to local legend, the area was once an oasis in the desert, with water splashing down a cliff. It was an oasis even during the most arid periods, thanks to the moisture from the nearby Halfmoon Tank. The trail spans an area once inhabited by the Apache chief Cochise.

Still see crosswalk need

**Businesses along Fremont**

**By Leilah Gordon**

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Tourists cross fremont Street from the O.K. Corral parking lot on their way to Allen Street.

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**By Nicole Nixon**

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