Few Remember Turbulent Tombstone of 80 Years Ago

By DENNIS LANDRY
United Press International

Tombstone, Ariz. – (UPI) – Ask any young kid what this historic western town is known for and he'll say Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday and the Gunfight at the OK Corral.

Ask any tourist who has visited here what else Tombstone is known for and he'll tell you boothill cemetery, the Tombstone Epitaph and the Crystal Palace saloon.

But that's about as far as it goes. Only historians and some of the old-time Tombstone residents can recall the real Tombstone as it was some 80 years ago – long before the movie screen and the television set saturated its colorful past with trite and stereotypes.

Contrary to dozens of movies, the violent days of early Tombstone were not merely a dichotomy of good guys and bad guys. In essence, the goody guys weren't so good and the violence which prevailed was, at times, a combination of their personal revenge and glory-seeking.

Tombstone had a fast, turbulent beginning and a slow lapse into its serene character of today. It was founded in 1878, when a burly young prospector named Ed Shieffelin discovered vast amounts of silver ore in the adjacent Mule mountains.

Overnight, Tombstone became a boom town. Miners and prospectors streamed into town by the hundreds. Merchants, doctors, blacksmiths and the Wells Fargo line arrived in 1880, and some of the more responsible citizens decided a town marshal should be brought in. In June 1881, Mayor John P. Clum hired Virgil Earp, of Prescott, Arizona. Virgil arrived in Tombstone shortly after that with his brothers, Morgan, James and Wyatt, and a dentist turned gambler, John Henry "Doc" Holliday.

Fight at OK Corral

Although many flares of violence occurred in Tombstone during the Earps' tenure of "duty," the culmination of differences occurred on the afternoon of October 26, 1881, when Virgil, Morgan and Wyatt Earp, with Doc Holliday, fought the Clantons and the McLowerys at the OK Corral.

Cause of the show-down was the McLowerys' refusal to obey a new city ordinance prohibiting the carrying of firearms in the city. But it is known that for some time there was bad blood between the Earps, all Illinois Republicans, and the two clans, which – like most other Tombstone residents – were southern Democrats.

As the two groups met near the Fremont street entrance to the OK Corral, about 30 shots were heard within a minute's time, and at the end of it all Billy Clanton, Robert and Tom McLowery were dead. Morgan and Virgil Earp were wounded, but lived, and Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday were unhurt.

Tombstone Restored

In the late 1880's, when water began filling up the silver mines, Tombstone gradually died as a mining town. Today it is known as "the town too tough to die," largely because of the efforts of the Tombstone restoration committee to preserve the town's Old West character.

The oldest of the Tombstone old-timers can only recall the association of their parents and friends with the Earps. John Escapule, who was born in Tombstone in 1894, recalls how his father was one of the first men to follow Schieffelin into the hills in search of silver. "He knew the Earps but had little to do with them. Earp bunch was a tough crowd," Escapule said.

Fred Bennett, 88, saw the last legal hanging in Tombstone in 1900. He believes that Wyatt Earp may have master-minded some of Tombstone's early crimes, particularly a stage coach robbery in which the strong box was emptied before the stage left town.

"But Wyatt Earp had nerve," Bennett says. "You've got to hand him that."

One of the oldest residents of Tombstone is Ethal Macia, 82, who remembers meeting Wyatt Earp just once, in Colorado, long after the Earps had left town. "Wyatt was a courteous man, and my family always considered him a courageous law officer."

Some say Wyatt Earp never was a law officer. And some historians call him a bum, a bigamist and a vagrant. Whatever his real nature, he and his brothers helped create the drama of Tombstone's violent era.

TOO TOUGH TO DIE–Tombstone is known, as the sign in the background says, as "The Town too tough to die," largely because its citizenery has worked to preserve its old western character. The gentleman in the picture has grown a beard to lend authenticity to the town's annual "Helldorado." (UPI)

One Cadillac in a million! With all its models, colors, interiors and equipment choices, it is possible to specify a Cadillac that will never be duplicated. No other fine car even comes close to providing Cadillac's opportunity for self-expression. No wonder it's Cadillac's greatest year!

VISIT YOUR LOCAL AUTHORIZED Cadillac DEALER

SKINNER BUICK-CADILLAC
143 SOUTH RIVERSIDE

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Friday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

1 Something	31 If	61 Guard
2 You	32 Contact	62 To
3 Someone	33 Keys	63 For
4 You'll	34 Vim	64 And
5 Gives	35 Brings	65 Make
6 Have	36 And	66 Flying
7 New	37 Vigor	67 Support
8 You	38 The	68 Profit
9 Have	39 Put	69 About
10 And	40 Merry	70 New
11 Green	41 Wallet	71 To
12 Dance	42 All	72 Goodwill
13 Light	43 Expected's	73 Pushing
14 Love	44 And	74 Inspiration
15 Sing	45 Others	75 Reason
16 Don't	46 Vital	76 A
17 Be	47 Refreshing	77 Trip
18 Notes	48 You	78 One
19 You	49 Legs	79 To
20 Keep	50 Attention	80 Ahead
21 Gain	51 For	81 Basket
22 Depend	52 There's	82 Aggressively
23 A	53 Lift	83 Crop
24 And	54 Darts	84 Better
25 Jewelry	55 Are	85 Of
26 New	56 Under	86 Now
27 Chance	57 Sparks	87 Celebrate
28 On	58 And	88 Others
29 Cupid's	59 Can't	89 Write
30 Better	60 Into	90 Up

ARIES MAR. 22 – APR. 20: 19-21-38-50 64-72-85-88
TAURUS APR. 21 – MAY 21: 1-7-10-43 69-71-83-90
GEMINI MAY 22 – JUNE 22: 4-6-34-37 44-46-57
CANCER JUNE 23 – JULY 23: 31-48-59-65 76-77-84-89
LEO JULY 24 – AUG. 23: 14-18-24-29 54-55-66
VIRGO AUG. 24 – SEPT. 22: 16-22-28-43 51-67-70
LIBRA SEPT. 23 – OCT. 23: 20-25-33-36 41-56-61
SCORPIO OCT. 24 – NOV. 22: 2-9-11-13 63-73-80-82
SAGITTARIUS NOV. 23 – DEC. 22: 26-32-35-47 53-58-74
CAPRICORN DEC. 23 – JAN. 20: 3-5-8-23 27-62-68
AQUARIUS JAN. 21 – FEB. 19: 12-15-17-40 52-75-79-87
PISCES FEB. 20 – MAR. 21: 30-39-42-49 60-78-81-86

Good – Adverse – Neutral

Huge Mailing Made In Small Iowa Town

Fort Madison, Ia. – (UPI) – The U.S. Post Office in this community of 15,000 residents has completed handling the largest single mailing in its 127-year history. More than one million letters are sent by the Educational Service division of Sheaffer Pen company to teachers across the nation.

Postmaster Marion Moseley and staff now have the prospect of handling several hundred thousand incoming replies to a special offer contained in the pen firm's letter.

Buffalo, N. Y. – (UPI) – Common Council members are slapped with a $1 fine for reporting late to meetings, but there is little grumbling. The money is used to finance an annual party for the members.

wholesome meals for Lent!

HALIBUT STEAKS Thrifty Pak lb. 49¢

Imported CHEESES Choose From 25 Varieties

REX SOLE .... lb. 59¢
SAND DABS .... lb. 59¢

SEA BASS .... lb. 69¢
CAT-FISH ..... lb. 69¢
DEEP SEA CRABS .. lb. 69¢

Columbia River SMELT ..... lb. 29¢
HALIBUT CHEEKS OR SWORDFISH STEAKS ... lb. 89¢
LOBSTER TAILS 5-6-oz. ea. 69c
STEAM CLAMS 3 lbs. 1.29
STEWING CHICKENS Fresh Cut-Up lb. 29c
Fryer Giblets lb. 39¢ | NECKS 2 lbs. 19¢

FITTS SEAFOOD & POULTRY
131 West Main • Phone 773-8497

Mann's yardage department presents the prettiest, the newest fabrics

TO SEW NOW FOR EASTER

Color is the Keynote to Spring...

V Yellow - - daffodil bright
V Pink - - prettiest primrose
V Green - - crisp freshest leaf
V Blue - - forget-me-not pale

Pick a Color... be beautifully coordinated... coats to separates to shifts and shirt dresses...

SOFT, FLUFFY "SOUFLETTE" . . . A MOHAIR, WOOL AND NYLON COATING 7.98 yd

THE NATURAL LOOK IN SUITINGS . . . LINEN LIKE FABRICS IN ASSORTED TEXTURES 1.98 yd

"FLOURETTE" . . . THE NEWEST IN EMBROIDERED COTTONS, SO COLORFUL BRIGHT AND CRISP 1.69 yd

THE NEWEST LOOK FOR SPRING IS COTTON SEERSUCKER FOR CAREFREE WEAR 1.29 yd

street floor

Mann's MEDFORD

"A GREAT STORE IN A GREAT COUNTRY"

14 N. CENTRAL — 215 E. MAIN 773-7484