



# CHRISTIAN COUNTY COMMISSION

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## RESOLUTIONS

Be it Resolved this Friday, April 21, 1995

After studying and listening to the people, pro and con on this issue, we feel it would not be in the best interest of Christian County to pursue this type of development.

Be it Resolved;

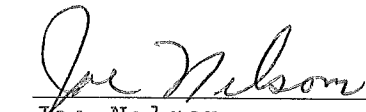
The Christian County Commission opposes gaming in any form coming into this county.

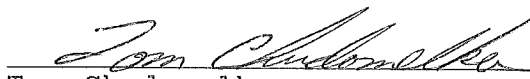
Be it Resolved;


This County Commission will not accept gratuities or benevolent means that would allow special interest groups to achieve their goals or gain a foothold in Christian County.

Be it Resolved;

The Christian County Commission will vigorously oppose gaming in any form, now or in the future within our borders.

  
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Joe Nelson  
Presiding Commissioner

  
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April 21, 1995

### NEWS CONFERENCE

The purpose of this news conference is to inform the people of Christian County and various other business leaders and residents of our surrounding counties as to our position on the issue of Native American Gaming for Christian County. First, I want to give you some background as to how this could come about. After several telephone conversations with Governmental Agencies in Washington D.C. and more specifically, The Native American Gaming commission, I believe this to be the proper steps that have to be taken for Gaming to come to an area:

1. A tribe must show an interest in ancestral grounds
2. The Local area has to show an interest or want
3. The Governor of the State where Tribal Grounds are located (in our case Christian County, Missouri) Governor Carnahan has to agree it would be good for the area
4. The Governor of the State where the Reservation is Designated (Kansas I think) also has to agree
5. It has to clear the native American Gaming Commission in Washington D.C.
6. The Dept. of Interior has to rule on Gaming

This may not be exactly the correct order of procedures, but I think it to be reasonably close and correct before Gaming can come to Christian County. Now, as to our position on this issue:

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# OZARK AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## RESOLUTION

In keeping with our mission statement: The mission of the Ozark Area Chamber of Commerce is to enhance the quality of life in the community through the facilitation of economic development, civic interests, and service to the community, and support of businesses in the Ozark area.

Be it Resolved this Monday, May 8th, 1995

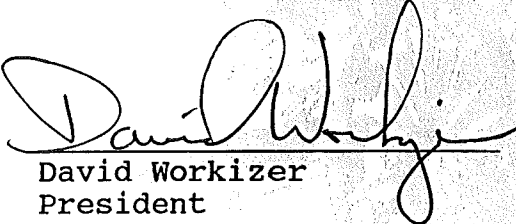
After compiling information and opinions from the members of the Ozark Area Chamber of Commerce, the community and area leaders, and following lengthy and detailed consideration, we, the Ozark Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, feel that gaming of any type would not only be detrimental to the social and economic welfare of Christian County, but would also greatly affect the quality of life of area residents.

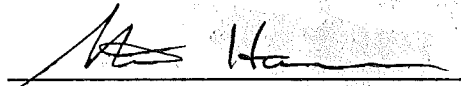
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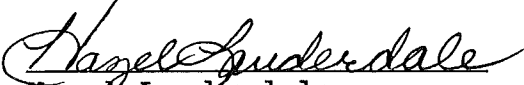
The Ozark Area Chamber of Commerce opposes gaming of any type within the borders of Christian County.

Be it Resolved;

The Ozark Area Chamber of Commerce will continue in their efforts to oppose gaming in Christian County.

  
David Workizer  
President

  
Steve Hamm  
Vice President

  
Hazel Lauderdale  
Treasurer

"Tis a privilege to live in the Ozarks"

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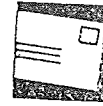
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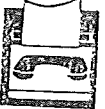
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## OUR VIEW

# Gambling offers no jackpot

### The issue:

The Kickapoo Indian tribe wants to build a casino in Christian County.

### We suggest:

Gambling has no place in the Ozarks. It's not a question of whether gambling will bring crime and homelessness, but of what it says about us as a region.

### Call in:

If you wish to record a comment on today's editorial, please call 836-1212 or 1-800-695-1779. Please spell your name and include a phone number.

The Kickapoo Indian tribe wants to build a casino in northern Christian County. To grease the skids, the Kickapoos offered to build a \$3 million to \$5 million judicial building for the county, eliminating the need for a tax increase.

Some might see that as being neighborly. Others see similarities to an old joke: "Would you sleep with me for \$1 million," the joke begins.

"Sure."

"Well, would you sleep with me for \$1?"

"Hey, what do you think I am?"

"We've already established that. All we're doing now is haggling over the price."

In many respects, that's the dialogue in Christian County today. County commissioners say they're personally opposed to gambling, but add that residents should take a hard look at such a generous offer.

To be fair, the same dialogue occurs any time gambling is proposed, whether it be a state lottery, riverboat casinos or Indian gambling. The price is usually masked in polite terms: jobs, economic development, money for education. Opponents counter that crime rates will rise.

Both trot out numbers, spun just enough to support their contentions.

But the principle is the same. Virtue has a price.

Thankfully, many in Christian County recognize the terms of the debate and refuse to post a price tag. They realize the only answer can be a firm no.

"Now is the time to come forward and let it be known we're not going to put up with casino gambling in Christian County, Mo.," the Rev. Terry Kendrick said Sunday at an anti-gambling rally that drew 500 people.

Only an aggressive, united front can keep gambling out of the Ozarks.

Under federal law, there is little legal re-

course to prevent Indian gambling, especially where the Kickapoos are involved. This was once their land (a fact Springfield honors with a high school, an avenue and a branch library), which makes it easier for the tribe to put it into trust.

Once the land is in trust, the tribe can operate any type of gambling allowed elsewhere in the state. Missouri's riverboat gambling opened the way for Indian gambling in the Ozarks.

The governor can object, but federal law allows him little power to stop Indian gambling outright.

The only weapon left is strong opposition. It helped keep the Eastern Shawnee from opening a casino in southern Christian County. It may be enough to stop the Kickapoo tribe, especially since tribal leaders understood the deep-seated opposition to gambling enough to make their offer. It may not.

Even if the Kickapoos walk away, it's a sure bet they won't be the last tribe to seek a way to dip into the Ozarks burgeoning tourist trade. Gambling is the nation's fastest growing entertainment industry — \$330 billion in 1992 — continually looking for new places to expand.

To keep gambling out of the Ozarks will be a continuous, draining battle. Much more is at stake than whether crime and homelessness will rise.

The real battle is over intangibles, over the values we hold and how we see ourselves. It's a battle for the remnants of a regional identity in an increasingly homogeneous nation.

It's a battle for the Ozarks' quality of life.

In this battle, there is no room for haggling over the price. Gambling has no place in the Ozarks.

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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

March 28, 1995

### STATEMENT BY BRANSON BOARD OF ALDERMEN IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CASINO GAMBLING IN CHRISTIAN COUNTY

More than 35 years ago, the City of Branson and several area businesses and citizens embarked on a venture to provide wholesome, family entertainment for visitors to the Ozarks region. Through our efforts, Branson has become one of the nation's largest family tourist destinations, and we continue to grow as a result of the quality of entertainment we provide. In a political age where family values are given lip service, we here in Branson have taken our responsibility to cultivate and foster wholesome family values very seriously.

However, we here in Branson are now faced with the threat of gambling expansion into our area. Instead of remaining in places where gambling has historically been marketed to the nation, gambling interests have set their sights on the six million family tourists we receive in Branson annually. We are deeply concerned over the possibility of seeing a casino spring up in northern Christian County.

Promising to finance a \$5 million courts building in Christian County that would otherwise be burdened on taxpayers, the Kickapoo Indian tribe seeks the support of county leaders for their development. We urge the commission to consider the long range taxes that would be necessary to provide the infrastructure

(roads, sewer, water, police & fire) for the \$500 million casino development.

Branson knows a lot about providing infrastructure for huge developments. We're spending \$17 million on roads, \$14 million for a second waste water treatment plant and \$15 million for a second water treatment facility. We've also almost doubled personnel in the police and fire departments. Can Christian County afford those improvements with its current tax base? Also keep in mind the Kickapoo tribe development will be exempt from local taxes. So the tax weight falls on county residents.

In case after case, the introduction of gambling in a community correlates with a marked increase in crime.

- Three years after legalizing casino gambling, Deadwood, South Dakota, reported a 60% increase in crime.
- In Central City, Colorado, just two years after gambling was introduced, assaults and thefts increased 400%.
- In Cripple Creek, Colorado, annual arrests on drunken driving charges rose from 5 to 200.
- The Gulf Coast of Mississippi brought in casino gambling in 1992. One year later bank robberies there had jumped from 1 to 13, armed robberies had tripled and prostitution arrests and drug busts had risen as well.

We also believe local government officials should visit the Kickapoo tribe's gaming operation near Hiawatha, Kansas, to see first hand how effectively the casino is managed and any benefits or detriments to that local community

In order to counter the threat of gambling expansion, and in order to more fully understand the impact expanded gambling will have on family entertainment and tourism, Branson area residents, businesses and organizations have taken positive steps. The Missouri Council on Gaming (MCGR) has been formed as a non-profit organization to study the impact of expanded gambling and to educate and inform the public on the results of its studies. We encourage Christian County leaders to contact the MCGR to obtain accurate information on the potential impacts of casino gambling.

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We feel a line must be drawn in the sand. We don't want casinos sprouting up where families have come to play and enjoy their time together. Missouri residents who desire to gamble have sufficient opportunity to do so in Kansas City, St. Louis and along the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers. It is our position that families in Missouri and throughout the country have had a place to come for wholesome entertainment and recreation---and that place is, and will remain, in the Branson area.

This part of the state led the way in voting against Amendment 6 (gambling machines) last November. The amendment failed in Taney County by 73%, Stone County by 67% and Christian County by 57%. The people have already spoken-- NO GAMBLING!!

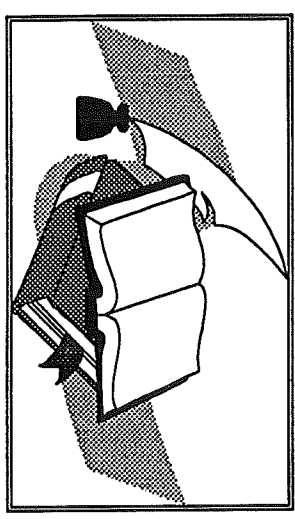
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# DO YOU KNOW...

- How many paid admissions were reported last month on Missouri riverboats?
- Which states do not have some form of legalized gambling?
- What are other states considering?
- What new legislation is on the horizon?
- Who is making the news today?
- How did Missouri counties vote in the last election?
- What are the Mississippi and Louisiana casino profits?

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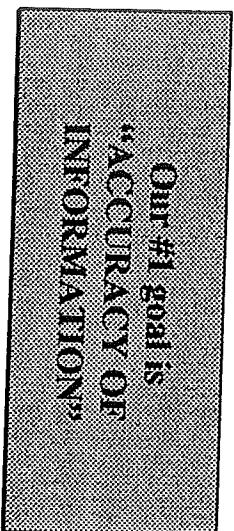


## WHAT IS THE "MISSOURI COUNCIL ON GAMING RESEARCH"?

The Missouri Council on Gaming Research is a not-for-profit educational corporation.

The purpose of the corporation is to research the gambling industry and report those findings to the public.

At "MCCGR" we feel that a more informed public will make better decisions regarding the gambling industry.



MCCGR will maintain the highest of standards to achieve 100 percent accuracy of information.

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## HOW DOES IT WORK?

MCCGR is totally supported by donations received from public and private businesses, and individuals concerned by gambling expansion.



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## *Around the State*

**MCGR HAS OPENED AN OFFICE** in Springfield, MO, to facilitate operations. The Missouri Council on Gaming Research, Inc., is a not-for-profit educational corporation which researches the gambling industry and reports those findings to the public. Services are available for businesses, churches, politicians, governmental agencies and subdivisions, civic and private organizations, news media, educators and students. The office in the Plaza Towers Building is open weekdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Susan Barr is operations director.

**MISSOURI GAMING ADJUSTED GROSS RECEIPTS TOTALED \$210,680,992** for fiscal 1994 (beginning July 1). State riverboat casinos reported March, 1995, admissions of 1,518,914, according to Federal Filings Inc., with YTD figures of 8,754,946 admissions. Top figures were from Harrah's North Star boat owned by Promus Companies. (According to the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 313.800, adjusted gross receipts are defined as "gross receipts from licensed gambling games and devices less winnings paid to wagerers.")

**LAND FOR A CASINO NEAR OZARK, MO, HAS BEEN PURCHASED** by Creative Gaming International. The New Jersey company, working with the Eastern Shawnee Indian tribe, has bought 39 of the 700 acres needed for the casino resort to be located at U.S. 65 and Christian County BB. Recently, the Kickapoo Indians offered to build a judicial facility for Christian County in exchange for support for another casino north of Ozark.

**PLANS FOR A NEW MISSOURI RIVERBOAT CASINO IN WYATT, MO,** have been announced by Royal Casino Group. The developer/operator plans the first of its gaming operations to be located at the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers. The boat would be at the tri-state junction of Illinois, Missouri and Kentucky and within a few miles of Tennessee and Arkansas.

## *Across the Nation*

**FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO CONTROL INDIAN GAMING** has been introduced in Congress with a bill to allow casino gambling on reservations only in states that authorize it, and subjects the establishments to state law. House Rep. Jerry Solomon, R-NY, led the congressmen presenting the bill.

**ILLINOIS RIVERBOAT RECEIPTS** reached an all-time high of nearly \$100 million in March, 1995, according to the Illinois Gaming Board. That brings the current nine-month fiscal total for the state's 10 riverboats to \$803.2 million, with \$137.5 million paid to the Illinois state government and \$7 million to the state's local governments. The Empress River Casino in Joliet was the biggest moneymaker, with gross receipts of \$18.6 million for the month.

**AN ILLINOIS WOMAN'S DEATH HAS BEEN BLAMED ON HER GAMBLING ADDICTION,** according to reports of the suicide of the Collinsville resident. Reportedly, she had spent the family savings and mortgage money at nearby riverboat casinos less than 15 minutes from the family home.

**MICHIGAN ATTORNEY GENERAL SUPPORTS THE STATE'S CASINO BAN** by endorsing a proposed constitutional resolution on gambling, Senate Joint Resolution M. If passed, the proposal would bring the issue to a public vote.

**CHIPPEWA INDIANS IN MINNESOTA HAVE OFFERED TO FUND A STADIUM** for the Milwaukee Brewers if the state will allow the group to expand its gambling operations. The offer was made two days after voters rejected a sports lottery to fund the stadium and other sports facilities and followed proposals to hike the gasoline or sales tax in the Milwaukee area to raise the needed funds. Gov. Tommy Thompson did not take the offer seriously, calling the proposal a "publicity stunt."

**IN A RELATED MATTER**, the day after the Chippewa proposal to fund a new baseball stadium, Wisconsin Rep. Al Baldus, D-Menomonee, said he will introduce legislation to eliminate all gambling except bingo and raffles. He proposes to draft a constitutional amendment to get rid of the state lottery, the failing dog tracks and Indian-run casinos when their contracts with the state expire.

**THE NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST LEGALIZED GAMBLING**, a nonprofit organization, attracted about 85 participants from 18 states at its spring conference March 10-11 in Branson, MO. Last November, the Illinois-based group successfully countered gambling propositions on the ballots in seven states and is currently fighting against gambling in six targeted states.

**THE NORTH AMERICAN THINK TANK ON YOUTH GAMBLING ISSUES** met April 6-8 in Boston, bringing together public and private sector leaders, gaming industry professionals, compulsive gambling treatment providers, tribal leaders, elected officials, legislative staff, law enforcement authorities and representatives of the banking and finance community. The two-day seminar to address the problem of youth gambling was underwritten by a \$100,000 pledge from Mississippi businesses associated with the gambling industry. The Think Tank is a joint project of Harvard Medical School's Division on Addictions and the Minnesota Council on Compulsive Gambling.

**AMERICANS SPENT \$394.3 BILLION ON LEGAL GAMING IN 1993** compared to \$521 billion on total food expenditures (both at home and away) in 1993.

### *From the Gaming Industry*

**FIRST QUARTER PROFITS FOR THE CASINO INDUSTRY** are "respectable" according to analyst John J. Rohs. Atlantic City reported an overall quarter increase of 16.2% from last year's first quarter. Best industry reports were from Harrah's Marina (Atlantic City) with a 20% increase from 1993; and Promus Companies' riverboat casinos in Kansas City, MO, and Shreveport, LA.

**MGM GRAND'S EARNINGS** were lower than anticipated for their first quarter of 1995. The world's largest hotel/casino, located in Las Vegas, attributed flat earnings to the delayed opening of the EFX! production show plus a low game table win percentage.

**A NEW SATELLITE BINGO GAME OFFERED BY MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC.** will premier in September. Mega MegaBingo will offer a range of bingo games paying a total of \$1.4 million. The game will be played via satellite in U. S. MegaBingo halls.