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Back to keep in "Their" Countries! They will not buy & eat our food - so do not support ~~the~~ Town. They set up their own food stores!! They will sleep 3-4 times the persons in a room! They will "Hot Bed" that is three different shifts of sleepers use the same bed as the other work! The local will believe the jobs will be great - but 4-5 yrs down the road they burn them out & the people hate their work, & are driven to get out to a normal job! I have witnessed this over our 20+ years!

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I, Erison R. Traynor

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To The Honorable [Name] [Title]

Please [Text] sponsored by [Name] [Title] for a slot operator.

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Name: -- Jeffery M. Cook

Address:

City:

State:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer: self

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PLEASE SEE ATTACHED PAGE:

then the [Text]

Please [Text]

verify [Text] contained in this written [Text]



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Name: KARIN & William PALMER

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Organization, if any: [REDACTED]

Employer: Self Employed

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

I am writing this letter in opposition to the casino that is being proposed for Gettysburg, PA. We moved to Gettysburg from Reno, Nevada two years ago. Our hope was to move to the country and get away from all the casino's and the increased crime that comes with them. Gettysburg is such a quaint city which is steeped in history and as so many people say, the battlefield is hallowed ground. People come from all over the world to see the place that was the turning point in the civil war. The place where so many men gave their lives for what they believed in. We just can't imagine putting a casino so close to such a truly important part of United States history.


Having lived in Reno, NV for 20 years we saw what casino's can do to a city. There has been some speculation in Gettysburg as to whether casino's really increase crime, but for anyone who has lived in Reno or Las Vegas there is no question. Casino's bring in an element of transiency and instability that would not benefit Gettysburg. Many people become addicted to the idea of winning and will do anything for it. This transiency, addiction to gambling and increased addictions to drugs and alcohol increases crime and brings in prostitution.

We have also heard that the casino could possibly bring in new jobs for the community. In our experience, casino's bring in minimum wage jobs. This again only increases the transient element since very few local people can

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We hope the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board will take into consideration the wishes of what the majority of the community of Gettysburg wants. I say majority because the question of a casino in Gettysburg has divided this town and not in half. If you could see this town today you'd see all the NO CASINO signs at a majority of the business's and in peoples front lawns. The NO CASINO signs outweigh the PRO CASINO signs at least 3 to 1. And after talking to State Representative Steve Maitland he has also confirmed that the majority of the Gettysburg community is against a casino.

Please help us preserve this historical National Battlefield for generations to come vote NO CASINO for Gettysburg. Thank you for you consideration in this matter.

I,  verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Name: Michael L. Seguin

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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I believe that legalized gambling and gaming are the kind of businesses an area that needs to improve their economic base may turn to as a last option, if other opportunities and options don't pan-out. Gettysburg doesn't need a controversial business like a casino.

Gettysburg has a low unemployment rate compared to many other areas. Adams County is at or about 1 to 1.5%. Huntingdon County is at or about 5%. Adams County has many bed-room communities that are growing. New small businesses who want Gettysburg as their address, should not have to compete with a large entity like a gambling hall nearby that will draw many visitors and their money away, and it will. These businesses will have a hard time competing when a visitor may feel a need to satisfy a gambling habit, than to spend money in a tourist shop. Gettysburg and the surrounding area are an historic site that needs preservation, protection and interpretation for future visitors.

I still consider myself a resident of Gettysburg and Adams County, even though my present address is not there. Some day when I will retire, I wish to return to my old home near Gettysburg. I was born at Anne Warner Hospital Gettysburg. I have traveled over the battlefield many times as a local hiker and boy scout. I hope to return where little has changed, but a casino may hasten major unwanted changes.

Michael L Seguin



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Name: Patrick + Jessica Jordan

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: None

Employer: District of Columbia Government

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

As former residents of Gettysburg who hope to move back to Pennsylvania when finished with graduate school, my wife and I strongly oppose the naming of Gettysburg as one of the sites to be awarded slot licenses. Both of us lived in Gettysburg for four years, went to college there, and understand first-hand how severe the impact would be on the town's reputation on a national level and how detrimental to the history of this great Civil War battlefield. Gettysburg is not the right place for a slot casino.

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and Bethlehem are much better suited for such gaming opportunities and would benefit significantly. Gettysburg is hallowed ground and deserves to be treated as such. Please make the right decision and keep licensed gambling out of Gettysburg.

Patrick M. Jordan
Jessica B. Jordan

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Name:

LISA Jordan

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer:

Prince Georges Community College Largo, VA

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

No other place has Gettysburg's fame.

The epic struggle

that was to our gain.

Our forefathers to suffer

so the U.S. remain

as a whole, as one country,

with freedom to reign.

Now the fame that is Gettysburg

may start to rot,

As the word of that battle becomes one with "the slot." Lisa

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LISA Jordan

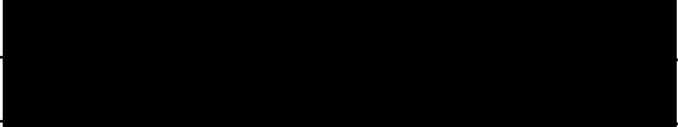

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Name: Quinn Ott
Address: 
Telephone: 
Organization, if any: _____
Employer: _____

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I feel that a casino facility and the atmosphere that accompanies this activity is incompatible with the historic significance of Gettysburg. The Tourism interests of Gettysburg will be compromised by having a gambling facility in close proximity

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Julia Jett

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Name: MICHAEL V. KALASIANCKAS

Address: 

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

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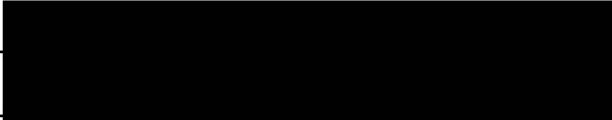
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M. A. Kalasankar

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Name: Sharon Gilman

Address: 

Telephone: 

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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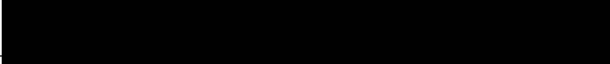
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Name: John Lewis

Address: 

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Telephone: 

Organization, if any: _____

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Name: Angelique Perkins
Address: 
Telephone: 
Organization, if any: N/A
Employer: Asphalt Associates

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

It will ruin a historic town. It will put more greed, dirt, and create a unhealthy living for the young. It will bring more alcohol + drugs. Setting a bad environment for our children.

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I, Angie Peckins verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Angie Peckins

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Name: Amanda Ervin

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: ASPHALT ASSOCIATES

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

I like to visit Gettysburg and I enjoy the historic essence the town has. I feel that a casino in this town would bring crime. It would ruin the safe family atmosphere that Gettysburg is known for. It is a ~~obvious~~ statistical fact that casinos bring crime and criminals in.

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Name: Richard ERVIN

Address: 

Telephone: 

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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I would hate to see a Beautiful Historic town
change its environment with Gambling, Alcohol
trash, crime, that seem to follow the
Gambling, Gaming Industry, Cant we have some
of the Quaint Beauty that made our country
Great Remain, there seems to be enough
Casinos in Nearby Areas, Gettysburg is known
for its Historic value, why change that?

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K. Kruiser

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Name: Kathryn Krueger
Address: 
Telephone:  ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Organization, if any: —
Employer: —

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

Gettysburg is a special city in the success of our country. There should never be something in such a city that lead to the destruction of people and there families.

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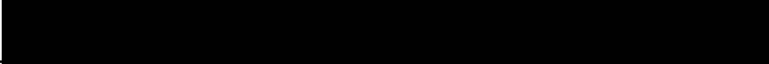
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Name: PAUL EDWARDS

Address: 

Telephone: 

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: P.T.S.

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

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ON GETTING BUSY ENOUGH I'D
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THANKS

Paul Edwards

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Thomas Decker, Chairman
PA Gaming Control Board
Harrisburg, PA

5-25-05

Sir, For seven generations, the Sandoe family has toiled on Adams County land. I have lived here my entire life and I spent my youth in the orchards with my grandfather who was helping to feed the nation as his father did.

My ancestor George Washington Sandoe died at Gettysburg on June 26, 1863 while serving as a cavalry soldier protecting his family from the invading Rebels and was the first soldier killed at Gettysburg.

I strongly protest the Casino at Gettysburg. This venture is disrespectful to the site. Please vote No to Casino.

December 8, 20

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Dear Sirs:

As both a
historian and citizen
I am strongly
opposed to the
commercialization of
our national historical
sites. Please let
me know to whom
I must express my
disapproval.

Thank you.

John Pajot
P.O. Box 117
Urbanna, Va. 23175

June 2, 2006

WRITTEN COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
EVIDENTIARY RECORD OF THE PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS

re Crossroads (Chance) Gettysburg

I request that the following comments be made part of the public input hearing record and considered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board prior to awarding licenses for slot operators:

Name: Susan Star Peddock

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer:

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

- ① letters for testimony sent to NO CASINO
- ② National Editorials Opposing the Casino
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The Gettysburg Times & Evening Sun
opposing the casino
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serving Adams County
- ⑤ Summary of Opposition to Casino
(original + 4 copies)

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1. Susan STAR Paddock verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Editorials From Around the Country

In slots wars, money talks

Tribune-Democrat of Johnstown, 4/17/06
CNHI News Service

— We can't say we were surprised that the Gettysburg Borough Council voted 7-3 to support a slot machine gambling casino near the battlefield where the tide of the Civil War was turned.

We can't say we are pleased about it, either.

The deciding point, of course, was a promise of at least \$1 million a year in additional revenue to the borough.

It reminds us of the old story about the young woman who insisted, "I'm not that kind of girl," until the rich man asked her if she would lower her moral standards for \$1 million — and she said she might for that much money.

When he offered a smaller amount, she again insisted she was not "that kind of girl." The man said, "We've already established what you are; we're just haggling over the price."

We like to think of the battlefield where 7,000 died and 30,000 were wounded as hallowed ground, as President Lincoln said in his famous address. Somehow, it is hard to think of "hallowed" in connection with a gambling hall.

Gettysburg has been reaping the benefits of being the site of a great Civil War slaughter almost since the battle 143 years ago. Gettysburg National Military Park and Gettysburg National Cemetery are tremendous drawing cards for tourists and other Civil War buffs, people who already spend a lot of money in that area.

The council president said he favored a casino because the money from it would "help the borough improve its police capabilities and social services to deal with an influx of millions of gamblers."

If that is the case, the borough wouldn't need the extra money if the casino doesn't come there. Just say, 'No dice!'

Casino plan is insult to what Gettysburg means to Americans

Saturday, April 08, 2006 Columbus Dispatch, Ohio

Gettysburg's municipal Web site brags that it's "the most famous small town in America." Had not two large American armies battled there 143 years ago, few people outside of south-central Pennsylvania would know much about the place.

Does the state of Pennsylvania really want to degrade Gettysburg's value as a memorial to Civil War valor by adding a casino with 3,000 slot machines? Many people in the area say no; anticasinio petitions have more than 60,000 signatures.

But gambling interests are a determined lot, adept at throwing enough money at officials to buy their support. Gettysburg's local council voted 6-3 on Monday to support the Crossroads Gaming Resort & Spa, about 3 miles from the Gettysburg National Military Park. The council's support came after promoters pledged at least \$1 million in annual allocations to the community. Opponents called it a bribe.

Gettysburg is hugely popular with history buffs for its battleground monuments, poignant cemetery, old inns and quaint streets. President Abraham Lincoln said the Civil War's most-famous battleground was consecrated by soldiers' blood.

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The state's Gaming Control Board, which will make the final decision on Crossroads' application for a license, is holding public hearings on the project. Civil War enthusiasts, area residents, historians and others need to slap down this harebrained scheme before it becomes a reality.

Regular visitors to Gettysburg are overwhelmingly opposed to the casino, the opponents' polls say. That's hardly surprising. Devotees of U.S. history often aren't interested in the same things as gamblers. The gambling promoters obviously want to broaden the demographics of Gettysburg tourism.

Residents are worried that the proposed hotel-casino complex would bring traffic snarls and crime to their picturesque area. Their worries aren't misplaced.

Even an American shrine can become fair game when enough money is tossed around.

Insulting idea for Gettysburg

Casino would violate sacred land and town should have higher standards

4/9/2006 , Buffalo, New York

The nation won the first battle of Gettysburg, but a new one is under way and this adversary is not likely to be so foolish as to mount an open-field charge. Some of America's most sacred acreage is at risk as a casino operator bids to establish a gambling hall just outside the town and near Gettysburg National Military Park. It's a horrible idea.

It's true that the Pennsylvania burg has long been commercialized, as American entrepreneurialism seeks to profit from the tourists who come to absorb the scene of the most important battle fought on American soil. This is different. It's a corruption of the place; an insult to the Union and Confederate soldiers who were slaughtered by the thousands and lay buried in this hallowed ground. Come to historic Gettysburg: Honor the dead, play the slots.

Imagine if this were to happen at ground zero in Manhattan. It wouldn't. The wounds are too fresh, the memories too harrowing. But if it's not right now, it won't be right 143 years from now, either.

Gettysburg's borough council last week voted to support the casino in exchange for a \$1 million-a-year revenue guarantee. As Western New Yorkers have learned, though, casino revenues can be unreliable, as well as enticing. But this is about much more than a potential municipal windfall. It's about the nation's priorities. Gettysburg gets the tourist dollars it does because it is a national resource. The nation should have something to say about this.

Tell your congressman if you object, and check out www.civilwar.org, Web site of the Civil War Preservation Trust.

<http://www.courant.com/news/local/northeast/hc-jeni0122.artjan22,0,3554157.column>

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' This Final Resting Place '

1/22/06

This editorial accompanied a four page article in the Hartford Courant

Jenifer Frank
NE Editor

January 22 2006

As writer Rinker Buck began work on this week's cover story, the subject matter seemed to me to both expand and deepen. We started with, merely, the idea of a casino in Gettysburg, Pa. The not terribly witty quips quickly flew around the office, about the Pickett's Charge Motel and the Robert E. Lee Dunkin' Donuts across the street from the George G. Meade Starbucks.

But the whole concept and tone of the story changed, at least to me, when Courant photographer Rich Messina returned from several days in Gettysburg and we saw his pictures. Photos do that, of course. When the abstract becomes concrete, it's harder to look away, harder to look past what's real, harder to joke. So we suddenly saw the site that was the subject of Abraham Lincoln's most famous speech, an address inspired by the ungodly number of deaths on those extraordinary battlegrounds. We stared at those fields and monuments to people like Lee and Joshua Chamberlain, and at places like Cemetery Ridge and Little Round Top. They seem emblematic of so much more.

Many students of American history assert that it was at Gettysburg, in our bloodiest conflict, that the fate of our country was determined. If so, the end of American slavery can be traced back to what happened there over those three terrible days in 1863. With the Emancipation Proclamation, and the end of the Civil War two years later, our country finally had the potential to assume the moral stature and character our Founding Fathers envisioned - one in which freedom could exist for all of its people.

The conflict over a casino at Gettysburg, then, as Buck writes, becomes more than a question of bringing jobs or revenue. It becomes more than the conflict between money for the state vs. the social costs of casinos, as Rick Green, the Courant's gambling and Indian affairs reporter, writes on Page 5. It becomes a matter of national identity, of what must be seen, even to the most cynical of us, as hallowed ground. Looked at in this way, a casino in Gettysburg becomes as inconceivable as poker at Plymouth Rock or baccarat at Ellis Island.

To paraphrase Lincoln's address: It is neither fitting nor proper that we should do this.

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07/22/2005

Hanover Evening Sun (PA)

<http://www.eveningsun.com/Stories/0,1413,140~9953~2977118,00.html>

And our survey sa-a-a-ays ...

No, it's not "Family Feud." It's the dueling surveys about a proposed Gettysburg slots casino that have people arguing numbers. **Earlier this week, the local opposition group, No Casino Gettysburg, released the results of a survey conducted a few weeks ago during Gettysburg's annual re-enactment weekend. Volunteers for the group surveyed 300 tourists on the streets of Gettysburg.**

The results were startling: **96 percent indicated they did not support the proposed casino plan.**

And another alarming number – 53 percent – said they would not return to Gettysburg post-casino.

Don't believe it, said a spokesman for Chance Enterprises, the investors group that hopes to develop the casino on Route 30 east of town. That survey was biased, said John Brabender. It can't be believed because of the way the questions were worded. And besides, he added, we don't know how the volunteer questioners presented themselves.

We agree that the questions probably could have been worded a bit more objectively.

The first question – the one that drew a 96 percent "no" – was fairly straightforward: "Would you encourage a gambling casino in Gettysburg?"

But the second question certainly was more tilted: "Would you return to Gettysburg if it were a major gambling casino center?"

Referring to Gettysburg as a "major gambling center" is a bit over the top, calling to mind as it does a Las Vegas or an Atlantic City.

Still, those numbers are pretty strong – even for questions with some built-in bias. It sure seems like we should be able to give some credence to any response shared by 96 percent of those questioned. No Casino Gettysburg did not claim to be conducting a scientific poll. They said they just wanted to gauge public opinion, but would welcome some other group doing a more scientific survey.

As luck would have it, some other group says it already has – Chance Enterprises. **Brabender says his Pittsburgh political consulting firm, Brabender Cox, conducted the scientific survey for Chance.** That was the survey that Gettysburg businessman and Chance Enterprise

investor David LeVan cited the day he announced his group's casino plan.

He said his scientific survey – conducted by telephone and consisting of 300 Adams County residents, not tourists – found that a majority of them supported the casino concept and thought it would have a positive impact on the county. And a majority also told the pollsters they would be likely to visit such a casino at least once a year, said LeVan.

Just a couple of problems with that.

First of all, **Brabender has since refused to release the details of the survey. We have no idea exactly what questions were asked or how they were worded. We have no idea if there might also have been questions asked that did not draw a response favorable to Chance's cause. We don't even know what the exact figures were for the questions that were cited.**

All we have, really, is somebody citing a couple of "majority" responses in a poll of 300 people. So, for all we know, it could have been 151 Adams countians saying a casino is a good idea, and 149 saying it's a lousy idea. It could have been 151 saying they would visit the casino, and 149 saying no way.

Or maybe there really is strong support for the casino among residents. Maybe 250 said they like the idea and 50 said no.

We just don't know.

What we do know is that Chance's spokesman is criticizing a group that opened up its questions and polling method to public scrutiny. Something the Investors group seems unwilling to do.

We think the No Casino survey deserves more than a shrug. We can understand that it would merit only that from Chance Enterprises.

But a lot of other entities – from Straban Township officials to the Chamber of Commerce to the state gambling board – ought to be listening and maybe even authorizing polls of their own.

The issue is too important to be left to an amateur survey, no matter how well intended, and too important to be left to Chance.

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Tribune-Review

Dishonorable bet

By Joseph Sabino Mistick

Sunday, June 26, 2005

Throw out those pro-gambling experts and their self-serving studies.
Forget about the fanciful promises of economic nirvana.

If you need one shining example of how legalized gambling already is eroding our principles and clouding our judgment, consider this: a slot machine parlor is being

proposed for Gettysburg.

Gettysburg is to America what Jerusalem is to the world's leading religions. If there is a single place in American history that defines the people of this land, it is Gettysburg. Because of this, Pennsylvanians are the special trustees of this sacred ground and its environs.

Gettysburg is an educational center and a living historical site that has retained an incongruous quaintness in spite of the momentous struggle that took place in those gentle hills. It is not a fun place -- in the manner of an amusement park or mega-mall -- nor is it meant to be.

And if you study a little before going there, as most folks do, you may experience a palpable sadness as you walk the streets and visit the memorabilia shops.

This is as it should be.

Many Americans are generally familiar with the significance of Gettysburg. For three hot days at the beginning of July 1863, Union and Confederate troops joined in a titanic battle that foreshadowed the outcome of the Civil War. Each side earnestly believed it was morally right -- that it had the blessing of a righteous god.

When it was over, total casualties were around 50,000. The fields, streets and homes of Gettysburg were soaked with blood and filled with the dead and wounded. And the beginning of the next chapter in American history was just off in the distance.

Here is what **President Lincoln** said about this place on **Nov. 19, 1863**, in the **Gettysburg Address**:

"We have come to dedicate a portion of it as a final resting place for those who died here that the nation might live. This we may, in all propriety do. But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead who struggled here have hallowed it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."

Ponder those words for a moment; then decide if this is the right place for a casino.

Consider if this is the right place for the trivial and festive wagering of dollars where so many wagered their lives for our future. Should anything be countenanced near this place that will distract or cause us to forget, even for a moment?

We have lost our way before in the name of financial profit. In the early 1970s, a group of private investors built a 307-foot steel observation tower that soared above the battlefield, creating a "Star Wars meets the sacred war dead" effect. After nearly 20 years of that disgrace, the tower was blown-up.

A demolition expert from Maryland offered to remove it free of charge in 2000, as long as the tower came down on that anniversary of the especially bloody Pickett's charge. The razing was one step toward recreating the same views of the battlefield that the troops witnessed in 1863.

Considering the casino in light of that ill-fated observation tower brings the entire controversy into focus and is reminiscent of the biblical tower of Babylon. Then, Nimrod directed his people

