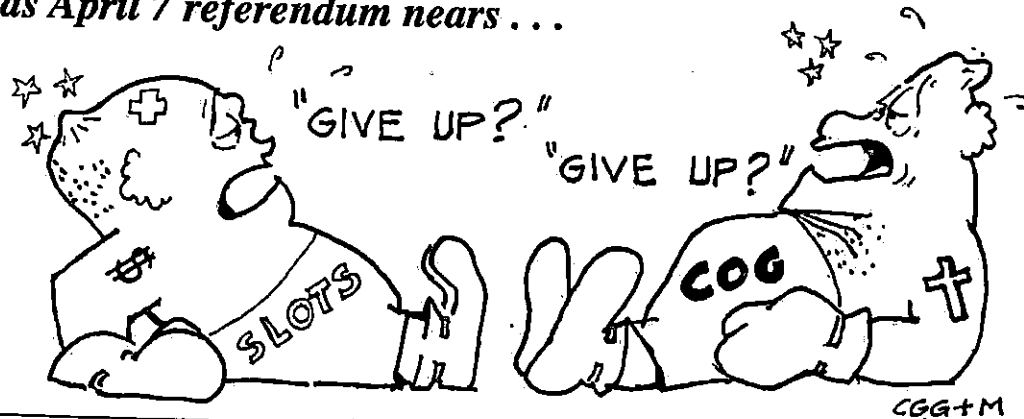


SLOTS and COG duke it out as April 7 referendum nears . . .



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Petition posse heads out on SLOTS signature roundup

By FENNY ROUND
DENVER
Have pen, will travel.
A whole posse of hired pens is out circulating petitions to put SLOTS' proposal to bring gambling to Idaho Springs on the

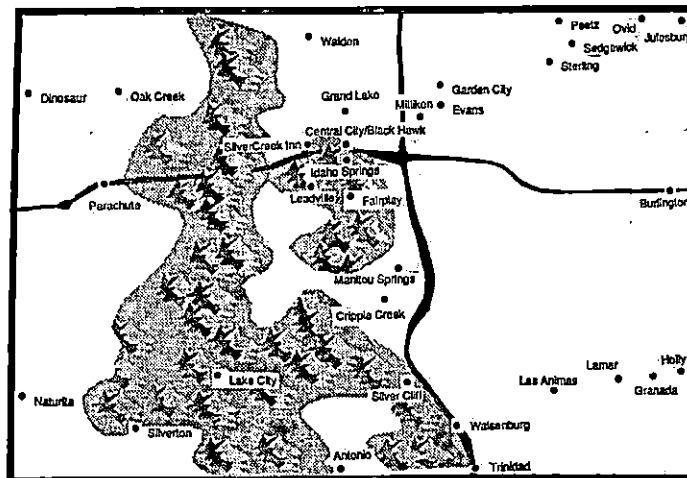
appeared to be a college student, and a reporter from *The Courant*.
Since you must be registered to vote in Colorado in order to circulate an official petition, Albright ascertained that the

bagging \$12 an hour, he said. That's an average of 30 signatures an hour. In order to rope in that many names, Albright said, it's important to chase down potential signers in busy locations, such as the Denver

allowed to vote. This means that Idaho Springs business owners who live outside of town have no chance to be heard except in a statewide election, he said.

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This map, which shows all the towns in Colorado which would have gambling if all the initiatives pass, does not include Indian reservations (all of which can legally have gambling now), the 16 airports that would get gambling (including Stapleton) or the six counties that would be completely opened to the activity. These counties are: Hinsdale, Huerfano, Lake, Las Animas, Logan, Prowers and Sedgewick. In addition, fraternal, charitable and veterans' organizations all over the state would have legalized gambling.



Colorado voters could face 7 gambling initiatives in fall

DENVER
If petition drives are successful, Colorado voters could be asked to decide seven gambling initiatives next fall in the General Election.
The following gambling proposals may be placed on the state ballot in November.

- Limited Gaming I -- The Colorado WIN committee is collecting petition signatures for its amendment, which would legalize gambling in Manitou Springs, Fairplay and 16 airports statewide, including Stapleton International Airport. Voters in Manitou Springs and Fairplay have voted against the amendment. The petition deadline is July 27.
- Limited Gaming II -- Historic Rural

Communities for Limited Gambling is collecting petitions to legalize gambling in the communities of Dinosaur, Grand Lake, Lake City, Leadville, Naturita, Oak Creek, Silver Cliff, Silverton, Trinidad, Walden and Walsenburg and in Hinsdale, Huerfano and Las Animas Counties.
The amendment, which requires local approval, would also legalize baccarat, the big wheel, craps and roulette.
The petition deadline is June 5.

- Limited Gaming III -- The Gateway Group, whose petition is currently tied up in court, would require local approval if passed to legalize gambling in Antonito, Burlington, Evans, Lamar, Las Animas, Sterling, Granada, Garden City, Holly, Julesburg, Milliken, Ovid, Peetz,

Sedgewick and in Logan, Prowers and Sedgewick Counties.
The amendment would legalize the big wheel and authorize the Gaming Commission to raise the \$5 betting limit.
The petition deadline is Aug. 3.

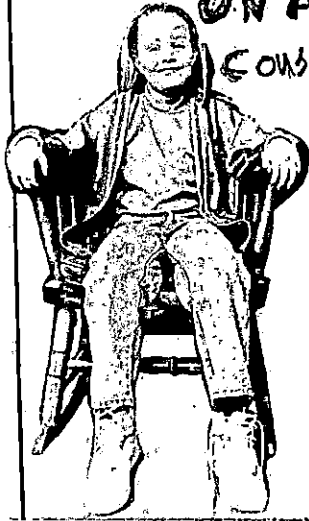
- Limited Gaming IV -- The Stop Letting Others Take our tourists (SLOTS) amendment would legalize gambling without local approval in Idaho Springs.
The Gaming Commission would be authorized to raise the \$5 limit.
The proposal is facing a legal challenge from backers of the first two limited gaming proposals.
The petition deadline is Aug. 3.
- Limited Gaming V -- This amendment, which is being challenged in court,

would legalize gambling in Parachute and require a moratorium on gambling for all other towns until the year 2000.
For the moratorium to be in effect, it would require more votes than the other amendment proposals.
The petition deadline is Aug. 3.

- Limited Gaming VI -- This would legalize gambling at the SilverCreek Inn near Granby and authorize the Gaming Commission to add other games and raise the \$5 betting limit.
The petition deadline is Aug. 3.
- Fraternal, Charitable Organizations -- A seventh proposal may be added that would legalize video poker in charitable, fraternal and veterans' organizations. Play would be limited to members and "guests."

Dear Readers,
 Hi! Here's a little note
 to all you readers.

Please vote NO
 ON April 7
 because I can't!



sincerely
 Laura Anne
 Wheelock
 age eight
 3rd grade

Kellogg Committee forum on gambling is set tonight

IDAHO SPRINGS. A forum on the gambling question, sponsored by a "neutral" community group, is scheduled for 7 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) in the Tower Theatre at Clear Creek High School.

The public is encouraged to attend. Host is the Idaho Springs Kellogg Community Activation Task Force, which has intentionally taken no stance either for or against the proposal to allow gambling here.

Moderator of the debate will be Frank Ford of the University of Colorado at Denver.

The format calls for a panel discussion from 7 to 7:30 p.m., with equal time afforded to members of Stop Letting Others Take our Tourists, the political action committee formed to put the gambling question on the Colorado ballot in November, and Citizens Opposed to Gambling in Idaho Springs, the PAC fighting the initiative.

The half hour from 7:30 to 8 p.m. has been set aside for questions from representatives of the local news media.

After a 10-minute break, the panel members will take questions from the audience, and from 9 to 9:10 p.m. there will be five-minute summations by the SLOTS and COG representatives. Sue Ann Kopmeyer, one of the Kellogg committee members, said.

The forum will not be simulcast over the local community access channel, since the theatre has not yet been equipped with the necessary cable and equipment.

The discussion will, however, be videotaped, and the tape will be broadcast at several later dates over the local cable system.

For further information, call Kopmeyer at 567-4822, Mary Jane Loevitz at 567-4100, or Steve Ehlers, KCAT chairman, at 567-9222.—CARY STIFF

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Gambling? Yes, 235; No, 602

SLOTS vows to carry its fight to state voters

By PENNY ROUND

IDAHO SPRINGS. Voters in Idaho Springs turned out in unusually large numbers Tuesday to deliver a resounding "NO" to a proposal that would turn the town into a gambling mecca.

A whopping 70 percent of the town's 1,196 registered voters cast their ballots in the single-issue election, with 602 voting against gambling, 235 voting for it.

But shortly after the final tallies were announced by Town Clerk Phyllis Mehrez, the pro-gambling group, SLOTS, vowed to press on with its drive to put the question before state voters in November.

"Spirits were high in the COG (Citizens

(Stop Letting Others Take Our tourists) headquarters.

SLOTS attorney Joe Stern flatly refused to comment to *The Courant* about the election or SLOTS' future plans.

"Anything we have to say, you can read about in the *Mountain Messenger*" Friday, he said.

Another source, however, provided *The Courant* with a SLOTS press release. Expressing disappointment in the results of the election, the news release blamed SLOTS opponents and the news media for the walloping defeat.

"Many of the people who voted no were grossly misinformed by our opponents and the news media," said the SLOTS state-



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Top court voids SLOTS gaming plan

4-3 vote means gambling won't come to Idaho Springs -- this time

By SUE LATHROP

DENVER
Idaho Springs is not likely to become a gambling town for at least two years because of a Colorado Supreme Court decision handed down Tuesday.

The 4-3 decision has effectively ended the amendment pushed by SLOTS (Stop Letting Others Take our tourists) because it requires the amendment to be taken back through the legislative review process to the Title Setting Board -- a board which will not meet again for a year and a half.

According to Citizens Opposed to Gambling lawyer Britt Clayton, the only option still open to SLOTS for the present is to ask the Supreme Court to rehear the case and reverse its own decision.

SLOTS lawyer Joe Stern said the gam-

other parts of the state, argued that the amendment had been changed significantly enough after the public hearing to require a second hearing before the Title Setting Board could affix the title, ballot title and submission clause, and summary.

The Court agreed with both arguments. Klodzinski, of Trinidad, earlier told *The Clear Creek Courant* he felt the SLOTS amendment would hurt the chances of the passage of other amendments because it paves the way for "full-blown" gambling throughout the state.

He heads Historic Rural Communities, which is trying to get gambling for 14 towns.

Samer is a director of the group attempting to get gambling in Manitou Springs, Fairplay and the state's airports.

