



Casino revenues fall in Miss. in Sept.

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Casino revenue on the Mississippi Gulf Coast showed some improvement in September, but the state's gamblers lost less along the Mississippi River, dragging down overall receipts.

Statewide casino revenue fell 4.3 percent from September 2011, to \$177.9 million, according to Mississippi Department of Revenue figures.

The 17 river casinos from Tunica to Natchez won \$91.2 million, down 10 percent from the \$101.6 million they won in September of last

year. In September, the 12 coastal casinos won a total of \$86.7 million from gamblers, up 2.8 percent from the \$84.3 million they won in September 2011. The increase came despite a prediction by one Louisiana that the opening of a new gambling hall in Baton Rouge would cut Mississippi coast numbers.

Revenue for the coastal casinos is slightly down over the last 12 months, while despite the recovery from 2011's flood, revenue at the river casinos is up just more

than 1 percent. Statewide, revenue over the last 12 months is up 0.33 percent.

Autumn is traditionally one of the weakest periods for Mississippi gambling halls, and some are adjusting by trimming the number of employees.

Earlier, the Fitz Casino & Hotel Tunica laid off an unspecified number of employees, citing a soft economy, seasonal fluctuations and increased competition. Webster Franklin, CEO of the Tunica Convention & Visitors Bureau, said more than 3,500

workers have been laid off from the county's nine casinos since 2007. He said the gambling halls were walloped by the recession, increasing competition from nearby states and the 2011 Mississippi River Flood.

"It's just been kind of a triple whammy on us," Franklin said. Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville Casino & Restaurant Biloxi laid off about 50 full-time and 150 part-time workers at the beginning of Sept., saying it needed to slim down at the end of the summer tourist season.

Navajo Nation president expected to sign tax bill

FARMINGTON, N.M. (AP) — Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly is expected to sign a bill this week that would increase the tribe's sales tax by 1 percent.

The Navajo Nation Council passed the bill last week. Money from the increase would go toward education and energy development.

The increase from 4 percent to 5 percent would begin in January.

Shelly spokesman Erny Zah says the sales tax should help decrease the tribe's dependency on federal funding.

Zah says the tribe receives more than 75 percent of its funding from the federal government.

Activist Russell Means dies at 72

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Russell Means spent a lifetime as a modern American Indian warrior. He railed against broken treaties, fought for the return of stolen land and even took up arms against the federal government.

A onetime leader of the American Indian Movement, he called national attention to the plight of impoverished tribes and often lamented the waning of Indian culture. After leaving the movement in the 1980s, the handsome, braided activist was still a cultural presence, appearing in several movies.

Means, who died Monday from throat cancer at age 72, helped lead the 1973 uprising at Wounded Knee — a bloody confrontation that raised America's awareness about the struggles of Indians and gave rise to a wider protest movement that lasted for the rest of the decade.

Before AIM, there were few national advocates for American Indians. Means was one of the first to emerge. He sought to restore Indians' pride in their culture and to challenge a government that had paid little attention to tribes in generations. He was also one of the first to urge sports teams to do away with Indian names and mascots.

"No one except Hollywood stars and very rich Texans wore Indian jewelry," Means said, recalling the early days of the movement. And there were dozens, if not hundreds, of athletic teams "that in essence were insulting us, from grade schools to college. That's all changed."

AIM was founded in the late 1960s to demand that the government honor its treaties with American Indian tribes. The movement eventually faded away, Means said, as Native Americans became more self-aware and self-determined.

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American Indian activists before AIM, but it became the "radical media gorilla," said Paul DeMain, editor of News from Indian Country, a national newspaper focused on tribal affairs.

"If someone needed help, you called on the American Indian Movement, and they showed up and caused all kind of ruckus and looked beautiful on a 20-second clip on TV that night," DeMain said.

Means and AIM co-founder Dennis Banks were charged in 1974 for their role in the Wounded Knee uprising in which hundreds of protesters occupied the town on the site of the 1890 Indian massacre. Protesters and federal authorities were locked in a standoff for 71 days and frequently exchanged gunfire. Before it was over, two tribal members were killed and a federal agent seriously wounded.

After a trial that lasted several months, a judge threw out the charges on grounds

of government misconduct.

Other protests led by Means included an American Indian prayer vigil on top of Mount Rushmore and the seizure of a replica of the Mayflower on Thanksgiving Day in Plymouth, Mass.

"The friendship between Russell and I goes back almost 50 years," Banks said late Monday night. "I lost a great friend. But native people lost one of the greatest warriors of modern-day times. Truly, he was a great visionary. He was controversial, yes. But he brought issues to the front page."

But Means' constant quest for the spotlight raised doubts about his motives. Critics who included many fellow tribe members said his main interest was building his own notoriety.

Trials set to begin for Alaska Native fishermen

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Some call it a protest by Alaska Native subsistence fishermen, but that's not the way it looks to Harry David and a couple dozen others charged with illegally fishing for king salmon in waters severely restricted by the state because of dismal runs of the prized fish.

"We've been taught since we were growing up to gather food from the land for winter," said David, a Yup'ik Es-

kimo from the western Alaska village of Tuntutuliak. David, 48, is heading for trial in Bethel northeast of his village and is contesting non-criminal charge of using the wrong-size net in June at the Kuskokwim River.

The trials starting this week reflect a clash between ancient traditional practices and modern government restrictions. Supporters say Alaska Natives should have a more of say in managing their fish-

ing grounds and that it's their inherent right to fish.

State and federal officials say Native input is important, but ultimately, ensuring sustainability for future runs is always the overriding priority. The poor king runs this year led to federal disaster declarations for the Yukon-Kuskokwim area as well as Cook Inlet.

Enough fish need to escape to spawn, and lower runs in recent years have

forced smaller allowances that subsistence fishermen aren't used to, said John Linderman, a biologist with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

In the Kuskokwim this year, restrictions were the tightest ever implemented, shutting down most of the entire run, which occurs in June through early July. Later runs of other salmon species were plentiful.

In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. Ashlynn Sohappy, Respondent. Case No. JV176-08/JV177-08. TO: Ashlynn Sohappy:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Review Hearing has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for 5th day of December, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m., at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. Antonia Wahsise / Jaime Feldman, Respondent; Case No. DO76-01/JV84-03/JV85-03. TO: JAIME FELDMAN:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CTWS has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal

Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for 28th day of NOVEMBER 2012 @ 11:00 am, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Floyd S. Gibson, Petitioner, vs. Carolyn Gibson, Respondent; Case No. DO108-12. TO: Floyd S. Gibson/Carolyn Gibson:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 7th day of November, 2012 @ 10:00 am, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

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Tribal jobs

See Amelia Tewee in the personnel department to submit an application, or call 541-553-3262. View full descriptions and apply online at www.ctws.org.

Children's Protective Services Family Intake Coordinator.

Responsible for Child Abuse Reports and Social Investigation. Provide in Home Services to At Risk families. Salary Range \$24,037. Yr. To \$30,000. Yr. Ron Hager 553-3209. Closes 11/2.

Wildlife Biologist.

Determine the ecological impact of various land use activities on wildlife resources for the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. Perform wildlife surveys including endangered species affected by proposed timber sales and other environmental impacts. Salary Range \$35,000. Yr. To \$45,000. Yr. annually depending on experience. Doug Calvin 553-2001. Open Until Filled.

Range & Ag. Heavy Equipment Mechanic/Operator.

Maintain equipment and operate machinery associated with the Restoration

Program activities in the Department of Range and Agriculture. High School diploma or equivalent. Salary Range DOE. Jason Smith 553-2011. Open Until Filled.

Natural Resources Forestry Staff Support Assistant.

Under the general supervision of the Tribal Forest Manager, the Staff Support Assistant is responsible for Property Management, Procurement, Personnel, and Administrative duties. Salary Range DOE. Orvie Danzuka 553-8216. Closes 11/2.

Police Officer.

High School Diploma or equivalent. Must pass pre-employment test; basic math, spelling, reading, comprehension and writing. Salary Range \$29,675. Yr. To \$37,689. Yr. Lt. John Webb 553-2037. Open Until Filled.

Corrections Officers.

High School Diploma or equivalent. Must pass pre-employment test: basic math, spelling, reading, comprehension and writing. Salary Range \$25,235. Yr. To \$36,054. Yr. Lt. John Webb 553-3272. Open Until Filled.

Indian Head Casino Jobs

You can reach the casino Human Resources Dept. at 541-460-7714. These positions are available:

Coffee stations attendant, part time.

Contact: Esten Culpus or Gus Conner at 541-460-7777 Ext. 7754/7726.

Responsible for stocking and brewing coffee on the main casino floor stations, employee café, and back storage area. Making sure soda machine and coffee stations are up kept and presentable to guests. Replenish soda machines and ice bin

when necessary. In between time of cleaning and stocking stations, deliver coffee, soda, cocoa, and water to guests on casino floor. Other duties as assigned. Wage: \$8.80 High School Diploma or GED. Food Handlers Card and OLCC Card required. At least 2 years customer service experience preferred. Upbeat and positive attitude. Team player. Good communication skills, to relay specials and promotions to casino floor guests. Must complete and pass the OSP Background Investigation packet.