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Gambling Action Alert



High-grossing gaming joint isn't what you'd expect

Tom Kacich describes a video gambling parlor in Champaign inside a small, nondescript strip mall storefront. The business last month recorded more than a million dollars in revenue, from **five video gaming terminals that each grossed an average of about \$210,000, or about \$375 for each hour.**

... Gurdine Burks of Champaign said **she plays "every day" at Lacey's, sometimes for as long as eight to nine hours after her shift** at Plastic Container Corp. in Urbana. [Read more:](#)

Is gambling being spread too far?

A man from Las Vegas describes visiting his father in Illinois and watching his dad and people he knew lose money in the video gambling machines. He writes:

Consider that Las Vegas has more than 100,000 problem gamblers and 100 Gamblers Anonymous chapters that meet every week. And we are the gold standard when it comes to gambling and addiction. Can other cities handle that? [Read more:](#)

THE GREAT DIVIDE - Gaming the Poor

The closer casinos come to where people live, the more likely people are to gamble at one. , , , In America's increasingly two-tier economy, casino industry leaders realized that **they didn't have to cater exclusively to well-heeled consumers in order to rake in profits.** [Read more:](#)

Gambling Closes Door to Jobs Requiring Security Clearances

An administrative judge denied a security clearance, citing the Department of Defense's guidelines for determining eligibility for access to classified information: "**Compulsive gambling is a concern**

as it may lead to financial crimes including espionage." [Read more:](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. Read the above articles and share with your State Legislators and local officials.
2. Write a Letter to the Editor about the problems of gambling.
3. Share this Alert with your faith community and ask them to PRAY.
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