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Video Lottery: South Dakota's Stealth Addiction...for People and Government

Can we replace the revenue and end a dangerous practice?

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SOUTH DAKOTA—Dan Brendtro, a Sioux Falls lawyer, is heading up Forward South Dakota (www.forwardsouthdakota.org), the fourth campaign to end video lottery in South Dakota. The measure will be Initiated Measure 7 on the November 7 ballot.

Voters have considered the matter three times previously in 1992, 1994 and 2000. Brendtro believes this year will be different because his organization intends to show that the revenue from video lottery can be replaced without the budget chaos video lottery proponents say a repeal would bring.

South Dakota became the first state to legalize video lottery in 1989. Since then, Louisiana, Montana, New York, Oregon, and West Virginia have followed suit.

According to the South Dakota Lot-

tery website, there are 8,300 terminals in 1,400 establishments across the state. Video machines feature variations of poker, keno, blackjack and bingo games of quarters and nickels. The bet limit is \$2 a pop with a top prize of \$1,000.

The state of South Dakota receives 50% of the 2005 \$220 million video lottery income.

South Dakota has budgeted \$244,000 for the next year for the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse to pay for treatment services for individuals impacted by compulsive gambling

A 2005 report on gambling addiction done by Mountain Plains Research of Dillon, MT indicated that only 54.6% of those addicts examined had stayed away from gambling 12 months after treatment.

Gambling addiction causes lost productivity in the economy because of missed days (an average of 3 days per



month according to the Mountain Plains study), being late, inattention and distraction. Arrest/conviction was the most common reason given for entering treatment at 16.2%.

When combined with other legal reasons, this percentage rose to 29.7%. Other reasons were an ultimatum from a spouse (10.6%) or an ultimatum from an employer (4.6%). Most (37.7%) reported incomes between \$10,000 and \$30,000. The percentage of gambling addicts being treated for gambling machines was 92.3%. Rea-

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Survivor of a Chemical Abortion Tells Her Miraculous Story in Rapid City

Woman was subjected to saline abortion in mother's womb, survived with a bold message of life

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RAPID CITY, SD—Gianna Jessen is an abortion survivor. In 1977 she was born alive during a saline abortion that was meant to take her life. Since the age of 17 Gianna has traveled across the US and England telling her story and educating the public with the truth about abortion.

Dakota Voice conducted an interview with Gianna on September 19th preceding her public appearance in Rapid City, SD on Friday, September 22nd, 2006.

When asked about her current work, Gianna told *Dakota Voice*, "I will be doing a lot of fund raiser banquets this fall for Crisis Pregnancy Centers. I also do a lot of youth work. I try to encourage young people to stand up for what is right, to be good citizens and have great patriotism, but also to not merely be a Christian in your feelings, but also in your mind. I educate them to converse well and state their case."

Gianna told *Dakota Voice* that she wants our readers and everyone who is standing for the truth, "Just... to not give up, but to not serve 'the cause'; you'll burn out. We need to stand up and we need to be vocal. Ultimately the battle is not ours as Christians. If we take it on as solely ours, we can't continue that way, because you cannot fight the spirit of murder yourself. It's important for the movement (as individuals) to really be careful with their vocabulary, to be careful when you're dealing with people who are not Christians, and in dealing with people who are opposing you. Be careful in how you refer to them. I would really like to see us treat people with truth, but also kindness. They are going to remember their encounters with us. It doesn't matter what we're saying, if we're saying it in a disrespectful way, or in an unintelligent way."

Gianna began the evening presentation with her powerful singing of "It is Well With My Soul", and "Mary Magdalene"... accompanied by musician Michael Logen.



Following the music, Gianna boldly addressed the audience of the well attended event, "There are people who wish that there was no such thing as Christianity and worship of the living God, and if all that could just go away, in their misguided view, that's freedom, that life without God is freedom. But Ladies and

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