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FIREKEEPERS CASINO TO HOLD CONSTRUCTION JOB FAIR

On March 4, 2008, the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians will host a Construction Job Fair for local area residents that are interested in working on the construction of the FireKeepers Casino, which will be built in Emmett Township near Battle Creek, Michigan.

The Construction Job Fair will be held at the Holiday Inn located at 12812 Harper Village Drive in Battle Creek, and will run from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. The FireKeepers Casino project is projected to create 700 construction jobs, 1,224 casino jobs and thousands of "spin off" jobs for the region. When completed, the 230,000 square foot FireKeepers Casino will offer 2,500 slot machines, 90 table games and 20 poker tables. Construction is expected to begin in spring, 2008.

Clark Construction Company will act as construction manager for the casino project. The construction company is in search of workers such as local general laborers and skilled tradespersons, including carpenters, operators, ironworkers, masons, electricians, and plumbers. "We are eager to welcome tradespersons with a wide variety of skills from the local community to meet with our team members and will work together to make FireKeepers Casino a long-awaited reality," said Clark Construction's Duane Wixson in a press release issued by the Tribe.

According to Tribal Chairperson Laura Spurr of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians, "FireKeepers Casino will be an economic boost for the region." Spurr also stated, "We're excited about the opportunity to offer hundreds of much needed jobs in the local area during the construction phase."

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MGM GRAND DETROIT CASINO: LORENZO CREIGHTON NAMED PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Effective March 3, 2008 Lorenzo Creighton will become president and chief operating officer of MGM Grand Detroit Casino, according to a press release issued by MGM MIRAGE. Mr. Creighton will replace George Boyer, who will remain with MGM MIRAGE and serve as a Senior Executive in MGM MIRAGE Development, a subsidiary of the company.

In the press release announcing Mr. Creighton's promotion, as well as two other executive promotions, Terry Lanni, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of MGM MIRAGE said "[a]s we continue to build this company, we are fortunate to be able to rely on an unparalleled team of senior managers within our own executive ranks. Each of these promotions is well-deserved."

Since 2005, Mr. Creighton was the president and chief operating officer of New York-New York Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. In addition, Mr. Creighton has served as an attorney, judge and gaming industry regulator. Prior to joining MGM MIRAGE, Mr. Creighton served as the President of the Flamingo Hilton in Las Vegas. In his new position, Mr. Creighton will report to MGM MIRAGE President and COO, Jim Murren.

LEADERS CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE ABOUT COBO CENTER PLANS

On Friday, February 22, 2008, key city and county officials met in Detroit to discuss a possible agreement on expanding Cobo Center. The 90-minute meeting was chaired by Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm and included Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Macomb County board Chairman William Crouchman.

Though the meeting did not result in an agreement, Gov. Granholm told *The Detroit Free Press*, "[i]t was a good meeting." Oakland

County Executive Patterson, a vocal critic of a recent Cobo expansion plan announced by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, said "[w]e all had our gripes. It's all a matter of how we're going to raise the money. There were no agreements on legislation or on anything. We're still talking about different ways to skin the cat."

Mayor Kilpatrick added, "A lot of ideas were put on the table. There's still a lot left to do in the agreement. But one thing that happened today that I think was good, is that we all agreed to work together and continue the conversation and see if we can get this done."

Mr. Ficano, who has strongly advocated the need for the expansion for several years, commented on the meeting, "this is probably one of the most positive meetings I've been in, and the people of Michigan deserve that."

Cobo Center is home to the North American International Auto Show which currently brings the city of Detroit an estimated \$470 million annually. Given the growth of the Auto Show over the years, the show's organizers have made it clear that expanded facilities are definitely needed.

FIREKEEPERS CASINO: R. BRUCE MCKEE HIRED AS GENERAL MANAGER

According to a February 25, 2008 press release, Full House Resorts and Gaming Entertainment Michigan, LLC have announced that they have hired R. Bruce McKee to be the General Manager of FireKeepers Casino which is being built near Battle Creek, Michigan.

McKee has spent the past seven years as President of Gaming Entertainment Delaware where he also acted as general manager of Harrington Raceway and Casino located in Harrington, Delaware. McKee has also worked a variety of different positions at Trump Hotels and Casino Resorts, Inc. including General Manager of Trump's Kansas City and Indiana properties, Chief Operating Officer of Trump Castle and Trump Taj

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Mahal casinos and Chief Financial Officer of Trump Hotels and Casino.

“With the success he brought to Harrington Raceway and Casino in Delaware, it was an easy decision to bring Bruce on Board,” said Full House Chief Executive Officer Andre Hilliou.

LOTTERY COMMISSIONER FACES SENATE TOURISM COMMITTEE

Governor Granholm appointed Scott Bowman as the new Lottery Commissioner on January 15, 2008. Under the Michigan Constitution, this appointment takes effect unless the Michigan Senate rejects the appointment within 60 days. On Tuesday, the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee held a confirmation hearing and asked Mr. Bowen a number of questions. Mr. Bowen stressed to the committee that his focus as Lottery Commissioner will be on raising as much money for education as he can.

Although the Committee did not take any vote on Mr. Bowen’s appointment, it is expected to become official in mid-March. Mr. Bowen previously served as the state employer, and as a district court judge. In 2006 he ran, in the primary, for the Democratic nomination for Attorney General.

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