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THOROUGHBRED HORSERACING MEET IN WAYNE COUNTY APPROVED

Yesterday, Racing Commissioner Christine C. White announced that she has approved the 2008 race date application submitted by Jerry Campbell and Post It Stables, Inc. for thoroughbred racing in Wayne County. The order is signed with a contingency clause that the track application progresses through due process and is approved.

Commissioner White said, "I am very excited to give an opportunity to bring thoroughbreds back to Detroit. Mr. Campbell has been an asset to Michigan's thoroughbred industry for years and today is no different."

Although the track application has not yet been approved, the Office of Racing Commissioner will work with Mr. Campbell and the necessary agencies to proceed with the application process.

Live racing has been approved for a total of 63 days with the first race to be held on Friday, July 18. The live season will run Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until November 2, 2007

The sole race date application for Great Lakes Downs in Muskegon was withdrawn during the process due to business complications. After 10 years as a thoroughbred track, Great Lakes Downs will hold its last live race on November 6.

In addition to the thoroughbred meet, Commissioner White also signed orders detailing the live race dates for the four standardbred harness race tracks (Hazel Park, Jackson, Northville Downs and Corporation and Sports Creek) as well as the mixed breed track (Mount Pleasant). See story below.

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MICHIGAN RACING COMMISSIONER APPROVES RACE DATES

Yesterday, Racing Commissioner Christine C. White signed orders authorizing the 2008 live and simulcast horse racing calendar for Michigan's four pari-mutuel harness race tracks, and for Michigan's only mixed breed track.

The 2008 live harness race schedule calls for a total of 286 days of standardbred horse racing at the four locations and involves five corporations.

Northville Downs – Total of 53 days from January 4 to April 5

Sports Creek Raceway – Total of 69 days from January 4 to May 4 and November 28 to December 31

Hazel Park Raceway – Total of 92 days from April 18 to September 27

Jackson Harness Raceway – Total of 31 days from May 9 to July 19

Northville Racing Corporation – Total of 41 days from October 3 to December 13

The Commissioner also approved race dates for Mount Pleasant Meadows, Michigan's mixed breed track.

The 2008 live mixed breed schedule calls for 57 days of racing that includes Quarter Horse, Thoroughbred, Arabian, Appaloosa and American Paint Horse. The races will begin on May 3 and run on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until September 28.

Along with live racing, Michigan's pari-mutuel racetracks will be open for full-card simulcast wagering throughout the year giving patrons the opportunity to wager on broadcast races from tracks across North America and other continents. For additional information on Michigan's 2008 horse racing schedule and the State's horse racing industry, visit the Office of Racing Commissioner's website at: www.michigan.gov/horseracing.

EMPLOYEES AT MOTORCITY CASINO AND MGM GRAND DETROIT CASINO RATIFY LABOR DEAL; NEGOTIATIONS ONGOING WITH GREEKTOWN CASINO

On Monday, October 29, workers at the MGM Grand Detroit Casino ratified a new four year labor agreement, which, according to a press release

by the United Auto Workers, includes a 4% pay increase in each year of the contract, enhanced 401(k) contributions, and a \$1,000 worker bonus. The MGM Grand Detroit Casino deal passed with 53% of approximately 2,900 covered workers voting in favor of the agreement.

The ratification of the MGM Grand contract came on the heels of workers at MotorCity Casino ratifying their respective labor agreement last week. Similar in terms to that of the MGM Grand agreement, the MotorCity deal was passed with 73% of the approximately 2,000 covered workers voting in favor of the contract. In both instances, new workers hired to work at the respective permanent facilities will have the right to union representation and be covered by the terms of the new agreements.

Negotiations are ongoing in an effort to reach a labor deal with the unionized employees at Greektown Casino.

OHIO AND ILLINOIS LOOK AT POTENTIAL GAMING EXPANSION

The organization, MyOhioNow.com, LLC, has launched a campaign to bring a \$600 million casino resort to Clinton County, Ohio. The organization hopes to place the issue of casino gaming on the November 2008 state-wide ballot in the form of an initiated petition that would amend the Ohio state constitution. In its current proposed form, the voter referendum would "Authoriz[e] no more than one privately-owned casino to be operated in the State of Ohio with gross casino receipts taxes to be distributed among all 88 county governments in Ohio."

MyOhioNow.com claims that it has more than 2,500 signatures petitioning Ohio Attorney General Marc Dann to certify the ballot language, and that a petition requesting this action from the Attorney General will be filed today, according to *The Cincinnati Enquirer*. If approved, MyOhioNow.com will begin a petition drive to collect the more than 400,000 signatures needed to get the issue on the state-wide ballot.

Ohio voters have defeated previous state-wide gaming expansion proposals in 1990, 1996 and 2006.

In addition to the developments in Ohio, Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan has announced that he is looking into gaming expansion as a possible way to pay for a state capital projects. The Speaker has proposed a fully revamped, independent Gaming

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Board to regulate what could be a significant expansion of casino gambling and slots in Illinois. According to *The Chicago Tribune*, the Illinois House of Representatives is looking at a plan which will include a land-based casino in Chicago, a new riverboat license, more gambling positions on the state's nine existing floating casinos and slot machines at horse-racing tracks. A spokesperson for Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich has stated that these plans are only in the preliminary stages and have not yet been endorsed by the Mayor of Chicago, but the Mayor will consider Madigan's proposal when it has been fully completed.

MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD NOVEMBER MEETING

On November 19 at 10:00 a.m., the Michigan Gaming Control Board will hold its regular monthly public meeting. The meeting will be held at the Board's Detroit office, located at Cadillac Place, 3062 West Grand Blvd., Suite L-700, Detroit.