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CULINARY DROPS MGM SUIT

The Culinary Union dropped its lawsuit against MGM Resorts in which it accused the company of failing to protect Las Vegas employees from COVID-19, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported.

The union said it dropped the suit because an expedited arbitration is scheduled to begin with MGM this week and is the first step toward taking steps necessary to ensure workers and their families are protected.

The union is still pursuing a similar suit against Caesars.

JUNE REVPAR DOWN, BUT IMPROVES

US hotel RevPAR dropped 60.9 percent in June, though that was an improvement on May's 71 percent decline, according to Smith Travel Research.

RevPAR was down 69.9 percent in the second quarter.

US, CANADA OPENINGS: MOHEGAN

- MOHEGAN GAMING. Ontario casinos are allowed to reopen Friday, but Casino Niagara and Fallsview have opted to stay closed as they review reopening requirements, WBEN-TV reported.

INTERNATIONAL OPENINGS: JAPAN, SINGAPORE, RNK

- JAPAN and SINGAPORE. Off-track betting facilities continue to reopen.

The Japanese Racing Authority will open nine facilities this weekend, following the reopening of 23 facilities earlier this month.

Singapore Pools' Livewire venues reopened Monday, limiting 50 people per venue.

- RANK will open 44 Grosvenor locations in the UK on August 1 with safety precautions and social distancing, BusinessLive reported.

Screens will be installed between machines and at table games.

The company began a phased reopening of Mecca Bingo venues on July 4.

STEPS BACK: CA

- CALIFORNIA. Tribal casino Blue Lake in northern California voluntarily closed after opening July 12 in order to adhere with the closure of the state's cardrooms, indoor restaurants, theaters and museums. Other tribal casinos remain open.

US: IA, LV

- IOWA. Riverside Casino is now requiring customers to wear facemasks.

Customers that enter the casino without a mask will be given one.

- LAS VEGAS. Reopening of casinos has helped LV's jobless rate fall to 18 percent from 28.8 percent in May. However, it remains well below February's 3.9 percent before casinos were ordered closed.

INTERNATIONAL: JAPAN, MACAU

- JAPAN's government has no legal obligation to meet the July 26 deadline to issue a casino resort basic plan, the Sankei Shinbun reported.

The delay is due to a need to compile new policies regarding COVID-19 and policies on contact between casinos and public officials.

- MACAU. There has been little improvement in VIP gaming since Guangdong eased travel restrictions, according to Kenneth Fong of Credit Suisse.

The current rules on social distancing and limited casino capacity are constraints to recovery, he added.

VIP recovery will depend on the resumption of visa travel from Mainland China.

Volumes could return to 20 percent of normal volumes in a few months and could return to as much as 50 percent if visas are reinstated, he said.

COMPANIES: ASSURE-BET

- ASSURE-BET, which is intended to identify and deploy best practices to help keep gamblers and gaming employees safe from viruses, was launched by gaming veterans Perry Stasi and David Schugar.

Assure-Bet has been scientifically evaluating virus-killing and sanitizing devices, software programs and apps for employee safety.

“We consider several factors we feel will be important to operators, such as bio-integrity effectiveness, operational efficiencies, and mitigation of liability, and we will be announcing the endorsement of several products in the very near future,” Schugar said.

DOING GOOD: GARY PLATT

- GARY PLATT has teamed up with up with Derek Grant “D.G.” Smalling, a renowned artist of the Choctaw Nation, and created the Spread Love mask.

Portions of the sales will be donated to Allied Arts Central Oklahoma Arts Relief Fund for COVID-19.

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