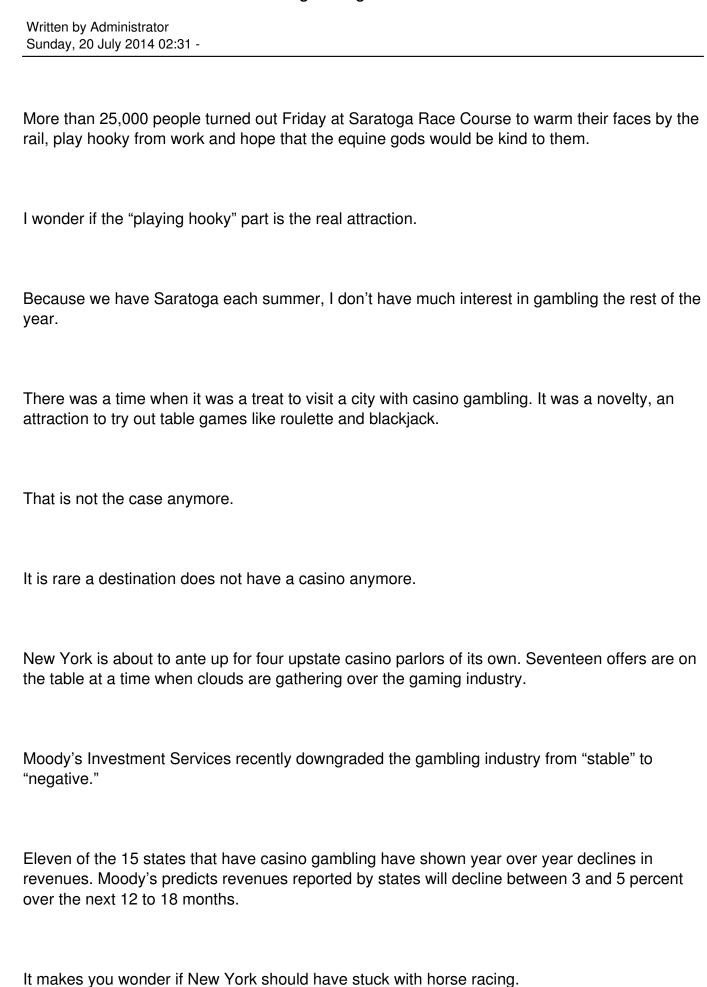
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Written by Administrator Sunday, 20 July 2014 02:31 -Atlantic City is reeling from the closing of three casinos there. Connecticut has suffered a year over year revenue decline of more than 10 percent. And in Massachusetts, the state's Supreme Judicial Court ruled voters would have a chance to repeal a 2011 law that approved three casinos. What Moody's says is happening is simple economics — supply and demand. There is an oversupply of casinos, and I suspect a lack of novelty to create new customers. One of the reasons Saratoga remains viable is that it is more than gambling. It is as much a spectator sport as it is a picnic with the family. It is a stroll in the park, a cold drink in the

You can't say that about a casino.

It now appears that Gov. Andrew Cuomo's proposal to save upstate New York with houses of gambling was ill-advised.

grandstand and a chance to watch some beautiful animals perform.

Like any form of entertainment, it depends on the discretionary spending of families. It is finite. If you go out to eat, you might not be able to go to the movies the same week. If you go to the track, you might not be able to visit downtown.

Our entertainment dollars don't fluctuate greatly so the new multiplex or the new casino often take money from other local entertainment options.

Many downtowns were destroyed in upstate New York when malls went into business and sucked the money out of downtown.

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In the spirit of the opening of Saratoga, the state just might want to say "Whoa!" when it comes to casino gambling.

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