



## ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

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### **GOVERNOR QUINN ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT TO RACING BOARD**

CHICAGO, IL – Governor Pat Quinn announced the appointment of Orion Samuelson to the Illinois Racing Board. Samuelson, also known as the Big O, is best known for his association with WGN Radio in Chicago, serving as the station's agribusiness director since 1960. In 2001, he was named a Laureate of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois and received the Lincoln Medal, the highest award bestowed by the State of Illinois. His lifelong dedication to the American farmer has earned him innumerable accolades including induction into the National Radio Hall of Fame in 2003, where he was presented the award by broadcast legend and friend Paul Harvey. The American farmer's best friend for over 60 years, he is currently co-host of This Week in AgriBusiness, a weekly agriculture television show.