



Gaming Recap



May 4-10, 2018

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Session Status

At 1:06 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 the Senate stands in recess until Monday, May 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore.

At 12:04 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

Upcoming Session Days

House

May 22, 23, 24
 June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

Senate

May 21, 22, 23
 June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29

Upcoming Events

PA Liquor Control Board

May 16, 2018 - 11:00 a.m., Northwest Office Building, Conference Room 117, Capital & Forster Streets, Harrisburg

Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-7637

In the News

05-10-2018

[Atlantic City touts rebirth, dreams of an 'adult district' for legalized weed enjoyment](#)

ATLANTIC CITY — On the Atlantic City Expressway, the new billboards are touting June 28 openings for the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino and the Ocean Resort Casino, two mega-casinos that will replace the Trump Taj Mahal and the Revel. Meanwhile, on Tennessee Avenue on Wednesday, Hard Rock won... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

05-10-2018

[Improved Wi-Fi could be coming to arena in W-B Twp.](#)

WILKES-BARRE TWP. — The Luzerne County Convention Center Authority on Wednesday took the first step toward bringing reliable Wi-Fi internet service to Mohegan Sun Arena. The authority board voted to authorize spending up to \$250,000 to supplement grant funding the authority hopes to obtain to purchase... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)

05-10-2018

[Board approves funds for WiFi upgrade at Mohegan Sun Arena](#)

WILKES-BARRE TWP. — The Luzerne County Convention Center Authority approved spending up to \$250,000 to upgrade the WiFi service at the Mohegan Sun Arena. The authority would apply for grants to reduce its cost, said Donna Cupinski, chairwoman of the capital improvement and strategic... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)

05-10-2018

[Penn National may roll dice on minicasino in York County](#)

HELLAM TOWNSHIP, York County — Penn National may want to shuffle the deck on a minicasino here in Hellam Township, and it could save a historic landmark at the same time. "We were told that it's estimated that just the revenue from the tables, not including the taxes, would be seven figures," ... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)

05-09-2018

[Caesars Entertainment, VICI Properties Announce Letter of Intent for Asset...](#)

(Press Release)

05-09-2018

[Erie, Millcreek seek grant for economic development training](#)

Training focuses on new ways to attract businesses and jobs. Erie and Millcreek Township officials hope to work together to spur economic development. The neighboring municipalities are seeking a \$10,000 grant from the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority to help pay for specialized training... - [Erie Times-News](#)



- 05-09-2018 [**Judge: Costs and fines court a 'balancing act'**](#)
Blair County Judge Timothy M. Sullivan, who presided over the county's costs and fines court for the past 12 years, said this week that judges "have a duty to make sure there is due process (for the defendants) but also to treat the victims right." Of all the different courts that judges must attend, costs and fines is... - [*Altoona Mirror*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Mini-casino could save Mifflin Underground Railroad site in York County**](#)
Penn National Gaming Inc. is eyeing a site off the Wrightsville exit of Route 30 for a possible mini-casino, and if selected, the company would consider preserving the historic Mifflin House, which served as a stop on the Underground Railroad. "We understand the importance to the community," said Jeff Morris, a... - [*York Daily*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Why A.I. and Cryptocurrency Are Making One Type of Computer Chip Scarce**](#)
Two technology booms — some people might call them frenzies — are combining to turn a once-obscure type of microprocessor into a must-have but scarce commodity. Artificial intelligence systems, made by companies ranging in size from Google to the Chinese start-up Malong Technologies, rely heavily on a... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Consider opening your farm to a retired racehorse | PennLive Letters**](#)
As Kentucky Derby winner Justify prepares to run for the Triple Crown, Pennsylvania has a lot to be proud of with its own horse racing industry. Pennsylvania's Horse Race Development Fund has helped to create 23,000 jobs and \$1.6 billion in annual economic activity in Pennsylvania.... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Hard Rock set for license hearing**](#)
ATLANTIC CITY — Hard Rock Hotel & Casino will be one step closer to opening in June pending a favorable decision on the fate of its casino license by the Casino Control Commission. Officials from Hard Rock are scheduled to appear Wednesday morning before the three-member commission. Several of the casino's top-level... - [*Atlantic City Press*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**The grim future facing most of America's racehorses**](#)
When Justify barreled across the finish line to win the rain-drenched Kentucky Derby on Saturday, he was notably clean — free of the mud that covered the faces of his 19 competitors. Justify won by 2½ lengths. The chestnut steed was a standout in another significant way. He was the... - [*Washington Post*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**CF: Medicaid is Broken, Work Requirements Can Help**](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-08-2018 [**PGCB: Slot Machine Gaming Revenue for the Week of April 30-May 6, 2018**](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-08-2018 [**Inspired Announces Ground-Breaking Virtual Sports Offering With Pennsylvania...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-08-2018 [**New game in town**](#)
FARRELL — More than 10 years ago, Mark Mastrianno would often cross the border into Ohio to play Keno — a gambling game that wasn't legal in Pennsylvania. "Now I get to play it in my own store," said Mastrianno, owner of Farrell Golden Dawn. Last week, the Pennsylvania Lottery rolled out Keno as a way to generate... - [*Sharon Herald*](#)



- 05-07-2018 [**Airport travelers like Uber, Lyft**](#)
Uber bested Lyft, but the local airport won big. More than 850 people called on the two ride-hailing services in March, the first month of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport's first contract with both. Under the contract, the airport earns \$2 each time either Lyft or Uber... - [*Scranton Times*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Scranton Cultural Center undergoing stopgap repair of water leaks**](#)
SCRANTON — The historic Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple is undergoing emergency, stopgap repairs to block water leaks on outside walls until the building can undergo a full exterior renovation, General Manager John Cardoni said. Water damage repairs stem from flawed work done many years ago under a... - [*Scranton Times*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**No charge for integrity**](#)
Suddenly the odds seem to favor state-sanctioned sports betting, given the tenor of questioning by U.S. Supreme Court justices this year. They conducted an argument on a federal ban against sports betting in all but four states that had sanctioned it prior to the federal law.... - [*Scranton Times*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Fire departments, desperate for volunteers, get creative**](#)
A bright red firetruck, a firefighter in full gear, and a fireman's pole are visible through the picture windows of the brick building, along with lockers full of equipment and a waiting stretcher. Instead of a fire-company name or logo, however, the lettering on the... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Margaret Reid Wins \\$1.2 Million On \\$18 Bet That Included Kentucky Derby**](#)
PHILADELPHIA (CBS)- An \$18 bet paid off in a huge way for an Austin woman Saturday at Retama Park race track in Selma, Texas. Margaret Reid walked away with a cool \$1.2 million when Justify won the Kentucky Derby, reports CBS San Antonio affiliate KENS-TV. Reid, who has been going to Retama for years with her friends, told the... - [*KYW News Radio 1060*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Can Mueller subpoena President Trump? Why no one knows for sure**](#)
Can a sitting president be forced to sit down for a legal interview if he doesn't want to? Robert S. Mueller III, the special counsel looking into possible collusion between Russia and the Trump campaign, seems to think so. The Washington Post reported that he recently threatened to subpoena... - [*Washington Post*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Ocean Resort Casino to open same day as Hard Rock**](#)
Atlantic City's Ocean Resort Casino says it will open on the same day as the Hard Rock casino... - [*AP*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**High-powered Pa. lobbyist for SugarHouse, Sixers tells us how the sausage gets made - and why Sixers even need a lobbyist**](#)
Steve Crawford grew up not far from Bloomsburg in rural Columbia County, where he cleaned pig pens, castrated pigs, and literally made sausage — all of which, he says, was good prep for a career in government, politics, and lobbying. Dad built jet engine blades at a TRW factory in Danville and was a hog and... - [*Philadelphia Daily News*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Funding shortfall may close central Pennsylvania farm for retired, injured racehorses**](#)
A central Pennsylvania horse farm that takes in former racehorses is in danger of closing from a lack of funds. Pennsylvania Racehorse Re-homing, Rehabilitation and Rescue, a nonprofit organization that maintains a farm near Harrisburg, has provided "amazing second homes and careers" to more than 200 retired... - [*Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*](#)



- 05-06-2018 [**Sports betting bills top \\$8 million. A.C. casinos waiting on Supreme Court ruling**](#)
The state of New Jersey has pushed all its chips to the middle of the table, betting big that a legal battle against a federal ban on sports wagering will pay off. According to records from the state Division of Law, the Senate Majority Office and the Sports & Exposition Authority, New Jersey has been billed... - [Atlantic City Press](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Hard Rock letters continue to arrive Friday in Atlantic City**](#)
After a two-day trip that started just outside Green Bay, Wisconsin, the first set of gold letters for the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino arrived Thursday, with a second set of additional letters arriving Friday. And the construction crew said the letters should be on the building by the... - [Atlantic City Press](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**As the 'King of Debt,' Trump borrowed to build his empire. Then he began spending hundreds of millions in cash.**](#)
In the nine years before he ran for president, Donald Trump's company spent more than \$400 million in cash on new properties — including 14 transactions paid for in full, without borrowing from banks — during a buying binge that defied real estate industry practices and Trump's own... - [Washington Post](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Mohegan Sun Pocono closing off-track betting site in Carbondale**](#)
CARBONDALE — The Downs at Carbondale will take one more lap around the track. On Thursday, two days before the Kentucky Derby, a Mohegan Sun Pocono official confirmed the company will close the casino's off-track betting site in Carbondale on May 20. That's in time to catch the Preakness Stakes, which ends a day earlier,... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Rep. Reed unveils legislation to reform state government**](#)
State House Majority Leader Dave Reed, R-Indiana, is asking colleagues on both sides of the aisle to co-sponsor a package of government reform bills. On Wednesday Reed said he sent to all House members a co-sponsorship memo for a three-bill legislative package that would limit terms of House... - [Indiana Gazette](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**High-powered Pa. lobbyist for SugarHouse. Sixers tells us how the sausage gets made - and why Sixers even need a lobbyist**](#)
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