



# Gaming Recap

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## Co-Sponsor Memos

<a href="#">HCO 595</a>	<a href="#">Sonney, Curt</a>	Extends benefits and programs provided to senior citizens by the state lottery fund.
<a href="#">HCO 612</a>	<a href="#">Barrar, Stephen</a>	Establishes an instant Pennsylvania lottery ticket for veterans to help fund an elderly veteran's daycare program in addition to the Veterans Trust Fund for veterans programs and benefits.
<a href="#">HCO 673</a>	<a href="#">Hickernell, David</a>	Provides for the limitation of future gaming activity except by the authorization of the electorate of Pennsylvania or by a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly.
<a href="#">HCO 679</a>	<a href="#">Heffley, Doyle</a>	Provides additional relief to homeowners by reallocating additional state funds that are generated by gaming.
<a href="#">HCO 705</a>	<a href="#">Costa, Dom</a>	Eliminates the single municipality location provision of the Bingo Law specific to Allegheny County, and removing the two-year wait requirement for volunteer fire companies that merge or consolidate services.
<a href="#">HCO 706</a>	<a href="#">Costa, Dom</a>	Provides resources for compulsive and problem gambling in Pennsylvania associated with tavern gaming.

- [SCO 513](#)     [Costa, Jay](#)     Provides guidelines for private management option process for the lottery.
- [SCO 565](#)     [Boscola, Lisa](#)     Prohibits state government-issued unemployment compensation (UC) debit cards from being used at automated teller machines in Pennsylvania casinos.

### Bill Actions

- [HB 108](#)     [Costa, Dom](#)     Amends the Bingo Law further defining "association" and adding definitions; and further providing for rules for licensing and operation.

**Bill History:** 01-15-15 H Filed

- [HB 110](#)     [Costa, Dom](#)     Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act further providing for tavern games tax; providing for compulsive and problem gambling notice of availability of assistance; and imposing penalties.

**Bill History:** 01-15-15 H Filed

- [SB 87](#)     [Boscola, Lisa](#)     (PN 63) Amends Title 4 (Amusements) to direct the Commonwealth's table game tax revenues into the Property Tax Relief Fund in order to provide additional tax relief to local property taxpayers. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 01-14-15 S Filed  
01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Dev

- [SB 126](#)     [Boscola, Lisa](#)     (PN 75) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary) to require winnings from the Pennsylvania lottery be intercepted to satisfy a winner's outstanding required restitution payments when the winner of the lottery wins more than \$2,500. Child support is prioritized over restitution. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 01-14-15 S Filed  
01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

#### PA State Harness Racing Commission

January 21, 2015 - 11:00 a.m., New Bolton Center Room, Allam House, 382 West Street Road, Kennett Square  
Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-5196

**Pennsylvania Press Club**

January 26, 2015, 12:00 noon, Harrisburg Hilton

PA Press Club Luncheon with Guest Speaker Rep. David Reed, House Majority Leader

**Session Schedule**

**Senate**

January 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28

February 2, 3, 4, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25

March 2, 3, 4

April 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22

May 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13

June 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30

**House**

January 20, 21, 26, 27, 28

February 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 23, 24, 25

March 2, 3, 4, 30, 31

April 1, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22

May 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13

June 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

**In the News**

- 01-15-2015      [PGCB: Table Games Revenue for December Up More Than 15% Total casino revenue...](#)  
(Press Release)
- 01-15-2015      [Appointed to Lead Senate Economic Development Committee](#)  
(Press Release)
- 01-15-2015      [PGCB: Slot Machine Gaming Revenue for the Week of January 5-11, 2015](#)  
(Press Release)
- 01-15-2015      [#PhillyFive Things to Do: Jan. 15, 2015](#)  
We can hardly handle all the excitement! For a discussion: Chat Leonardo da Vinci, art and theory at the Third Thursday Salon at Da Vinci Art Alliance (704 Catharine St.) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today. For a pairing: Wash down the four courses of this dinner at the Valley... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-15-2015      [Business news in brief](#)  
In the Region A.C. 2014 casino revenue drops Atlantic City's gambling market shrank by 8.5 percent last year, to \$2.62 billion from \$2.86 billion in 2013, excluding the results of Internet gambling, the New Jersey Division of Gambling Enforcement reported. The... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-15-2015      [Almost half of Atlantic City's casino revenue lost in eight years](#)  
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Atlantic City has lost nearly half its casino revenue over the past eight years as competition in nearby states cannibalized its market and drove four casinos out of business... - [AP](#)
- 01-15-2015      [Only 1 proposal so far for casino in NY's Southern Tier](#)  
ALBANY, N.Y. — New York gambling officials hope a casino license available in the state's Southern Tier will attract significant interest — but so far, there is only one contender, and its proposal already has been rejected once... - [AP](#)

- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Casino operator Caesars files bankruptcy for one of its divisions\*\*](#)  
LAS VEGAS — A cash-strapped division of casino giant Caesars Entertainment Corp. said early today that it filed for bankruptcy protection in Chicago, hoping the court agrees to its plan to get out from under \$18.4 billion of debt... - [AP](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Expected Caesars bankruptcy shouldn't affect Horseshoe\*\*](#)  
The division of Caesars Entertainment Corp. that operates the Horseshoe Casino Baltimore is expected to file for bankruptcy protection Thursday, but customers of the Russell Street gambling destination should barely notice the restructuring. "There will be no impact to operations or customer programs at Horseshoe... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Atlantic City, county reach deal on taxes\*\*](#)  
Atlantic City and Atlantic County reached a deal Wednesday on how much money the county will receive each year from the casinos as part of an economic recovery plan that is crucial for stabilizing the city's shaky finances. The intergovernmental agreement between County Executive Dennis Levinson... - [Atlantic City Press](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*CRDA reports gains in tourism\*\*](#)  
Some high-profile events made for a busy few months in Atlantic City, according to the latest tourism report released Wednesday by the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority. Boardwalk Hall hosted eight events during the fourth quarter of last year and attracted more than 67,700 visitors, a 16 percent jump from the same... - [Atlantic City Press](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Panel weighs in on future of A.C.'s South Inlet\*\*](#)  
A panel of development experts, officials, and entrepreneurs came together at the Atlantic City Convention Center Wednesday to portray a transformative moment for the city's South Inlet. The event was put on by the Philadelphia branch of the Urban Land Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit specializing in land use and... - [Atlantic City Press](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Most A.C. casinos show gains for 2014\*\*](#)  
ATLANTIC CITY — The closing of four casinos contributed to a decline of 4.5 percent in total revenue from slot machines, table games and Internet gambling last year. But five of the eight remaining casinos posted revenue gains. Altogether, the casinos won \$2.74 billion from gamblers in 2014, compared... - [Atlantic City Press](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Photos: Rock in Rio USA, MGM Arena construction sites progressing on the Strip\*\*](#)  
Construction at the Rock in Rio USA site at the north end of the Strip opposite SLS Las Vegas and the 20,000-seat MGM Arena behind New York-New York and Monte Carlo is progressing at a rapid rate. Contributing photographer Tom Donoghue of Donoghue Photography took to the... - [Las Vegas Sun](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Real estate: For \\$140 million, another portion of mall on Las Vegas Strip changes hands\*\*](#)  
A view of the Showcase Mall on Las Vegas Boulevard, Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015. By Eli Segall (contact) Thursday, January 15, 2015 - 2 a.m. Less than a year after buying most of Showcase Mall, a group of New Yorkers has apparently bought another chunk of the Strip retail hub for big... - [Las Vegas Sun](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Cash-strapped Caesars division files for bankruptcy protection\*\*](#)  
Christopher DeVargas An exterior view of Caesars Palace on Thursday, June 6, 2013. By J.D. Morris (contact) Wednesday, January 14, 2015 - 11:50 p.m. The main operating division of debt-ridden casino company Caesars Entertainment filed for bankruptcy early Thursday morning in Chicago,... - [Las Vegas Sun](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Caesars Unit Files for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Protection\*\*](#)

Private Equity | Restructuring & Bankruptcy Caesars Unit Files for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Protection By William Alden January 15, 2015 6:54 am January 15, 2015 6:54 am Photo The unit put into Chapter 11 bankruptcy owns Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. The unit put into Chapter 11 bankruptcy owns Caesars Palace in Las... - [New York Times](#)

- 01-15-2015 [\*\*3 ex-Penn State officials lose court ruling in cover-up case\*\*](#)  
A Pennsylvania judge ruled Wednesday that the rights of three former Penn State administrators were not violated by the actions of the university's top lawyer during grand jury matters before they were charged with covering up child sex-abuse complaints about Jerry Sandusky... - [AP](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Arena board wants estimates for possible upgrades\*\*](#)  
Show them the numbers. That was the request from members of the Luzerne County Convention Center Authority at Wednesday's meeting as they discussed potential improvements to Mohegan Sun Arena. Estimates for the improvements were not forthcoming at the meeting, but... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*State Rep. Kaufer of Kingston to discuss property tax relief Friday in Wilkes-Barre Township\*\*](#)  
Freshman state Rep. Aaron Kaufer is anxious to discuss his plan to move legislation forward aimed at eliminating real estate taxes. Kaufer, R-Kingston, will speak at Friday night's meeting of the Luzerne County chapter of the Pennsylvania Taxpayers Cyber Coalition (PTCC). The... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*\\$145K recreation study could spur significant change\*\*](#)  
Most of the time, the indoor tennis courts at Bradys Run Park Recreation Facility are empty. Ron Fodor, the program's head tennis pro who had a one-on-one lesson finish up about 3 p.m. Wednesday before groups of students swarmed the courts, said there are several issues at play.... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*EDITORIAL: Restore Paterno's record, but don't forget the reason\*\*](#)  
It's looking more and more like Penn State's football program is going to "get back" the 111 victories under head coach Joe Paterno that were vaporized by the NCAA death ray in 2012, forfeited as part of the Jerry Sandusky sanctions. They never went away, really. You can't erase history, especially the kind... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Gamblers bet \\$16.4 million on slots at Erie casino\*\*](#)  
Gamblers wagered \$16.4 million on slot machines at Presque Isle Downs & Casino during the week of Jan. 5-11. The amount returned to gamblers was \$14.7 million, the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board reported. The gross revenue -- the amount of gamblers' losses -- was \$1.3 million,... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau finalizing \\$40K in ESU tourism scholarships\*\*](#)  
The Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau at its annual holiday dinner last month at Mount Airy Casino Resort brought together community officials and local tourism leaders to reflect on the accomplishments of the industry throughout the year and project plans for 2015.... - [Pocono Record](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*The Heron's Nest: Storm clouds over the Chester waterfront\*\*](#)  
There are some storm clouds forming on the Chester waterfront. Some cracks are forming in what was supposed to be the key to the city's economic turnaround. Remember, this all started years ago with the unveiling of the gloriously restored former PECO Power Station, the heart of the Wharf at Rivertown,... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Caesars division mulls filing for bankruptcy; parent company of Harrah's in Chester\*\*](#)  
LAS VEGAS (AP) -- Financial problems plaguing Caesars Entertainment and its casino empire

have the company considering a trip to bankruptcy court, possibly as early as Thursday. Caesars is the parent company of Harrah's Philadelphia Casino and Racetrack in Chester... - [AP](#)

- 01-15-2015 [Gaming Control Board discusses Lawrence Downs](#)  
Review of the casino license application for Lawrence Downs is continuing, a state Gaming Control Board staffer testified Wednesday. During testimony at the board's monthly session, Cyrus Pitre, chief counsel for the control board's office of enforcement counsel, gave a report into... - [Ellwood City Ledger](#)
- 01-15-2015 [Caesars bankruptcy includes 2 AC casinos](#)  
The bankruptcy filing Thursday in Chicago by Caesars Entertainment Corp.'s largest unit include Caesars and Bally's on the Atlantic City boardwalk, but not the Harrah's casinos in Chester and Atlantic City. The long-anticipated filing by the Las Vegas gambling giant, made with the... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-15-2015 [Pennsylvania's take of casino revenue tops \\$3 billion for fourth straight year](#)  
Pennsylvania's haul from casino gambling topped \$3 billion for the fourth straight year in 2014 but wasn't nearly as high as it has been in the past. Gross revenue from slot machines and table games, at \$3.07 billion, fell 1.44 percent from 2013 when it hit \$3.11 billion, according to statistics... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-15-2015 [Slots, table game revenue decreases for second straight year](#)  
Total casino revenue in Pennsylvania eclipsed \$3 billion for a fourth straight year, but the state's combined slots and table game haul also has decreased for a second consecutive year. For 2014, total casino revenue amounted to \$3.07 billion – down from \$3.11 billion in 2013, or a 1.44 percent drop, according to figures... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-15-2015 [Pennsylvania casino revenues drop for second year](#)  
HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - Revenues at Pennsylvania's 12 casinos have dropped for a second straight year... - [AP](#)
- 01-15-2015 [Bethlehem industrial museum must open in 2 years, attorney general says](#)  
Bethlehem's embattled National Museum of Industrial History must open within two years or find some help, according to legal documents filed by the Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen Kane's office. If the museum can't open, it must either seek court approval to merge with... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-15-2015 [A December to remember for Sands, Pennsylvania casinos](#)  
You might think folks scale back their gambling during the holidays. Ho Ho Ho, spirit of the season and all that. You'd be wrong. While some folks were sipping hot chocolate, decorating their trees or sitting on Santa's lap ticking off their wish lists, plenty of others were... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-14-2015 [New Jersey gets grant to help displaced casino workers](#)  
New Jersey has landed a \$29.4 million federal grant to help displaced Atlantic City casino workers affected by recent closings, officials said Tuesday. The National Emergency Grant through the U.S. Department of Labor will be used for training programs to help the workers learn skills for jobs in new... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-14-2015 [Sports seen as major draw for Atlantic City](#)  
ATLANTIC CITY - Amid the fallout of casino closures and tumbling employment, officials announced Tuesday a sports-related tourism plan that they hope will put the resort back in the game. The nonprofit Meet AC, formed in April with \$8 million in backing from the... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

- 01-14-2015 [\*\*Christie touts his record, offers few new ideas\*\*](#)  
TRENTON - Gov. Christie pledged his commitment to New Jersey in his annual State of the State address Tuesday, but his declaration that the nation was "beset by anxiety" signaled bigger ambitions ahead of a widely anticipated presidential campaign. Christie, who has been considering a run for president in 2016, called for... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-14-2015 [\*\*Casey backs grant funding\*\*](#)  
Bob Casey went to bat for block grants Tuesday afternoon. "Municipalities depend on this for development projects, which leads to job creation. Lower funding causes some communities to drop projects," the U.S. senator from Pennsylvania said during a conference call with... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 01-14-2015 [\*\*Only 1 proposal so far for casino in NY's Southern Tier\*\*](#)  
ALBANY, N.Y. — New York gambling officials hope a casino license available in the state's Southern Tier will attract significant interest — but so far there's only one contender... - [AP](#)
- 01-14-2015 [\*\*Christie's National Aspirations Underlie State Speech\*\*](#)  
TRENTON — As Gov. Chris Christie delivered his State of the State address on Tuesday, it sounded less like the valedictory of a presidential hopeful on his way to bigger and better things than a defensive move by a politician anticipating the shots that could be leveled against him.... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-14-2015 [\*\*New York Gambling Board to Reconsider a Casino for the Southern Tier\*\*](#)  
A New York State gambling board on Tuesday evening unanimously approved Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo's request for a new round of bidding for a Las Vegas-style casino in the Southern Tier, a western region bordering Pennsylvania. The Gaming Facility Location Board reviewed 16 proposals for casino resorts... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-14-2015 [\*\*Mega Millions jackpot jumps to \\$270M\*\*](#)  
Another Mega Millions drawing has gone by without a winner, pushing the jackpot for the multi-state lottery to \$270 million. IRelated The 5 biggest American lottery jackpots ever Entertainment The 5 biggest American lottery jackpots ever See all related 8 The new prize is the lottery's 13th-largest ever.... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 01-14-2015 [\*\*Atlantic City moves into the sports tourism world\*\*](#)  
Atlantic City is looking to grow into a major player in the wide world of sports. Local and state officials introduced a new Atlantic City Sports Commission on Tuesday, saying the agency's mission is to draw more sports business to the city. They hope to attract almost anything from tournaments to conventions to... - [Atlantic City Press](#)
- 01-14-2015 [\*\*Guardian gives Ocean County taste of A.C.'s future\*\*](#)  
At what became a preview of his unofficial State of the City address later this week, Mayor Don Guardian told the Southern Ocean County Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday that Atlantic City was moving past its formerly insular and stifling focus on a casino-based economy.... - [Atlantic City Press](#)
- 01-14-2015 [\*\*Camden, not Atlantic City, gets focus in Christie's speech\*\*](#)  
Posted: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 10:00 pm By DONALD WITTKOWSKI and CHRISTIAN HETRICK Staff Writers Gov. Chris Christie used a major part of his State of the State address to tout how his administration has helped revitalize a distressed South Jersey city. But it wasn't Atlantic City.... - [Atlantic City Press](#)
- 01-14-2015 [\*\*New Jersey gets \\$29 million to train former casino workers\*\*](#)  
More than \$29 million in federal funding is on its way to New Jersey as part of a re-employment

initiative for thousands of unemployed casino workers in Atlantic City. Federal legislators and the U.S. Department of Labor announced Tuesday morning that \$29 million in funding is coming from the Labor Department... - [Atlantic City Press](#)

- 01-14-2015 [Sam Smith, Charli XCX in latest wave of Rock in Rio USA acts](#)  
LOS ANGELES — The great block on the Strip party just jacked up the volume. Announced today in a news conference at The Village Studios in L.A. were a handful of headliners to appear at the first Rock in Rio Festival USA, set for May 8-9 and May 15-16 on the northernmost tip of the Strip. Sam Smith,... - [Las Vegas Sun](#)
- 01-14-2015 [Commission, board OK request for application for fourth license in Southern Tier of N.Y.](#)  
At 7 p.m. on Tuesday evening, New York's Gaming Commission and the Gaming Facility Location Board (GFLB) unanimously approved a request by Governor Andrew Cuomo to re-open bidding in the Southern Tier Region only, for a fourth casino license. The conference was made available through a web cast... - [Towanda Daily Review](#)
- 01-14-2015 [Atlantic City To Receive Millions To Help Laid-off Casino Workers](#)  
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (CBS) — New Jersey's Congressional delegation announced today that Atlantic City could receive up to \$29.4 million in emergency grants to help the oppressed work force. The grant through the U.S. Department of Labor is meant to help casino... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 01-14-2015 [US Govt. Finds Nearly \\$30M To Help Atlantic City's Laid-Off Casino Workers](#)  
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (CBS) — The federal government is coming through with millions of dollars to help thousands of laid-off casino workers in Atlantic City find new jobs. With four casinos gone in the past year, putting more than 8,000 people out of work, New Jersey's congressional delegation got the US Labor... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 01-14-2015 [Atlantic City Eyes More Sports Events, Meetings](#)  
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Atlantic City is keeping its eye on the ball as it tries to attract more sporting events and related conventions... - [AP](#)
- 01-13-2015 [DePasquale Becomes Pennsylvania's First Statewide Elected Official to Post...](#)  
(Press Release)
- 01-13-2015 [Point Park University setting the stage for new Pittsburgh Playhouse](#)  
Officials at Point Park University plan to dismantle facades of three historic buildings they will demolish on Forbes Avenue and incorporate them into the school's \$74 million Pittsburgh Playhouse complex, despite opposition from two historic-preservation groups.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-13-2015 [Beaver, Greene, Washington county officials discuss investigation of taxpayer-funded job training agency](#)  
An executive board of elected officials from Beaver, Greene and Washington counties is awaiting results from a state investigation into questionable spending and other potential problems at a taxpayer-funded agency that offers job training programs in Western Pennsylvania.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-13-2015 [Crayola sorry after hackers make its Facebook page off-color](#)  
Visitors to Crayola's Facebook page this weekend may have found it a little, er, off-color. Hackers briefly commandeered the page, posting cartoon pictures of breasts and sophomoric sex jokes. The Forks Township crayon and marker manufacturer regained control of its... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)

- 01-13-2015 [\*\*Letters to the Editor 1/13/2015\*\*](#)  
Protect regulation Editor: Last year, Verizon asked the Legislature to deregulate landline service in Pennsylvania. The Legislature declined to act, so now Verizon has asked the Public Utility Commission to do an end run around elected officials and try to deregulate most of the state. This would increase cost and decrease... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 01-13-2015 [\*\*Former fire company secretary paroled\*\*](#)  
The former executive secretary for the now defunct Independence Fire & Rescue Company No. 1 in Rice Township has been paroled after serving just more than a month in jail. A Luzerne County judge on Friday approved a parole request made by Gina Tombasco, according to court documents filed Monday.... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 01-13-2015 [\*\*Findings in the Ray Rice case do not vindicate the NFL's poor handling of it\*\*](#)  
THERE WAS an almost palpable sigh of relief from National Football League officials after an investigation led by former FBI director Robert S. Mueller III concluded that league officials were not lying when they said they saw the devastating Ray Rice video only when it was publicly shown.... - [Washington Post](#)
- 01-13-2015 [\*\*Tax revenue from Ohio casinos drops at end of 2014\*\*](#)  
Tax revenue from Ohio's four casinos earmarked for cities, counties and schools dropped more than 6 percent in the fourth quarter, \$4.4 million less than in a comparable period of last year. Figures released yesterday by the Ohio Department of Taxation showed that... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 01-13-2015 [\*\*Photos: Million-dollar winner\\$ in new 'Monopoly' game show at Rio\*\*](#)  
Two out-of-state lottery winners who won five-day Las Vegas vacations added to their haul here Sunday with \$1 million each playing the "Monopoly Millionaires' Club" TV game show being filmed at the Rio. "Mike & Molly" star and comedian Billy Gardell hosts the tapings.... - [Las Vegas Sun](#)
- 01-13-2015 [\*\*Despite Atlantic City's woes, Boardwalk Hall ranks high\*\*](#)  
Even as Atlantic City's casinos struggled, Boardwalk Hall remained one of the top venues in the nation, according to rankings in the industry publications Pollstar and Venues Today, the hall's operators announced Monday. Venues Today ranked the hall as the no. 2 busiest venue in the country for... - [Atlantic City Press](#)
- 01-13-2015 [\*\*Tropicana wakes up to smell the bacon, and beer\*\*](#)  
This week, lots of local gyms are filling up with people who are getting serious about getting skinnier, sweating to shed some of the pounds they picked up in that holiday run from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day. But at Atlantic City's Tropicana Casino and Resort, the calendar took a... - [Atlantic City Press](#)
- 01-13-2015 [\*\*Special Improvement Division hit with job cuts\*\*](#)  
Nearly 50 jobs were cut in Atlantic City's Special Improvement Division, after a loss of about a quarter of the \$8 million budget. Despite the lost labor, the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority is determined to make sure the "clean and safe" initiative is still... - [Atlantic City Press](#)
- 01-13-2015 [\*\*Greater Philadelphia Spring Home Show returns to Valley Forge Casino Resort\*\*](#)  
UPPER MERION >> It's enough to make Martha Stewart herself feel light-headed and more than a bit overwhelmed. With hundreds of exhibitors displaying their diverse wares and services at the Greater Philadelphia Spring Home Show, Friday through Sunday, at Valley... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)
- 01-13-2015 [\*\*Attorney general insists she broke no laws\*\*](#)  
Attorney General Kathleen Kane suggested a move to have her charged for leaking grand jury

information is blowback for her efforts to shake up the Capitol. "I did nothing illegal. Period. Any fair and impartial review of the facts would conclude that," Kane said in a written statement released... - [New Castle News](#)

- 01-13-2015 [Trustees say they have learned of settlement terms in Corman v. NCAA lawsuit](#)  
Trustees Anthony Lubrano and Al Lord issued a news release Monday saying they have learned of settlement terms in Sen. Jake Corman and state Treasurer Rob McCord's lawsuit against the NCAA, according to StateCollege.com. Also released was a letter the two men sent to board chairman Keith Masser... - [Penn State Daily Collegian](#)
- 01-13-2015 [Federal grant to help displaced AC casino employees](#)  
New Jersey has landed a \$29.4 million federal grant to help displaced Atlantic City casino workers impacted by recent closings, officials announced Tuesday. The award from the National Emergency Grant through the U.S. Department of Labor will be used for training programs to help affected workers learn... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-13-2015 [Could sports save Atlantic City?](#)  
ATLANTIC CITY - Amid the fallout of casino closures and tumbling employment in this gambling town, officials on Tuesday announced a sports-related tourism plan they hope will put the resort back in the game. The non-profit Meet AC, which formed in April with \$8 million in backing... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-12-2015 [Leg Reg Review #1 - 01/12/2015 Provided by Phillips Associates](#)  
(Press Release)
- 01-12-2015 [PoliticsPA: Senate Democrats Announce Committee Ranking Members](#)  
(Press Release)
- 01-12-2015 [J. Mark Baiada, in business to help people](#)  
As a youngster, J. Mark Baiada thought about becoming a priest, until, he said, "I discovered girls." By the time Baiada graduated from Rutgers University, he had a different plan - to start a business. On Saturday, his business, Bayada Home Health Care Inc., turns 40. Baiada,... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-12-2015 [On the Boards](#)  
New Jersey Realtors, a nonprofit professional organization, has installed Eugenia K. Bonilla as president. Bonilla is a broker-sales associate with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Fox & Roach in Mount Laurel. She also serves as vice president of the New Jersey Real Estate Commission.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-12-2015 [Emmaus author Heather Harlen's book mines thrills from coal region](#)  
When Heather Harlen's plucky heroine, Marina Konyeshna, wants to introduce a handsome Turkish stranger to the anthracite coal region, she takes him to a parish bingo game and feeds him pierogies and halushki made by church ladies. Setting such scenes in her new paperback thriller "Hope You Guess My Name"... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-12-2015 [Deal Makers Invade International CES, the Land of Geeks](#)  
As I walked past the booth staffed by robots selling robots, the plants that water themselves and the prototype Mercedes with no driver at the International CES trade show last week, it occurred to me that the future of human existence might not require many humans.... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-12-2015 [National championship by the odds: Vegas preview of Oregon vs. Ohio State](#)  
NBA superstar LeBron James shares more Las Vegas peers than his sponsorship boss, Nike mogul Phil Knight, when it comes to tonight's college football national championship

game. While James' beloved Ohio State and Knight's alma mater Oregon have drawn close to even amount of bets over the past week and a half in sports... - [Las Vegas Sun](#)

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01-12-2015

**[Letter: Low-money-down loans could renew trouble](#)**

Now that we have a 3 percent-down home loan program, let me guess what will happen. It's a great idea to expand the dream of homeownership, but it's like collecting field stone to build a wall. Collecting the rocks is a good idea, but by picking them up, you may see some unsavory... - [Pocono Record](#)

01-12-2015

**[Attorney General Kane insists she broke no laws](#)**

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01-12-2015

**[McKeesport's Brewster named to key Senate leadership roles](#)**

All area state senators will serve in committee leadership roles in the 2015-16 session of the Pennsylvania General Assembly. Lineups for Senate committees were named Friday by Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnati, R-Jefferson County, and Senate Minority Leader Jay... - [McKeesport Daily News](#)

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**[Two New Jersey Internet Gambling Sites To Combine Prize Pools](#)**

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Two of New Jersey's Internet gambling sites will begin sharing players next week, with bigger online prizes... - [AP](#)

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**[Bucks, Montgomery lawmakers snag key posts in Harrisburg](#)**

Returning to Harrisburg this past week, veteran Republican lawmakers from Bucks and Montgomery counties snagged key leadership positions allowing them to help set the legislative agenda. On Friday, Pennsylvania Senate President Joe Scarnati announced the appointments. Among them, state Sen. Stewart Greenleaf, R-12, will oversee... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)

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**[Coffee and casinos](#)**

Last week while driving from Andalusia Bucks County to downtown Philadelphia, I counted five Dunkin Donuts, four Wa Wa's and one Starbucks coffee shop. Last year Americans spent \$30 billion on coffee. In 1902 the United States Steel Co. was formed, our first \$1 billion... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)

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**[Gov. Christie's Cowboy Connection](#)**

The video of Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey clumsily trying to high-five Dallas Cowboys executives went viral days ago. But apart from causing a good deal of merriment, the awkward embrace between Mr. Christie and the Cowboys' owner, Jerry Jones, after the team's comeback win Sunday... - [New York Times](#)

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**[On Duty for the Chris Christie Hug Watch](#)**

As we move into a big football weekend, one exciting question uniting fans and nonfans alike is: What will Chris Christie do if Dallas wins? As the world now knows, the governor of New Jersey was so thrilled by the Cowboys' victory over the Detroit Lions last weekend that he flung... - [New York Times](#)

- 01-11-2015 [\*\*A Kinky view of Chris Christie and Jerry Jones: Mulshine\*\*](#)  
At the time he said it, I had no idea that Kinky Friedman's quote would become that big of a deal. It was late Wednesday afternoon and I was sitting in my living room in front of a TV camera as one of four guests on the ESPN show "Outside the Lines." The subject was Gov. Chris Christie's attendance at a... - [\*Trenton Times\*](#)
- 01-11-2015 [\*\*AG Kane: grand jury recommendation 'another political attack'\*\*](#)  
Pennsylvania's embattled attorney general, Kathleen Kane, late Friday denied any wrongdoing in the wake of a report Thursday that a grand jury has recommended criminal charges against her. "I did nothing illegal. Period. Any fair and impartial review of the facts would conclude that. This seems to me to be another political attack... - [\*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette\*](#)
- 01-11-2015 [\*\*Former Pitt tackle Ruben Brown headed to College Football Hall of Fame\*\*](#)  
Initially, Ruben Brown hated the idea of playing offense. When he moved from defensive line to offensive tackle as a redshirt freshman at Pitt in 1991, he said he was ready to storm off the practice field. Instead, he stuck around, and eventually became one of the best offensive... - [\*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette\*](#)
- 01-11-2015 [\*\*Bad faith: Now it's Hill leaders hurting the neighborhood\*\*](#)  
Six decades ago, construction of the Civic Arena tore a hole in the heart of the Hill District. Now, neighborhood leaders are engaging in tactics that could imperil the community anew. For more than two years, the Pittsburgh Penguins, elected officials and Hill District residents, business owners and organizations have been... - [\*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette\*](#)
- 01-11-2015 [\*\*Penn State proud: The women's volleyball team epitomizes success\*\*](#)  
A Penn State University community long proud of its football team has a women's volleyball program to brag about, too. With a Dec. 20 victory over Brigham Young University, Coach Russ Rose and his team captured the NCAA Division I championship for a record seventh time.... - [\*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette\*](#)
- 01-11-2015 [\*\*State of Christie: How his national focus might affect N.J.\*\*](#)  
Gov. Christie on Tuesday will lay out a vision for New Jersey at a time when his state leadership is likely to draw increased national attention if he runs for president. The Republican governor will deliver the annual "State of the State" assessment in a week in which he will also travel out of state, with plans... - [\*Philadelphia Inquirer\*](#)
- 01-11-2015 [\*\*More Shore woe: Atlantic City Race Course shutting down\*\*](#)  
In another blow to the state's struggling horse racing industry, the owner of Atlantic City Race Course announced it will cease operations and close permanently after heavy losses the last eight years. The racetrack's last day of business for simulcasting will be Friday. The... - [\*Philadelphia Inquirer\*](#)
- 01-11-2015 [\*\*Will James Franklin testify in Vanderbilt rape case? It's a definite maybe\*\*](#)  
Jury selection in the rape trial of two former Vanderbilt University football players is set to open in Nashville, Tenn. Monday. As of Friday, Penn State football coach James Franklin's status as a witness in the case was still up in the air. A spokesman for the Davidson County District Attorney's office said... - [\*Harrisburg Patriot-News\*](#)
- 01-11-2015 [\*\*Powerball jackpot grows to \\$176 million\*\*](#)  
With no jackpot winner in Saturday's Powerball drawing, the top prize will roll over to an estimated \$176 million. The winning numbers from Saturday's drawing are: 2, 9, 19, 28, 29, and the Powerball number is 19. While no one won the jackpot, five players matched five of five numbers,... - [\*Harrisburg Patriot-News\*](#)
- 01-11-2015 [\*\*Tom Corbett's legacy may surprise some: Tony May\*\*](#)

By Tony May When the voters of a state break four decades of tradition to deny a sitting governor a second term of office, you tend to think there's a message. Like maybe your job performance was wanting in some important ways? Now, as he's packing his files and sifting through that right bottom drawer... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

- 01-11-2015 [Allentown and Bethlehem vie for new PPL spinoff](#)  
When it comes to development, Allentown and Bethlehem often have been pitted against each other. The Lehigh Valley's two largest cities competed for a casino, baseball stadium, hockey arena, and a craft brewery that neither got. Now the cities are the two finalists for the headquarters of Talen Energy,... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-11-2015 [Ensinger eyes South Strabane property for factory expansion](#)  
An international plastics manufacturer with its North American headquarters based in North Strabane Township is proposing to build a new light industrial plant on Racetrack Road. Ensinger Inc., a specialized plastics manufacturer currently located on Meadowlands Boulevard, wants to buy a commercial parcel in South Strabane... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 01-11-2015 [Concussion issue hits Kutztown schools](#)  
A move to strengthen its policy regarding students with concussions has become somewhat of a headache for the Kutztown School Board. An amendment to its already comprehensive policy on concussions has the potential for pitting a family's physician against the school's... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 01-09-2015 [Inside PDA for January 9, 2015](#)  
(Press Release)
- 01-09-2015 [Senate Democrats Announce Committee Chairs for 2015-16 Legislative Session](#)  
(Press Release)
- 01-09-2015 [Scarnati Announces Senate Standing Committee Chairs for 2015-2016](#)  
(Press Release)
- 01-09-2015 [Target aiming to build small Center City stores](#)  
For years, landlords tried to coax Target to open one of its big-box stores in the heart of Philadelphia. Each time they failed, daunted by the difficulty of plunking a store the size of two football fields into a packed downtown. That chase appears to have come to an end, with a much smaller version... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-09-2015 [Judge's rulings clears way for Straub to buy Revel Casino](#)  
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Gloria M. Burns made two rulings Thursday to help clear the way for the sale of the former Revel Casino Hotel in Atlantic City to Florida investor Glenn Straub for \$95.4 million. Burns said previously she intended to approve the sale, but a sale order -... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-09-2015 [A.C. library would suffer under casino tax plan](#)  
ATLANTIC CITY - The new method of casino taxation under consideration by state legislators could have an unintended casualty: the highly regarded Atlantic City Free Public Library. State legislators acknowledged Thursday that the Atlantic City recovery bills, as currently written, would leave the library in the lurch for much... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-09-2015 [Kathleen Kane's bumpy tenure](#)  
November 2012 — Kathleen Kane is elected Pennsylvania's first female and first elected Democratic attorney general. •February–March 2013 — Kane wins praise among party, union

and legal circles for rejecting as unconstitutional a contract that Gov. Tom Corbett had sought to privatize management of the state lottery system, and... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)

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A computer program that taught itself to play poker has created nearly the best possible strategy for one version of the game, showing the value of techniques that may prove useful to help decision-making in medicine and other areas... - [AP](#)
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Besides gambling, no pastime better defines Las Vegas culture than drinking. Famous for its lax alcohol rules, the city draws millions of visitors each year eager to imbibe publicly without fear of arrest. This party town's love for libations runs deep, and its genesis dates back to Las Vegas'... - [Las Vegas Sun](#)
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Two favorites, two underdogs. Two overs, two unders. Contest Columns Week 17: Division Championships Week 16: Steelers vs. Chiefs Week 15: Cowboys vs. Eagles Week 14: Ravens vs. Dolphins Week 13: Patriots vs. Packers Week 12: Falcons vs. Browns... - [Las Vegas Sun](#)
- 01-09-2015 [Should betting be allowed on the Olympics? South Point says yes](#)  
In this multiple exposure photo, U.S. gymnast Alexandra Raisman performs on the balance beam during the Artistic Gymnastics women's team final at the 2012 Summer Olympics, Tuesday, July 31, 2012, in London. By J.D. Morris (contact) In recent years, gamblers expecting to place wagers on the Olympic Games at... - [Las Vegas Sun](#)
- 01-09-2015 [Atlantic County Action Now forms to diversify economy](#)  
The Atlantic County Improvement Authority, working with county government, has hired a Texas company to help local residents develop a regional economic plan. Angelouconomics, a national firm based in Austin, specializes in economic development and commercial and industrial site selection. It will help... - [Atlantic City Press](#)
- 01-09-2015 [Masters of Illusion bring magical shows to Harrah's](#)  
Some of the old magic — and a little new — is back in Atlantic City. "Masters of Illusion Live!" — a stage version of the TV magic performance series — will open 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at The Concert Venue at Harrah's Resort, with a lineup that features Wayne... - [Atlantic City Press](#)
- 01-09-2015 [Straub: Revel to become water park](#)  
CAMDEN — The new buyer of Revel Casino-Hotel plans to transform the shuttered Boardwalk complex into a megaresort that would feature a huge water park, high-speed ferry service from Manhattan and some gambling. Glenn Straub, a Florida real estate developer, sketched out his grand... - [Atlantic City Press](#)
- 01-09-2015 [Readers approve of plan to turn Revel into water park](#)  
Readers overwhelmingly approved a plan by the new buyer of the Revel Casino-Hotel Thursday to turn the shuttered Boardwalk complex into a megaresort that would include a huge water park, high-speed ferry service from Manhattan and some gambling. Glenn Straub, a Florida real estate developer, described his vision for... - [Atlantic City Press](#)
- 01-09-2015 [Shuttered Revel Casino Hotel Sold... Again](#)  
CAMDEN, N.J. (CBS) — The shuttered Revel Casino Hotel in Atlantic City has been sold again, this time to a Florida developer. Federal Bankruptcy Judge Gloria Burns is approving the sale to Glenn Straub virtually free and clear, although negotiations continue with Revel tenants... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)

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In response to the Guest Voice article titled "Bans on fracking will hurt America in the long run" by Michael A. MacDowell (Erie Times-News, Dec. 27) : MacDowell just does not get it. The growing number of bans on fracking are not just because nearby water wells are being contaminated by drilling... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 01-09-2015 [\*\*NY casino panel to consider Cuomo's request for 4th casino\*\*](#)  
ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - The board tasked with picking locations for casinos in upstate New York will consider Gov. Andrew Cuomo's request to reopen the bidding process for a license in the Southern Tier, the board's chairman said Friday... - [AP](#)
- 01-09-2015 [\*\*Panel to Weigh New Casino Bidding for New York's Southern Tier Region\*\*](#)  
A New York State gambling board agreed on Friday to consider opening a new round of bidding for a casino license in the Southern Tier, a region bordering Pennsylvania that has some of the highest unemployment rates in New York. The Gaming Facility Location Board, which spent eight months reviewing 16... - [New York Times](#)