

6/15/18-LEGALIZED SPORTS BETTING COULD BE A BOON FOR THE AREA THANKS TO THE STATE'S GAMBLING COMPACT WITH THE ONEIDA INDIAN NATION. THAT AGREEMENT GAVE THE TRIBE EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO A TEN COUNTY AREA. SOME EXPERTS ARE NOW SAYING THAT ALSO INCLUDES THE RIGHTS TO MOBILE SPORTS BETTING. LEGISLATION IN ALBANY WOULD ALLOW CASINOS TO TAKE BETS FROM GAMBLERS ACROSS THE STATE ONCE THEY'D REGISTERED AT A CASINO. THAT COULD FUNNEL MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO THE ONEIDA INDIAN NATION THANKS TO THEIR EXISTING AGREEMENT.

6/15/18-BOOZE IS BIG BUSINESS. OVER A THOUSAND CRAFT BREWERIES HAVE OPENED IN NEW YORK IN THE LAST SIX YEARS, MAKING IT ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING SEGMENTS OF THE STATE ECONOMY. THAT'S ACCORDING TO FIGURES FROM THE CUOMO ADMINISTRATION. THE NUMBERS COVER COMPANIES MAKING WINE, BEER, CIDER, AND DISTILLED SPIRITS. THE MOHAWK VALLEY AREA SAW THE LARGEST GROWTH CURVE IN THE STATE, GOING FROM 15 CRAFT BREWERS TO 44. THAT NEARLY TRIPLED THE SIZE OF THE INDUSTRY LOCALLY.

6/21/18-2-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. THAT'S HOW MUCH THE ONEIDA COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IS GETTING FROM THE STATE. THE MONEY IS COMES FROM A FUND DEDICATED TO ALLEVIATING HEROIN AND OPIOID ADDICTION AND WILL HELP PROVIDE TREATMENT AND TRANSITION SERVICES AT THE FACILITY. AS THE OPIOID CRISIS HAS GROWN JAILS HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH AN INCREASING NUMBER OF ADDICTS DEALING WITH ADDICTION AND WITHDRAWAL. EFFECTIVE TREATMENT WHILE BEING HELD CAN HELP BREAK THE CYCLE OF CRIME AND ADDICTION.

6/22/18-THE DAYS OF TAX FREE SALES OVER THE INTERNET COULD BE COMING TO A CLOSE IN NEW YORK. YESTERDAY THE SUPREME COURT RULED STATES COULD TAX SALES FROM VENDORS LOCATED OUTSIDE THEIR BORDERS. THAT SETS THE STAGE FOR A MEASURE IN ALBANY THAT WOULD FORCE MARKETPLACES LIKE AMAZON, EBAY, AND ETSY TO COLLECT THE SALES TAXES OWED BY SMALL VENDORS THAT SELL THROUGH THEIR SITES. SUPPORTERS SAY THE STATE IS LOSING 360 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR BECAUSE OF UNTAXED SALES.

6/25/18-SUMMER MEANS THE ARRIVAL OF FAIRS, FIELD DAYS, AND CARNIVALS AND THAT MEANS MORE WORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. STATE INSPECTORS FANNED OUT ACROSS NEW YORK THIS WEEKEND TO BEGIN THE ANNUAL INSPECTIONS OF AMUSEMENT RIDES. EVERY MERRY GO ROUND, TILT A WHIRL, AND FERRIS WHEEL IN THE STATE IS CHECKED OUT AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR. THAT JOB FALLS TO A SPECIAL TEAM TRAINED IN HOW ALL OF THOSE RIDES ARE ASSEMBLED AND RUN THAT SPENDS THE SUMMER MAKING SURE THEY'RE UP TO PAR.