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## Booze on XMas? We'll drink to that

The Legislature voted last week to allow liquor sales on Sunday morning and Christmas Day. It didn't go unnoticed by Poli-Bites that the sponsor of the Christmas Day sales amendment, Sen. **Gilda Jacobs**, is Jewish. Nothing to do with religion, laughed the Huntington Woods Democrat, although she said many Jewish friends complain about the Sunday morning liquor ban (which by most accounts was imposed in deference to Sunday morning Christian church services). Jacobs did recall a Jewish restaurant owner who complained that he couldn't cater a private party with alcohol on Christmas Eve. "This guy lost out on a big night of a sale, and it just didn't seem fair," she said. In fact, Jacobs has been pushing for Sunday morning liquor sales for years, saying the current Prohibition-era ban is antiquated and hurts businesses. Current law bans alcohol sales from 9 p.m. Christmas Eve and all of Christmas Day. A new law, if Gov. **Jennifer Granholm** signs the bill, would ban sales from 11:59 p.m. Dec. 24 through noon Dec. 25. Jacobs said boaters also complain that they can't stock up on alcohol provisions Sunday mornings for their Sunday excursions.

### Middle of the pack not so bad when leader of the pack is ...

She doesn't get high marks for her support for some tax increases, but Gov. **Jennifer Granholm** gets passing grades and ranks in the middle of the pack in the Cato Institute's rankings of the nation's governors.

Granholm got a C with a score of 53 and is ranked 21st.

Cato, a small-government, libertarian-leaning think tank, gives her credit for reduced spending over the year, but criticizes her for the state's

narrowly focused tax incentives given to certain business sectors.

For the record, South Carolina Gov. **Mark Sanford** got the highest score -- 74 -- even while his wife was dumping him. Sanford, you'll recall, is the guy who said he was "hiking on the Appalachian Trail" when he was really with his Argentinean mistress. He is not seeking re-election.

### Sing it with us now: Well, the wheels on officials' cars in Detroit go missing, missing, missing ...

Thieves seem to have a thing for the rides of high-profile officials in Detroit.

The latest victim -- Detroit Councilman **Gary Brown**, a former Detroit deputy police chief.

Brown was returning from a jog at 6 a.m. Thursday when he spotted three thieves outside of his relatively safe west-side neighborhood.

"There were three young men between the ages of 18 and 21 who had my car on blocks, had a hydraulic jack up underneath and had all of the tires taken off but hadn't loaded up the tires yet," Brown told school mentors Friday.



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