

## **THE JACOBS CAPITOL REPORT**

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### **GRANHOLM BOOKS TOWN HALL TOUR** **Governor to Discuss Michigan's Future with Citizens**

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm announced that she will hold a series of town hall meetings across the state with citizens to discuss the future of Michigan. The meetings will be televised, with stations in five communities featuring live broadcasts.

“Together we must choose the path Michigan will take to ensure that Michigan is a great place to live, learn, and earn in the future,” Granholm said. “Michigan citizens are a critical part of the process of deciding how we'll revitalize Michigan today and ensuring that our kids have an opportunity to build a great life here tomorrow. These town hall meetings will provide an opportunity for those who will be most affected to share their ideas on Michigan's future.”

All programs will be broadcast live. The schedule includes the following one-hour town halls in Eastern Standard Time (EST):

Monday, March 5 - 8 p.m. Flint  
WJRT TV-12

Tuesday, March 6 - 7 p.m. Detroit  
WXYZ TV-7

Wednesday, March 7 - 7 p.m. Grand Rapids  
WOOD TV-8

Thursday, March 8 - 7 p.m. Lansing  
WILX TV-10

### **JACOBS HONORED WITH AHA LEGISLATIVE CHAMPION AWARD** **American Heart Assoc: 'Lives will be saved as a result of her efforts.'**

State Senator Gilda Z. Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods) has been presented with the American Heart Association's (AHA) Legislative Champion Award as a result of her tireless legislative efforts to make a difference in the fight against cardiovascular disease. Presenters cited Jacobs' role in ensuring the placement of automated external defibrillators in emergency

response vehicles and health clubs as an example of her efforts.

“Sen. Jacobs was chosen to receive our Legislative Champion award because of her dedication to policy which impacts the American Heart Association mission,” said Katherine Knoll, AHA Senior Director of Advocacy. “There is no doubt that lives will be saved as a result of her efforts.”

“I’m honored to receive this award,” said Senator Jacobs. “The American Heart Association is doing important work in our state. Anything we can do in Lansing to make a difference in the fight against cardiovascular disease is a worthwhile effort.”

The American Heart Association is a nationwide community-based volunteer health organization with the mission of reducing disability and death due to cardiovascular disease and stroke.

### **RACINOS IN LIEU OF A TAX INCREASE?**

#### **Proposal a Long-shot, But Possible**

A revised proposal to install slot machines at racetracks has been floated in certain Capitol circles as a way to avoid increasing or adopting new taxes.

Some legislators who were reluctant to vote for relaxed gaming regulations may be willing to accept the racino idea if its advanced as an alternative to forced revenue.

Could the establishment of racinos be used as a tool to help pull the state out of its financial mess? Stay tuned. There could be a possible vote sometime this spring, although it is unclear if conservative Senate Republicans from West Michigan would be willing to let the issue come up.

The horse racing industry has not yet sent its lobbyists into a full-court press at the Capitol, but with a nudge from Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, that could be the next step.

The racing industry was dealt a serious set back in 2004 after the passage of Proposal 1, which required local and statewide elections for any new non-Indian casino gaming in Michigan. The local and statewide election requirement effectively killed any plans to feature slots at the track—an option the industry considers key in its ability to compete with the casinos.

### **WIT, WISDOM, ETC . . .**

#### **Quotables**

"I don't believe in dressing up reality. I don't believe in using makeup to make things look smoother."

-Lou Reed

"This has always been a motto of mine: Attempt the impossible in order to improve your work."

-Bette Davis

Quote of the Week: Harry S. Truman

"A politician is a man who understands government. A statesman is a politician who's been dead for 15 years."

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State Senator Gilda Jacobs represents the 14th Senate District, which includes Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Ferndale, Franklin, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Lathrup Village, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak Township, Southfield, and Southfield Township. She is the Minority Vice Chair of the Families & Human Services Committee and the Campaign & Election Oversight Committee. She also serves on the Finance, Economic Development & Regulatory Reform, and Health Policy Committees.

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