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## Panel gives OK to new diet pill

### Recommendation could clear way for sale of over-the-counter medication

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#### WASHINGTON

Federal health advisers voted Monday to recommend over-the-counter sales of a weight-loss pill now sold only with a prescription.

GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare still needs final Food and Drug Administration approval before it can sell a non-prescription version of orlistat, a diet pill already marketed in prescription form as Xenical. The FDA approved the prescription version of the fat-blocking pill made by Roche in 1999.

A joint FDA advisory committee voted 11-3 to recommend approval late Monday following a daylong hearing. The agency usually follows the recommendations of its outside panels of experts, but its final decision could take months. If approved, orlistat would be the first weight-loss drug sanctioned for over-the-counter sales.

In six-month clinical trials, obese people who took orlistat

lost on average 5.3 pounds to 6.2 pounds more than did those who were given dummy pills. Glaxo wants people to use it for only six months at a time, but as an over-the-counter item, its use could not be policed.

However, the pill's effect ends once its use is stopped, said Dr. Julie Golden, a medical officer in the FDA's division of metabolism and endocrinology products. A previous study showed a progressive weight gain in patients after they discontinued use of orlistat, Golden said.

"I am concerned that this, while in the short term may be useful, in the long term it may not be," said FDA panel member Dr. Neal Benowitz. "Is there any prospect six-month treatment is going to produce long-term benefits?"

Glaxo said the drug helps the overweight slim down only when combined with a diet and exercise regimen. The drug's actual effect on weight loss is "gradual and modest," said Steve Burton, Glaxo's vice president of weight control.

## Sues

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Association of Cities and Towns.

Franklin was collecting \$4.7 million less in property taxes than allowed, and the state froze the city's tax collecting ability at that lowered amount. The city has been spending more money than it is bringing in since.

City officials say the change in legislation is a math error because it changed rules in the midst of calculating budgets. The city did not expect to lose the ability to collect more than \$4 million in property taxes, and, if it had, the budget could have

been adjusted to compensate for that, Schafstall said.

But the state tax commissioner, who was appointed by Gov. Mitch Daniels, does not consider changing policy in the middle of budget planning a math error.

Her predecessor did and allowed several cities adversely affected by the legislation to collect additional property taxes to keep from going broke or having to cut essential services.

A city or town rarely sues the department of local government finance, said Amber St. Amour, staff attorney with the department. No other municipalities have lawsuits pending against the department, and staff could not remember the most recent time it was done.

## Bill

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Some state lawmakers say homeowners shouldn't have to pay for increases for these expenses.

A proposed law would change the amount of property taxes paid at the county level for child welfare, keep those property taxes from going up and take away local government's authority to recommend services to juvenile delinquents in welfare. The state would fund child-welfare growth with taxes it collects, such as income and sales taxes.

But state lawmakers do not know how much paying for child welfare will cost or how it will impact taxpayers. This concerns some legislators, since the cost of child welfare is growing.

Property owners currently pay four different county taxes to fund child welfare services, which are administered by the state.

House Bill 1001 would eliminate those four rates, make a single property tax rate for child welfare and freeze that amount in 2007. The state would pay for all increases in child welfare costs once the new rate is imposed.

The new rate would be different in each county and could be higher or lower than what homeowners pay now.

Johnson County homeowners pay about 2 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation for child welfare.

The pennies add up for the county, where homeowners combined paid about \$1.1 million for child welfare in 2005, less than a 1 percent increase from 2004.

This money pays for treatment for two types of juveniles: delinquents in trouble with the law and children who are abused, neglected or in need of foster homes or psychiatric care.

Currently, county juvenile probation departments make recommendations about how to treat delinquents. Local judges make final decisions.

The bill would take authority away from county juvenile probation departments and give the Indiana Department of Child Services the responsibility of making recommendations about delinquents to local judges, who would still make the final decisions.

The state department already makes recommendations for children who are abused or neglected. Giving the department res-

## CHILD WELFARE

### How it works

Johnson County property owners paid more than \$1 million for child welfare in 2005. Child-welfare services provide counseling and psychiatric treatment programs, arrange foster care and pay for foster families' expenses.

The county has four different property tax rates to fund child welfare. Johnson County homeowners pay about 2 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation on the four rates combined, which is less than 8 percent of their county government tax rate.

### Proposed change

Eliminate the four welfare tax rates and make a single property tax rate based partially on the cost of child welfare services during the past five years.

The state would freeze that rate in 2007 to stop it from rising and pay for all increases in child welfare costs once the new rate is imposed. The new rate would be different in each county.

possibility for making suggestions for all kids in need of welfare services gives more continuity to the child-welfare system statewide, Rep. Jeff Espich said.

Espich, R-Uniondale, is proposing these changes to child welfare services based on a suggestion from James Payne, director of the state department.

"(Payne) believes this is best way to serve children in the area," Espich said. "I will follow his lead."

If a county judge wanted to do something different from a state recommendation or add to that recommendation, the county would have to pick up the extra cost, according to the bill.

This is a concern for local Juvenile Magistrate Marla Clark, who says the bill would put judges in an awkward position, knowing that a decision they wanted to make might cost their county. She does not see a need for the change, especially when that change involves tying funding to a judge's decision.

The state hopes to have information about the bill's financial impact by today, according to a House Republican financial adviser.

Representatives from Johnson County support finding a way for the state to pick up child welfare costs, but at the same time, they want a permanent way for local governments to rely less on property tax dollars, not just a cap on 10 percent or less of property tax bills.

The bill was approved by the House Ways and Means Committee last week, and now goes to the full House for consideration.

#### GREENWOOD

### James T. Bobrowski

James T. Bobrowski, 57, died Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, at his residence in Greenwood.

He was the son of William and Louise (Medinis) Bobrowski; brother of Bill (Barb), Arlene (Ray) Rodriguez, Jerry (Catalina), Laura and Barb; and uncle of Angela, Chris, Melanie, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Fernanda and Bryan.

Jim's important extended family included friends at Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church, Harman-Becker Automotive, Oxford Speaker Co., Chase Bank and Olive Garden Restaurant; lifelong friends, Dave Archikovskiy and Florian Osredkar; and friend, Pete Manigold. All of these people made it easier for him in his long battle with cancer.

A Mass of Christian burial will take place at 10 a.m. today at Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church, 335 S. Meridian St. in Greenwood. Entombment will follow at Calvary Cemetery's Court of the Apostles in Indianapolis. Visitation was Monday at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel, 481 W. Main St., Greenwood, where a prayer service was conducted at 8:30 p.m.

Jim had asked that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to one of the following: Christian Foundation for Children & Aging, 1 Elmwood Ave., Kansas City, KS 66103; Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood, IN 46143; or to St. Francis Hospital's future hospice house, 1600 Albany St., Beech Grove, IN 46107-9989.

Online condolences may be sent to the Bobrowski family at wilsonstpierre.com.

#### INDIANAPOLIS

### Claude Ed Burgess

Claude Ed Burgess, 81, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at Community Hospital South in Indianapolis. He was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Grace L. (Rednour) Burgess; five daughters, Linda L. Mosier of Catonsville, Ky., Donna K. Richardson of Greenfield, Sandra F. Vanover of Indianapolis and Susan Diane Burgess and Pamela J. Hurt, both of Tulsa, Okla.; a brother, Melvin Burgess of Monticello, Ky.; a sister, Thelma Bell of Monticello, Ky.; 10 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Mary (Denton) Burgess.

The Rev. Thomas Madon will conduct a service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 1977 S. State Road 135 in Greenwood. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Graveside military honors will be conducted at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood.

#### LAFAYETTE, Tenn.

### Harold Johnson

Harold Johnson, 76, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006. He was a resident of Lafayette, Tenn., and a former resident of Franklin.

Arrangements are pending at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Home & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel.

#### GREENWOOD

### John W. 'Jack' Kreutzer

John W. "Jack" Kreutzer, 78, passed away Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006, at his Greenwood residence.

Jack was born March 21, 1927, in Liberty to Albert and Elizabeth (Rosefield) Kreutzer.

He is survived by a son, Darrell Kreutzer of Franklin; a daughter, Susan Capozzi of Whiteland; two sisters, Virginia Meyer of Cincinnati and Rita Scheigert of Beech Grove; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and his wife, Charlotte (Clephane) Kreutzer.

Jack worked for Link Belt Corp. for 42 years, having retired in 1987.

He was a member of Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church.

A Mass of Christian burial will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday at Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.wilsonstpierre.com.

#### GREENWOOD

### Reese A. Maxwell Jr.

Reese A. Maxwell Jr., 80, of Greenwood, formerly of Spencer, passed away Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006, at his residence in Greenwood.

He was born July 28, 1925, in Indianapolis to Reese Albert Maxwell Sr. and Goldie Mae

Franklin  
Virginia L. Newkirk, 90  
Marlene Diane Phillips, 53  
Greenwood  
James T. Bobrowski, 57  
John W. "Jack" Kreutzer, 78  
Reese A. Maxwell Jr., 80  
Mary Jane Wood, 77  
Indianapolis  
Claude Ed Burgess, 81  
Eva L. Selzer, 81  
Elsewhere  
Harold Johnson, 76  
John N. McKee, 46  
Beatrice Mischo, 88  
Bobby Joe Parker, 66

(McCullough) Maxwell, who preceded him in death. He married Betty Jane (Bowen) Maxwell on Dec. 24, 1949. She preceded him in death July 8, 1974, after 26 years of marriage. He then married Vera M. (Jackson) Maxwell in August 1975, and she preceded him in death April 14, 1981.

Survivors include a daughter, Beverly A. Beers and her husband, Dennis, of Greenwood; a son, Steven K. Maxwell of Prince's Lakes; two sisters, Helen DeMoss of Indianapolis and F. Jeanine Lucas of Charlotte, N.C.; a brother, John D. Maxwell of Delta, Ala.; a grandson, Bradley W. Beers of Bargersville; a granddaughter, Shawna M. Scheumann of Indianapolis; and five great-grandchildren, Paige, Joshua and Matthew Beers and Dylan and Devon Scheumann.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Spencer.

He also participated in many school projects throughout the United States and Mexico during his volunteer work in Maranatha projects.

He was an electrician by trade for RCA, Chrysler foundry and General Electric in Bloomington.

He also was a member of the Independent Order of Foresters.

A service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at West Parish and Pedigo Funeral Home, 105 N. Montgomery St. in Spencer. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 1977 S. State Road 135 in Greenwood and from 11 a.m. until service time Wednesday at West Parish and Pedigo Funeral Home in Spencer. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Spencer.

Memorial contributions can be made to Andrews University Fund, in care of Planned Giving and Trust Services, Administration Building, Suite 310, Berrien Springs, MI 49104.

#### MARTINSVILLE

### John N. McKee

John N. McKee, 46, died Monday, Jan. 23, 2006. He was a resident of Martinsville and a former resident of Morgantown.

Arrangements are pending at Meredith-Clark Funeral Home, Cremation and Personalization Center in Morgantown.

#### FORT WRIGHT, Ky.

### Beatrice (Koch) Mischo

Beatrice (Koch) Mischo, 88, died Jan. 17, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Edgewood, Ky. She was a resident of Fort Wright, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Anton S. Mischo.

Arrangements are pending with Linnemann Funeral Homes in Kentucky.

#### FRANKLIN

### Virginia L. Newkirk

Virginia L. Newkirk, age 90, loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at Franklin United Methodist Community in Franklin.

Virginia was born Jan. 27, 1915, in Nineveh to the late Roscoe and Myrl (Tucker) Prosser. In 1935, she married Jinks D. Richardson of Trafalgar, who died on Christmas Eve 1956. In 1958, she married her husband of 48 years, Harold D. Newkirk, who survives.

Virginia was a 1932 Nineveh

High School graduate.

A business leader in Franklin for more than 40 years, Virginia first owned and operated the Patty Jo Playschool in the late 1940s and early 1950s. After the death of her first husband, she took over the family business, Davis Shoe Store, which grew into Newkirk Fashion Shoppe, Shoe Store and Children's Shoppe, which she ran with her husband, Harold, until retiring at age 76.

Virginia was a 60-plus-year member of Franklin Tabernacle Christian Church, member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority, a former Johnson County 4-H leader and a former Franklin Girls Club board member. She and husband, Harold, traveled all over the world, but Virginia's favorite activity was spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Harold; two daughters, Patricia (Ralph) Ramsey of Greenfield, Mary Jo Moore of Aledo, Ill., and a stepdaughter, Diana Van Dellen of Lakeland, Fla.; several grandchildren, Pamela (Richie) Lindamood; Debra (Steve) Shirley, Raymond Ramsey, Ryan (fiance, Amanda) Ramsey, Peggy (Keith) Hockett, Douglas (Susan) Moore, David (Amy) Moore, Stephen Moore and Andrea Moore; two stepgrandchildren, Gerardus (Jessica) Van Dellen and Katrina (Jeri Schindler) Van Dellen; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in passing by one brother, Morris Prosser; and one sister, Pauline Talbert.

The Rev. William Horner will conduct a service at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Flinn and Maguire Funeral Home, 2898 N. Morton St. in Franklin. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Franklin.

Memorial contributions may be made to Franklin United Methodist Community, 1070 W. Jefferson St., Franklin, IN 46131.

Online condolences may be sent to flinnmaguire.com.

#### MOORESVILLE

### Bobby Joe Parker

Bobby Joe Parker, 66, of Mooresville, passed away Monday, Jan. 23, 2006.

He was born Oct. 25, 1939.

Bobby was a truck driver, and he had a passion for it.

He was a member of Waverly Baptist Church and Lynhurst Masonic Lodge No. 723 F&AM.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Claudia L. Parker; two children, the Rev. Bob (Janice) Parker and Janine (Dean) Bradshaw; and five grandchildren, Christopher Bradshaw and Hannah, Bethany, Michelle and Leah Parker.

He cherished times spent with his grandchildren and enjoyed his horse.

A service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Road 135. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Francis Hospice Home Building Fund, 1600 Albany St., Beech Grove, IN 46107.

#### FRANKLIN

### Marlene Diane Phillips

Marlene Diane Phillips, 53, died Monday, Jan. 23, 2006, at St. Francis Hospital and Health Center in Beech Grove. She was a resident of Franklin.

Survivors include two sons, Chris (Carolyn) Phillips and Jeff (April) Phillips, both of Franklin; a daughter, Lisa (Jon) Overby of Springfield, Ga.; a stepsister, Betty Lindsey of Franklin; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Vern I. and Dora M. Caster; and stepmother, Dama (Roy) Caster Smith.

A service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Flinn and Maguire Funeral Home, 2898 N. Morton St. in Franklin. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Franklin.

#### INDIANAPOLIS

### Eva L. Selzer

Eva L. Selzer, 81, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006. She was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include her husband, Harry E. Selzer; a daughter, Kimberle B. (David) Davis-Huff

of Indianapolis; a brother, Howard Richardson of Greensboro, N.C.; and a granddaughter.

A service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center, 7602 Madison Ave. in Indianapolis. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood.

#### GREENWOOD

### Mary Jane Wood

Mary Jane Wood, 77, of Greenwood, passed away, Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis.

She was born July 19, 1928, in Marion County to the late Walter C. and Rachel Folkening.

She was a supervisor at Eli Lilly and Co. for 39 years, retiring in 1987.

She was an artist who enjoyed painting and was an avid reader. She loved flowers and was a crossword fanatic.

She is survived by her daughter, Sharon Gerber Props, and her husband, Donald R. Props; four grandchildren, Julie Abernathy, Ryan Gerber, Mark Props and Michelle Duh; four great-grandchildren, Derik Abernathy, Michael Duh, Braden Props and Brett Props; and one brother, Charles W. Folkening. She was preceded in death by a brother, Edward R. Folkening. She left behind her adored pet, Buttons.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Road 135, with visitation from 11 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood.

"I'm Free" by Linda Jo Jackson Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard him call, I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone, must stay that way, I found that peace at close of day.

If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship, shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your hearts and share with me, God wanted me now, he set me free.



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