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BRIEF STATE

INDIANAPOLIS

Poll shows support for \$1 cigarette tax hike

Sixty-two percent of Indiana registered voters support increasing the state's cigarette tax by \$1 per pack if the money was used to fund health programs and smoking cessation and prevention initiatives, according to a poll released Monday.

The statewide telephone survey of 500 people conducted Jan. 10-11 showed that 36 percent opposed a \$1 per pack increase.

Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels has asked lawmakers to increase the cigarette tax of 55.5 cents per pack by at least 25 cents, with the additional revenue and newly leveraged federal dollars being used to provide health insurance to more low-income Hoosiers and immunizations for children.

BRIEFS NATION

WASHINGTON

Report: FBI at fault for not investigating Foley

The FBI should have acted to protect teenage House pages when it initially learned in July that ex-Rep. Mark Foley had sent disturbing e-mails to a former male page, an internal Justice Department report concluded Monday.

The bureau, which at the time declined to investigate, also made inaccurate statements to the news media about its decision, the report said. It said that bureau spokesmen wrongly asserted that the decision was influenced by a congressional watchdog group's failure to provide information missing from the e-mails.

The report, by Inspector General Glenn Fine, said the group was not asked to provide any additional information from the e-mails, nor did the missing material influence the decision not to investigate.

"We believe the FBI should have considered taking some steps to ensure that any minors in the congressional page program were not at risk of predatory behavior by Foley," Fine reported.

NEW YORK

Pfizer to lay off 10,000 in cost-cutting move

Pfizer Inc., struggling with fierce competition from makers of generic drugs, announced Monday it will cut 10,000 jobs and close at least five facilities to slash its annual costs by up to \$2 billion by next year.

The drastic measures by the world's largest drugmaker highlight the challenges faced by many pharmaceutical companies these days. In addition to patent expirations, big drug companies are struggling with a business climate where insurers and other large purchasers of medicines are demanding lower prices and more evidence of products' worth.

Although big rounds of job cuts typically boost a company's stock price, shares of Pfizer fell 27 cents, or 1 percent, to close Monday at \$26.95 on the New York Stock Exchange.

It's the second time in two years the maker of Viagra and Lipitor has announced a major cost-reduction plan to combat the loss of about \$14 billion in revenues this year due to expiring patents.

Bush's challenge: Prove he can work with Congress

By BEN FELLER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

Big grin, thumbs up, no worries.

President Bush sent all the right signals as he returned to the White House from Camp David on Monday. He'll need that optimism where he's headed next: Capitol Hill.

The president will tell Americans tonight he has important plans for health care, education and other kitchen table topics that have little to do with Iraq. Yet if the state of the union is strong, so is the nation's skepticism that he can deliver.

For the first time, Bush will give his State of the Union address with Democrats in power and looking over his shoulder, literally, with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi seated right behind him. Most people have no confidence that Bush and a Democratic Congress can solve problems together, a troubling sentiment that has only deepened since the November election, an Associated Press-AOL News poll finds.

The 9 p.m. speech is a chance for Bush to pull his domestic agenda out from the shadow of the Iraq war, if only briefly. So Bush will focus on issues he hopes will appeal to mainstream America and to Democrats on Capitol Hill, shifting pressure onto them to govern.

STATE OF THE UNION

Time: 9 p.m.

Watch it: Bush's speech will appear on broadcast networks and most cable news channels



President Bush is applauded as he gives his fifth State of the Union speech on Capitol Hill in Washington on Jan. 31.

"He's got to be convincing, so that the American people believe that he's serious about working in a bipartisan way," said Charlie Black, a longtime Republican strategist and informal White House adviser. "If there's one headline they'd like to have out of this, that would be it."

The president is expected to address:

Health care: Bush will propose a tax deduction of \$7,500 for individuals and \$15,000 for families regardless of whether they buy their own health insurance or receive medical coverage at work. Health-care insurance would be considered taxable income, and people with more generous policies could face tax increases unless they change plans. The administration says

its plan will help people who buy insurance individually rather than through their employers. The administration says the tax deductions will allow more Americans to buy insurance.

Energy: Bush is expected to call for a sharp escalation of corn-based ethanol as a gasoline blend. He also may seek the power to raise fuel economy standards for passenger cars, probably as part of a plan to offer financial incentives for increasing alternative fuels.

Education: Bush will push for Congress to renew his education law, No Child Left Behind, which expires this year. Democrats have already signaled their intention to work with him but will expect him to go along with increases in spending.

Low-income students urged to plan for college

By DEANNA MARTIN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS

Most ninth-graders say they want a higher education, but a new public service advertising campaign has a message for them: You can't dream your way into college.

The ads urge students to learn the steps they need to take to prepare for college. The effort is aimed primarily at low-income students and those whose parents never attended college.

"With so many of our students being first-generation college students, they have many questions that their moms and dads can't always help them with," said Suellen Reed, the state's superintendent of public instruction. "It's important that they have sources of information."

The campaign, called "Know How2GoIndiana," says students should find an adult to talk to about college, prepare for higher educa-

tion by taking rigorous classes, find the right school for them and then find money to attend.

The campaign includes radio commercials, TV ads, billboards and a Web site geared toward students in Grades 8 to 10. One radio ad features a rap about finding information for college. Another features a student dreaming about being accepted into college even though he has not taken the right steps to apply.

"Wake up, you can't dream your way into college," the ad states after the student's alarm clock buzzes. "There are actual steps you need to take."

Dennis Bland, president of the Center for Leadership Development in Indianapolis, said the campaign could help students navigate obstacles on the road to college.

"These obstacles can be especially overwhelming for low-income students and their families, and for those who are first generation college student aspirants," Bland said. "Know How2Go will help break these real and perceived barriers."

About 75 percent of students from high-income families complete college by age 24, compared with only 9 percent of students from low-income families, according to the campaign.

"The attainment gap between income groups is widening, in Indiana and across the country," said Martha Lamkin, president of the Lumina Foundation, an Indianapolis-based education organization. "We must reach out to low-income students."

Indiana's campaign, led by Learn More Indiana, is part of a national effort sponsored by the Lumina Foundation, the Ad Council and the American Council on Education.

COLUMBUS

Virginia D. Bailey

Virginia D. Bailey, 86, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2007, at Columbus Health & Rehabilitation Center. She was a resident of Columbus.

Survivors include five sons, William (Betty), Larry (Beth), Edward (Barbara) and Randall (Mary) Bailey, all of Columbus, and Norman (Sue) Bailey of Scipio; a stepson, Gilbert (Nancy) Bailey of Shelbyville; five daughters, Donna Richey, Patricia (Sam) McInteer, Loretta (Hollett) Brown and Pamela (Tim) Scroghan, all of Columbus, and Carolyn (James) Hamm of Hope; three brothers, Paul Ford of Tennessee, Carl Ford of Wyoming and Robert Ford of Columbus; a sister, Betty Sears of Edinburg; 30 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Cloe Allender Ford; and her husband, Leroy G. Bailey.

The Revs. Jim Pursley and John McKay will conduct a funeral service at 10 a.m. today at Barks, Weaver & Glick Funeral Home, 1029 Washington St., Columbus. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time today at the funeral home. Burial will be at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 6030 W. 62nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46278.

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

FRANKLIN

Chileen 'Enoch' Doty

Chileen "Enoch" Doty, 83, died Monday, Jan. 22, 2007, at the Franklin United Methodist Community. He was a resident of Franklin and a former resident of Bargersville.

Arrangements are pending at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center in Indianapolis.

AVON

Glenda F. Ragsdale

Glenda F. Ragsdale, 62, died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007. She was a resident of Avon.

Survivors include a son, John Scott Ragsdale of Indianapolis; two daughters, Jill Selvia of Avon and Angela Stevens of Indianapolis; a sister, Janelle Gaither of Franklin; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clifford Earl and Jane Johnson Yates.

There will be no funeral service. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 1977 S. State Road 135, Greenwood.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 6030 W. 62nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46278.

Information: www.forestlawn-memory.com

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Chileen "Enoch" Doty, 83
Greenwood
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D. Jeanne Skidmore, 86

ACTON

D. Jeanne (Addison) Skidmore

D. Jeanne (Addison) Skidmore, 86, died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007, in Greenwood. She was a resident of Acton and a former resident of Rays Crossing.

Survivors include seven sons, S.W. Skidmore Jr. of Indianapolis, Russ Skidmore of Fairhope, Ala., John C. Skidmore of Durham, N.C., Marcus E. Skidmore of Indianapolis, W. Larry Skidmore of High Point, N.C., Chris Skidmore of Beech Grove and Lindsay Skidmore of Greenwood; two daughters, Vickie L. Cox of Shelbyville and Melinda J. Skidmore of Denver; 25 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Evelyn Addison; and her husband, S.W. Skidmore Sr.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center Washington Park East, 10722 E. Washington St., Indianapolis. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Entombment will be at Washington Park East Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Indiana, 9135 N. Meridian St., Suite B4, Indianapolis, IN 46260 or www.alzindiana.org.

GREENWOOD

Wanda B. Zamecnik

Wanda B. Zamecnik, 91, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007. She was a resident of Greenwood.

Survivors include two children, Donald (Cherie) Zamecnik and Barbara (Jerry) Cook; a sister, Stella Szatkowski; a brother, Joseph Z. Lesiak; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Mary Lesiak; and her husband, Frank E. Zamecnik.

A memorial Mass will be conducted at a later date in Cleveland, Ohio. G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Road 135, is handling arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 6100 W. 96th St., Indianapolis, IN 46278, or the American Cancer Society, 6030 W. 62nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46278.

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