

BRIEFS
STATE

INDIANAPOLIS

FDA approves new use for Lilly antidepressant

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved a new use for Eli Lilly and Co.'s fast-growing antidepressant Cymbalta.

The drugmaker announced Monday that the FDA approved Cymbalta for the treatment of generalized anxiety disorder, a mental illness marked by chronic anxiety, irritability and fatigue, among other symptoms.

More than 6 million Americans have the disorder, and several drugs are already on the market to treat it.

Cymbalta also treats depression and diabetic nerve pain. Lilly plans to ask the FDA later this year for approval to use it for the neurological disorder fibromyalgia, spokeswoman Tamara Hull said.

SOUTH BEND

Diocese reaching out to lapsed Catholics

A northern Indiana diocese is using a Lenten season ad campaign to reach out to lapsed Catholics to ask them to consider returning to the church.

"We've found over the years that many people really want to return to the facts of their faith but Catholics are not good at ask-

ing people to return," Bishop John D'Arcy said Monday. "Yet we're all called from our baptism to be evangelizers — to bring people back to their faith."

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is using a \$60,000 reconciliation campaign known as "You can always come home" as part of its 150-year anniversary to try to let people know that they are welcome to return, D'Arcy said.

INDIANAPOLIS

WellPoint president announces retirement

WellPoint Inc.'s president and CEO, Larry Glasscock, announced Monday that he'll retire June 1 from the nation's largest health insurer for family reasons.

Glasscock will continue to serve as chairman of the Indianapolis-based company's board of directors, which has chosen WellPoint executive vice president Angela F. Braly as his successor.

"For family reasons, it is important for me to retire from the day-to-day leadership of the company at this time," Glasscock, 58, said in a company statement released Monday.

Braly, 45, has been an executive vice president with the company since 2005. Previously, she was the president and CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Missouri.

By MIKE SMITH

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INDIANAPOLIS

The House narrowly approved legislation Monday that would steer \$60 million in interest from the Indiana Toll Road lease to local road and street construction.

The Democrat proposal, approved 51-48 along a near straight party-line vote, was among dozens of bills the General Assembly considered before a Wednesday deadline to pass legislation from its house of origin and send it to the other chamber.

Among bills still awaiting votes were those that would increase cigarette taxes by 25 cents per pack to provide health insurance to more Hoosiers, and legislation that would allow Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels to outsource the Hoosier Lottery to a private vendor to help fund higher education initiatives.

One House Republican, Rep. Jonathan Elrod of Indianapolis,

AT THE STATEHOUSE

House passes scaled-back version of gasoline tax break

Motorists would get a tax break on gasoline in Indiana if the pump price exceeds \$2.25 per gallon under a bill passed by the House on Monday.

House Democrats had campaigned on a proposal to eliminate the state sales tax on gasoline. They did regain control of the chamber and have a 51-49 majority.

But they abandoned that proposal earlier this session, saying it would have cost the state too much in lost revenue to eliminate the tax. The original proposal would have cost the state between \$328 million to \$362 million, according to the Legislative Services Agency.

Under the current bill, the state's 6 percent sales tax would apply up to a total pump price of \$2.25. If prices are higher than that, motorists would

not have to pay sales tax on the difference between the higher price and \$2.25.

LSA estimates that this bill could cost the state between \$37 million and \$45 million.

Although many Republicans voted for the bill, they accused Democrats of scaling back their campaign pledge so drastically after the election.

Rep. Jeff Espich, R-Uniandale, said the campaign proposal was fiscally irresponsible. But, he said, "A promise made should be a promise kept, and this is only 10 percent of what was promised."

Rep. Dennie Oxley, D-Milltown, said it would still help protect motorists in Indiana from the volatility of gas prices.

The bill now goes to the Republican-ruled Senate.

private, foreign venture in exchange for an upfront payment of \$3.8 billion.

Opponents of the bill authored by Rep. Terri Austin, D-Anderson, said that money and its interest were intended to pay for projects already identified in a 10-year plan by the Indiana Department of Transportation. They said diverting it for other uses would set a bad precedent.

The bill that authorized the toll road lease already set aside \$150 million over two years for local road construction, but Austin said money for that was still woefully lacking.

"Critics of this approach suggest it is the camel's nose under the tent," said Austin. "I don't see it that way. I think it's being fiscally prudent."

Rep. Trent Van Haften, D-Mount Vernon, said the lease account in question had earned more than \$118 million since July 5 and the state could afford to "throw a crumb" to needed local road construction.

joined 50 of the chamber's 51 Democrats in passing the bill that would spend \$60 million on local roads over two years. The

money would come from interest earned from a construction fund created when Daniels leased the toll road in northern Indiana to a

Indianapolis factory idle during dispute

Engine maker: Ford not honoring contract

The Associated Press

WARRENVILLE, III.

Navistar International Corp. said Monday it will idle a 1,200-worker Indianapolis factory because of an ongoing dispute with Ford Motor Co.

The Warrenville, Ill.-based truck and engine maker said Monday that Ford has stopped honoring the terms of a contract for thousands of diesel engines used in the automaker's popular F-Series heavy-duty truck line.

Navistar said in a statement that it pays suppliers and employees under contract terms and expects Ford to honor the terms of its agreement. Spokesman Roy Wiley declined to elaborate.

Ford spokeswoman Becky Sanch said the automaker would be able to continue making the F-Series trucks for the near term.

"We've been working closely with Navistar ... for many months to resolve the commercial issues we've been having," she said. "We've always honored the agreements we've had, and we'll continue to do that."

The 4.6-liter Power Stroke is the only diesel engine used in Ford's heavy-duty trucks. About 40 percent of the nearly 800,000

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Ford spokeswoman on Navistar International Corp.'s statement that Ford has not honored the terms of a contract for thousands of diesel engines used in heavy-duty trucks

F-Series trucks sold by Ford last year were diesel-powered.

In past years, Navistar plants in Indianapolis and Huntsville, Ala., made about 300,000 engines for Ford. But Wiley said that number has been cut dramatically because of Ford's financial problems.

The Indianapolis factory made about 400 engines a day. Wiley said he did not know how long the shutdown would last.

The Alabama plant will continue operating because it also produces engines for other companies, Wiley said.

Last month, Ford sued Navistar, saying the company failed to comply with an agreement to share warranty costs. Dearborn, Mich.-based Ford also accused Navistar of unjustifiably raising prices and said it would try to recover its costs.

BRIEF
NATION

NEW YORK

Sharpton wants DNA test after genealogy findings

The Rev. Al Sharpton said he wants a DNA test to determine whether he is related to former segregationist Sen.

Strom Thurmond through his great-grandfather, a slave owned by an ancestor of the late senator.



SHARPTON

"I can't find out anything more

shocking than I've already learned," Sharpton told the Daily News, which on Sunday reported the link based on genealogists' findings.

Sharpton's spokesman, Rachel Noerdlinger, confirmed Monday that Sharpton plans to pursue DNA testing, but had no further details.

Sharpton and Thurmond didn't appear to have much in common: Thurmond ran for president in 1948 as a segregationist. Sharpton ran for president in 2004 calling for racial equality. Last week, Sharpton learned about the connection.

BRIEF
WORLD

THE HAGUE, Netherlands

Court blames Serbia for not preventing genocide

The U.N.'s highest court cleared Serbia on Monday of genocide against Muslims in Bosnia's bloody war. But it said the country's former government should have stopped the 1995 slaughter of more than 7,000 Muslim men and boys in

Srebrenica and ordered Serb leaders to hand over the alleged architect of the massacre.

The case marked the first time a state had been taken to court over allegations of genocide, outlawed in a U.N. convention in 1948 after the Nazi Holocaust, although individuals have been convicted in genocide cases linked to massacres in Bosnia and Rwanda.

CIA leak trial deliberation continues

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

A federal judge avoided a potential mistrial in the CIA leak case Monday by dismissing a juror and sending the other 11 back to continue deliberating the fate of former White House aide Lewis "Scooter" Libby.



LIBBY

U.S. District Judge Reggie B. Walton said the juror had seen or read something over the weekend about Libby's trial.

"What she had exposure to obviously disqualifies her," the judge said.

He did not say what the juror had seen but characterized it as a misunderstanding. He has

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U.S. District Judge Reggie B. Walton
On a juror who was dismissed from the CIA leak case

ordered jurors to avoid media coverage of the case.

Walton originally feared several jurors were tainted, raising the specter of a mistrial in the politically charged case. Libby is accused of lying and obstructing the investigation into the 2003 leak of CIA operative Valerie Plame's identity.

After questioning jurors behind closed doors, however, Walton said the remaining seven women and four men were not affected. Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald Walton asked the judge to call on one of two alternates, both women, who sat

through the trial and are on standby.

But Walton said that would require deliberations to begin fresh and said he didn't want to "throw away two and a half days" of discussions. Instead, he sided with Libby's lawyers and allowed deliberations to continue with 11 jurors, something allowed under federal law in such situations.

"They should continue with their deliberations, and I will emphasize again the importance of not having contact with any outside information," Walton said.

The woman who was dismissed from the jury is an art history expert and scholar who formerly served as a curator of prints at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She was also the only juror who did not wear a red T-shirt as part of the jury's Valentine's Day greeting to the court.

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