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By Bill Shoemaker, AP



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By Steven Lee Myers, USA TODAY

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By Deborah Dinkowitz, USA TODAY

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Daniel Radcliffe: Half-Blood Prince opens Wednesday.



By Jessi Rabinowitz, Warner Bros. Pictures



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Hard times: With a drop in funds coming from relatives in the U.S., Juliana Roséndiz says villagers have stopped buying milk, eggs and meat at her general store in El Epazote, Mexico.

With USA in a recession, rural Mexico feels the pain

Migrant workers send less money back home

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Across Mexico, desperation is increasing among the millions of families who depend on money sent home by relatives in the United States. Those money transfers suffered an unprecedented drop in May, falling 20% — to \$1.9 billion — compared to the previous year, according to the Bank of Mexico. That's because the recession has left many migrants unable to find jobs in the USA, especially in construction. The consequences have been particularly devastating in rural towns such as Pacula

Cover story

— Not long ago, this mountain town was in a construction boom — as they built their American-style homes, using cash sent by workers in the USA. The houses have stopped, leaving them jutting awkwardly out of the town of 4,500. Many have been forced to cut back on rice and corn. Eggs, meat and

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By Scott Olszewski, Getty Images

In Alsip, Ill.: A man kneels over a grave at Burr Oak Cemetery, where up to 300 sites were desecrated.

Morgan was among hundreds of people who were accused of exhuming up to 300 graves in the cemetery — a historic resting place for such as civil rights symbol Willie Dixon and jazz musician.

yearly, said Vickie Hand, treasurer of the Illinois Cemetery and Funeral Home Association. Because this alleged scheme was done off the books, an audit would not have found it, she said.

Perpetua Inc., the Arizona company that owns the cemetery, alerted police to suspected financial misconduct. It said in a statement that it will "make every effort to insure and maintain the dignity of those that have been entrusted to our care."

Robert Fells, general counsel for the International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Home Association, said the only comparable case was the 2002 discovery of 339 corpses at a Noble, Ga., crematory.

Earnest Mitchell found the graves of his mother and sister but couldn't find other family members. "You can prosecute these people, but what does that do for me?" he asked.

An "angry" Thelma Blair spent more than two hours looking for the graves of five family members, including her brother and father.

"What are they going to do to make this right?"

Some cases the workers dug up them in a vacant part of the cemetery where they buried new caskets on a plot as much as \$300,000, according to Cook County officials. The FBI said equipment to search for re- those that were moved. The this. "I'm making," he said. "I can't accept funds for perpetu- the state comptroller and au-

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The study by the Institute of Medicine, requested by the VA and Pentagon, calls for a phased-in ban over a period of years, perhaps up to 20. "We'll certainly be taking that recommendation forward," Smith says.

A tobacco ban would confront a military culture, the report says, in which "the image of the battle-wary soldier in fatigues and helmet, fighting for his country, has frequently included his lit cigarette."

Also, the report said, troops worn out by repeated deployments often rely on cigarettes as a "stress reliever." The study found that tobacco use in the military increased after the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan began.

Pentagon spokeswoman Cynthia Smith said the department supports a smoke-free military "and believes it is achievable." She declined to elaborate on any possible ban.

One in three service-members use tobacco, the report says, compared with one in five adult Americans. The heaviest smokers are soldiers and Marines, who have done most of the fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan, the study says. About 37% of soldiers use tobacco and 36% of Marines. Combat veterans are 50% more likely to use tobacco than troops who haven't seen combat.

Tobacco use costs the Pentagon \$846 million a year in medical care and lost productivity, says the report, which used older data. The Department of Veterans Affairs spends up to \$6 billion in treatments for tobacco-related illnesses, says the study, which was released late last month.

Along with a phased-in ban, the report recommends requiring new officers and enlisted personnel to be tobacco-free, eliminating tobacco use on military installations, ships and aircraft, expanding treatment programs and eliminating the sale of tobacco on military property. "Any tobacco use while in uniform should be prohibited," the study says.

The military complicates attempts to curb tobacco use by subsidizing tobacco products for troops who buy them at base exchanges and commissaries, says Kenneth Kizer, a committee member and architect of California's anti-tobacco program.

Seventy percent of profits from tobacco sales — \$88 million in 2005 — pays for recreation and family support programs, the study says.

Strong leadership could make the military tobacco-free in five to 10 years, Kizer says. President Obama, he says, could set an example for the military by ending his own smoking habit once and for all. Last month, Obama said he is "95% cured" but "there are times when I mess up" and smoke.

Lighting up



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