

# Vaccine for children's diarrhea

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experience mild symptoms of rotavirus, infection can be severe and lead to dehydration that can be fatal." Merck officials have said the vaccine is meant to be

effective for two years, because an older child who gets rotavirus is much less vulnerable to dehydration and other severe consequences of the illness, and therefore less likely to need hospitalization. Children

would still probably catch rotavirus and develop natural immunities to it. Friday's approval should provide a boost for Merck, which faces thousands of lawsuits over its Vioxx painkiller. The vaccine will cost \$62.50 a

dose when ordered in 10-dose packets. Side effects of the vaccine can include diarrhea, vomiting, ear infection, runny nose and sore throat, wheezing and coughing.

# Lace makes versatile fashion statement

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Lace also sends a mixed signal—sexy because of its peek-a-boo quality, yet still a symbol of sweetness and innocence, which further enhances its position as a fashion chameleon. "Today's woman likes to have a hint of lace showing under a white blouse or have the top of a lacy camisole show. It's modern, sexy and accepted," says Barbara Lipton, vice president and general manager for fashion brands at Warnaco. Brands she oversees include J.Lo by Jennifer Lopez, Lejaby and Speedo underwear. The shift to "everyday" lace

versus "special occasion" lace—the kind reserved for one's wedding dress or bridal trousseau—happened as women decided they wanted to feel beautiful and feminine each and every day, Lipton says, and lace has that effect. Lace crosses all segments of the intimate apparel wardrobe—from panty to pajamas. "It can be the trim or accent or the main fabrication. Garments can be constructed completely of lace, they can be made with rigid lace or with stretch...Many have a special treatment that provides a softer feel. It doesn't

affect elasticity or ease of motion, it just makes it feel softer," Lipton says.

Looking ahead, Lipton predicts the crocheted look will be popular.

# Instructor: Hip-hop life can appeal to just about anyone

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LONGVIEW, Texas—Hip-hop isn't just a dance style, and several Longview residents are learning new ways to tap into the lifestyle one leg, hip and arm move at a time. "Hip-hop is kind of like rock 'n' roll and rap mixed together," young music enthusiast Chase Barnette said. Gyrating his hips and thrusting his upper and lower body forward in unison, 9-year-old Chase—like the 24 other children and adults taking a class at the Broughton Recreation Center—intertwined several dance styles to create moves all his own.

"You gotta be smooth with it," dance instructor Kristi Candler urged her young students. Teaching people of any age to twist and maneuver their bodies in a way they aren't used to proved difficult, especially with the children. During the first children's class last month, Candler tried to teach eight children to stylishly stride up and down the dance floor, swinging their arms "smoothly" at their sides while sashaying back and forth on the hardwood floor. Most of the children, ages 5 to 11, walked as if they had been injured, leaning heavily on one leg. With each stride, they became more off balance, almost falling. Candler stood back and smiled. "I love teaching hip-hop classes," the 27-year-old instructor said. "It's fun and it's funny." Hip-hop music, as well as the culture, has become very popular, she said. And although hip-hop has been associated with black culture, Candler said, "It's not a white or black thing. It's universal."

All types of people love hip-hop, Candler said. "Hip-hop is a culture, it's not just a dance," she said. "It's clothes. It's an attitude. It's whatever you make of it." While Candler's students couldn't immediately make much of their instructor's quick and sharp movements, they did make the best of the one hour a week, monthlong course. Partners in Prevention organized the children's class; the adult class is put on by the city's Parks and Recreation Department. As soon as singer Chris Brown's upbeat voice burst through

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