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CHILDREN'S SKIN INFECTION STUDY

Children, age six months to 12 years, wanted to participate in a research study for bacterial skin infections such as: infected wounds, bug bites, earlobes, burns, boils, hair follicles, ingrown toenails, impetigo and others. Investigational oral antibiotic in liquid form. \$150 incentive for those chosen who complete the study.

ALLERGY STUDY FOR TEENAGERS

Individuals ages 12-17 with ragweed allergy wanted to participate in a 2 week, 4 visit research study using medication in nasal inhaler form. Free ragweed skin testing provided. \$100 for those completing the study.

ALLERGY STUDY FOR CHILDREN

Children ages 6-11 with ragweed allergy wanted to participate in a 15-day, 4 visit research study using medication in syrup form. Free ragweed skin testing provided. \$100 to \$150 for those completing the study.

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Individuals age 13 and older with a sinus infection to participate in a clinical research study for 3 to 5 weeks with an investigational antibiotic in capsule form. Minimum incentive of \$150 paid to those who complete the study.

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Congress earmarks \$2.1 billion NASA space lab to receive funds

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A House-Senate conference committee Tuesday earmarked \$2.1 billion for Space Station Freedom next year — giving the orbiting laboratory a significant funding boost over what the House had approved.

The conferees' action, which now goes to the House and Senate for a final vote, brings a near-close to a turbulent year for the space station.

"I'm very pleased," said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas. "This is another substantial victory for science and technology."

Said Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas: "This robust funding profile will speed us on the way toward the day when Freedom is launched into space."

In July, the House brushed aside an effort to kill the \$40 billion project, much of which is under development at the Johnson Space Center near Houston. But House members did trim \$525 million off President Bush's request, allocating \$1.7 billion for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

The Senate proved more generous, earlier this month voting to allocate \$2.1 billion for the space station and also rebuffing an attempt to kill the project.

In rescuing the manned space laboratory, Congress rejected arguments that the space station was of dubious scientific value and would drain badly needed money from other programs.

Freedom supporters contended that killing the project would end America's dominance in space and smother future technological advances.

NASA hopes to begin constructing the space station in orbit in 1996 and to have it functioning before the turn of the century. The project is estimated to cost \$100 million to operate over its lifetime.

The space station money is included in a measure providing \$86.6 billion for veterans, housing, space and environmental programs.

Health care

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and providing better access to health care.

"We can't force you to take it, but it would be available, if needed," he said. Health care for the unemployed would be further enhanced by state programs, he said.

Quayle said health care already is available for the poor and elderly through the federal Medicare and Medicaid programs.

"It's the struggling, middle-income people who don't have health care," he said, adding that the proposals are aimed at that group.

Quayle said the Republican plan is different from a national health care program proposed by Democratic Presidential nominee Bill Clinton. He likened the Democratic plan to the Canadian health care plan, which he claimed does not provide quality care for all.

Quayle was critical of lawsuits and the insurance industry for the high cost of malpractice coverage and strict regulations limiting personal coverage for people with pre-existing conditions. He said physicians often do unnecessary procedures to protect themselves from malpractice claims.

"Defensive medicine is costing us \$20.7 billion a year. I define defensive medicine as medical or health care (done) only to protect a physician," Quayle said. "Think what we could do if we took

half that money and put it in prenatal care than give it to lawyers."

He said curbing such excessive costs and limiting other expenses through electronic billing would provide funding for the new incentives.

Quayle said the federal government has \$135 billion in the past five years for uncompensated health care. He suggested using \$100 billion to fund additional health care.

During his trip to College Station Tuesday afternoon, some 7,500 Aggie students, many of them wearing pro-Republican signs, greeted Quayle at the Rollie White coliseum.

"Now I know why President Bush loves A&M and Texas Aggies," Quayle said. "There's absolutely no doubt in my mind, Texas is going to elect George Bush one more time."

Bush has chosen A&M as the site for his presidential library. During his 15-minute speech, Quayle was interrupted briefly by a handful of students who shouted "Clinton-Gore '92," and held up anti-Quayle banners. The students were asked to leave.

The overwhelmingly pro-Republican chanted at every mention of Clinton, and when Quayle attacked the Arkansas governor's issues and when he talked about Hollywood.

"I want the people to write the future of America and I want Hollywood to start reflecting our values," Quayle said.

Earlier, Quayle pronounced himself the victor in his fight with Hollywood over "Murphy Brown." Quayle had accused the show of "mocking the portrait of fathers," and the situation comedy came back in its season premiere Monday night.

Irish group travels "Trail of Tears" to repay Choctaw Indian tribe for 150-year-old debt

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Nearly 150 years after the Great Potato Famine, a group of Irish people is retracing the "Trail of Tears" from Oklahoma to Mississippi to repay a longstanding debt to the Choctaw Indian tribe.

Eight people from Ireland began the 500-mile trek from Broken Bow, Okla., to Nanih Waiya, Miss. — roughly retracing, in reverse, the government-forced relocation of the tribe in 1831 from its homeland to what was then Indian Territory wilderness.

Tens of thousands were moved. Nearly half died.

The Irish connection: In 1847, midway through the Irish famine, a group of Choctaws collected \$710 and sent it to help starving Irish men, women and children.

The donation established a closeness between the Choctaws and the Irish.

It is more than a historical footnote for many Choctaws in Texas.

"Even though we're not directly involved, we're very close to it," said Boyd Tingle of Wimberley, whose ancestors were Choctaw and Irish. His wife, Patricia, is of Irish descent.

"It was like a love collection at church," said Judy Allen, editor of the Choctaw Nation's newspaper, "Bishinik," based at the tribal headquarters in Durant, Okla.

"It had been just 16 years since the Choctaw

people had experienced the Trail of Tears and they had faced starvation. . . . It was an amazing gesture. By today's standards, it might be a million dollars."

According to a written account at the time, "Traders, missionaries and (Indian) agency officials contributed, but the greater part of the money was subscribed by the Indians themselves."

Now, the Irish are returning the favor, by paying money for yet another famine relief effort — this one in Somalia, an East African nation riddled with anarchy and starvation.

So far, Allen said Monday, the group has raised about \$18,000 of its \$71,000 goal.

Much of that has come from residents of the land who sponsored the walkers and from donations given the group along the way.

In a prelude to the hike by the Irish visiting Choctaw Chief Hollis Roberts recently visited the land.

On Monday, the walkers were in Arkansas where they were joined by 17 additional walkers. Today, the group is scheduled to cross the Mississippi River into Greenville, Miss.

Two Brazilian Indians will join the final stage of the trek Sept. 27 in Mississippi. Before the trek is finished Oct. 3, participants will have stopped in 30 cities in three states.

The charity walk is being staged by Action For Ireland, a Dublin-based human rights group of Irishists among its patrons Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa.

Former priest pleads innocent to sex charges

Prosecutor claims Roman Catholic clergyman molested 32 children, babysitter

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW BEDFORD, Mass — With accusers looking on, a former Roman Catholic priest pleaded innocent Wednesday to molesting 32 children — some allegedly in church and after invoking God's name as a threat.

At a bail hearing for James R. Porter, a prosecutor also disclosed that the former clergyman is wanted in his home state of Minnesota on sexual misconduct charges involving his children's 15-year-old babysitter.

Porter, 57, who is married and has four children, pleaded innocent in a low, steady voice to 46 criminal charges. He was released after

posting \$20,000 bail and given 48 hours to return to Minnesota.

In a statement this summer, Porter admitted he had molested "a number of children" during the 1960s while he was a priest, but said he stopped after leaving the priesthood in the early 1970s.

Porter, of Oakdale, Minn., also is charged in lawsuits in Minnesota and New Mexico with abusing children while still a priest.

Bristol County Assistant District Attorney Renee Dupuis said Porter sexually assaulted children "in the parish, in the sacristy, in their own homes, in his vehicle and in assorted other places."

Porter threatened his victims by "telling

them that God would get them and their families," Dupuis charged. "He also told them what they had just done was wrong, and God would punish them."

The prosecutor said the children were ages from 10 to 14 and the assaults included masturbation, fellatio and forced sodomy.

Porter sat with his head bowed as Dupuis addressed the court. Nearby, more than 100 of his accusers from the diocese of Fall River, southern Massachusetts sat together.

"There's a feeling of gratitude, to say the least, to see the priest pleading innocent, to see the helplessness like that," said one of them, Joseph Johnson, who is now 43 and lives in Providence, R.I. "I'll remember that for a lifetime."

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