SECOND OPINIONS

Story slanted
I am writing in regards to the July article by Tom Nugent about the Jesuit priest, William Foley, M.D., FAAP. There are a few points of concern.

First, Dr. Foley is quoted as saying, “Asking for God to take care of a medical problem would be asking for magic.” I would like Dr. Foley, after he sews up a laceration, to heal it. Most people with a significant degree of humility realize that all healing takes place from above.

Secondly, Dr. Foley is quoted as saying, “More than 5,000 Iraqi children are dying each month as a result of our misguided policy.” The United States did not invade Kuwait. Neither are we building palaces, while the rest of the country starves. I think that the misguided policies have to do with Sadam Hussein and his lack of concern for the Iraqi people, rather than any embargo that the United States is involved in. This, unfortunately, is typical anti-American leftist rhetoric, that the United States is always at fault.

Thirdly, it is interesting that a photo of Dr. Foley shows him pointing to a damaged 4,000-year-old wall in Iraq and he has the audacity to claim the bullet hole was caused by a U.S. shell. How one can tell that this is a U.S.-made hole, rather than one made by an Iraqi or Kurd or any of the other coalition forces involved in the Iraqi War, is very remarkable.

It would be nice if the news could at least have a certain degree of objectivity and honesty.

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Shriners deserve credit
I would like to compliment AAP News for its excellent article in June about the Every Child Deserves a Medical Home Training Program. The success of this training program can be attributed not only to the Academy, but also to the various planning committee members, faculty, participants, and most significantly, to Shriners Hospitals for Children and the U.S. Maternal and Child Health Bureau for their generous grant awards. Family Voices and the National Association of Children’s Hospitals and Related Institutions have provided in-kind support and thereby have been instrumental in the design and implementation of the curriculum, as well.

What may not have been clear in this article is that, thus far, all of the training programs have been held at a Shriners Hospital, and that this is the first time that Shriners Hospitals for Children has provided a grant of this magnitude. This ground-breaking partnership has expanded our capacity to achieve our mutual goal to ensure all children have access to a medical home. The continued renewal, commitment and valuable funding of Shriners Hospitals each year should be recognized and commended.

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