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Insurance woes could push Lederie out of DTP market
Lederie Laboratories, which one year ago had been the sole distributor of DTP vaccine in the United States, might be forced to stop distributing the antigen if it loses its liability insurance coverage after July 1 — an event that would once again leave only one company distributing the vaccine .............................................. 1

Database: Plan before you buy to make computerization a positive step
The relatively recent development of new technologies — coupled with a sales boom in home and business computers — has spurred many physicians to weigh the benefits of computerizing their offices. This article, the first in a periodic series, suggests items physicians should consider before purchasing office based computer systems ................................................................. 1

Members invited to participate in office-based research network
If your medical practice would like to participate in the AAP Collaborative Research Project Network of office-based pediatricians, the Academy urges you to contact your chapter chairman. .................................................. 1

Pediatricians play key role in children's early dental care
The need for early dental care is a relatively new idea — an idea that the dental community must depend on pediatricians to convey .................................................. 1

Members urged to suggest topics or resolutions for AMA meeting
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Family, membership input next step in planning AAP parent newsletter
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Program teaches teenagers to be safe, responsible babysitters
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Academy revises recommendations for treating a choking child
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Injury control center established at CDC
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