Schiff: Help physicians ‘enfranchise’ children
Pediatricians can ‘enfranchise’ U.S. children by supporting the AAP effort to ensure access to health care.

Legislative proposal aims to eliminate barriers to care
As part of the AAP campaign to ensure universal access to quality health care for all U.S. children and pregnant women, AAP officials are developing a federal legislative proposal aimed at eliminating financial barriers to health care.

Many apply for MCH grants; applications remain available
In response to an invitation from AAP President Donald Schiff, M.D., about 1,400 people have requested applications for federal grants available as part of the AAP campaign to ensure access to health care for U.S. children and pregnant women.

AAP interviews members about patients’ access to care
To learn more about members’ perceptions regarding “access to health care,” the Academy conducted five focus group interviews of AAP members during the Spring Session in Orlando.

Sills urges pediatricians to set a caring example
Speaking in her Spring Session keynote address, March of Dimes spokeswoman Beverly Sills called on pediatricians to provide community service to help change public attitudes about health care.

‘Poor’ SIDS definition must be revised, researcher says
By misdiagnosing sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), medical examiners are making a ‘tragic mistake’ that causes unjustified prosecution of parents for child abuse, a SIDS expert said.

Dr. Fulginiti honored with Jacobi Award during Spring Session
Vincent Fulginiti, M.D., FAAP, received the 1989 Abraham Jacobi Award during the AAP Spring Session in Orlando, Fla.

Families change health habits following education program
Children who learn about healthy lifestyles in school are more likely to practice those good habits later, two health education experts said during the AAP Spring Session.

ATV safety still a concern, committee head tells chapters
A state legislative packet distributed in March reminds chapter officials that legislation is still needed to protect children from the dangers of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs).

Laissez faire states
Twenty-four states and the District of Columbia have no minimum age requirements for ATV operators. The states are listed here.

Leaders to review objectives
AAP officials will respond in June to a draft of the Year 2000 National Health Objectives that are being developed by the U.S. Public Health Service.

A Closer Look: Year 2000 health objectives
The U.S. Public Health Service is developing national health objectives for the Year 2000. Twenty-one key health objectives are listed here.

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