

# JUNE

## ARTICLES

### Members elect Eaton as '90-91 AAP president

AAP members have elected Antoinette Parisi Eaton, M.D., of Columbus, Ohio, to serve as 1990-91 AAP president. . . . . 1

### Schiff reviews access plan at legislative conference

Speaking to pediatricians at the Second Annual AAP Legislative Conference, President Donald Schiff, M.D., outlined Academy efforts to eliminate financial barriers to health care for children and pregnant women. . . . . 1

### Three states find varied success with CHIRP bills

The AAP Minnesota, Connecticut and Arkansas chapters have had varying degrees of success this year in gaining passage of legislation based on the AAP model CHIRP bill, which calls on states to mandate insurance coverage for child health supervision visits and prenatal care. . . . . 2

### Mainstream preschools offer benefits to all children

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### The 'language' of disabilities

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### Court orders health warnings on raw milk products

A California county court ruling, issued recently in a false advertising suit, affirms what the Academy and John Bolton, M.D., FAAP, have been saying for a long time — that raw milk is not always safe milk. . . . . 3

### Bonuses seek to keep MDs in uniformed services

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### New issue of Healthy Kids is available

The Spring/Summer issue of Healthy Kids magazine was published in May and is now circulating around the country. . . . . 4

### Database: Proper high technology helps children with disabilities

Many pediatricians are weighing the benefits of computers. With this increased interest have come many questions. This is another article in a periodic series designed to answer those questions and to inform pediatricians about the new frontiers offered by the new technologies. . . . . 7

### Casual T. Cat

"The Shocking Adventure of Casual T. Cat," a public service announcement (PSA) urging families to child-proof their homes, was released by the Academy last month. . . . . 7

### Former senator encourages pediatricians to speak out

Telling pediatricians that their "activism is desperately needed," former U.S. Senator Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.) recently urged AAP members to work with federal lawmakers to improve child health. . . . . 8

### Pressures on families eventually affect nation's stability

Poverty and changes in employment patterns and family structures are placing great pressures on U.S. families that ultimately affect the entire nation, a state official told pediatricians at the recent AAP legislative conference. . . . . 8

### Political science

Sen. Bill Bradley (D-N.J.) and Rep. Patricia Schroeder (D-

Colo.) delivered a similar message to the AAP legislative conference: Pediatricians must be staunch advocates for improved child health. . . . . 8

### The voices of children

At the end of the Second Annual AAP Legislative Conference, nearly 100 pediatricians headed to Capitol Hill to speak up for children. Two pediatricians from Nevada went one step further: They had children speak up for themselves. . . . . 9

### Joint projects improve health, receive awards

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### Need for more effective gun control strikes home

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### Gun control debate scheduled

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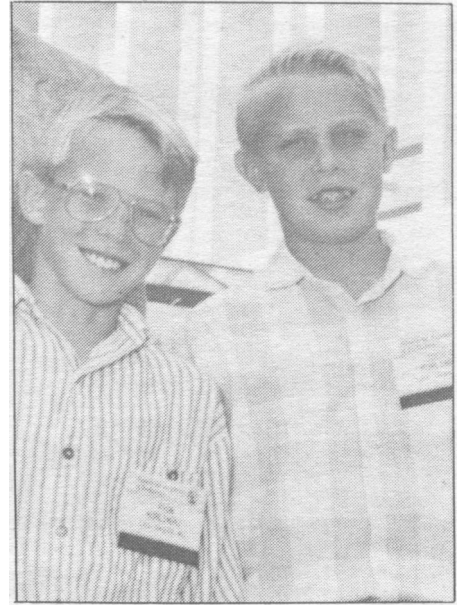
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