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Also in this issue are two articles on water safety. They are "Fatal Incident Risk Factors in Recreational Boating in Ohio," on page 340, by Peter J. Molberg, Richard S. Hopkins, John Paulson, and Robert A. Gunn; and "Risk Factors for Drowning and Near-Drowning Among Children in Hillsborough County, Florida," by Karen D. Liller, Ellen B. Kent, Christine Arcari, and Robert J. McDermott. Recreational boating and swimming are major health risk activities, particularly for the young. These articles provide a public health approach to some largely avoidable causes of injury and death.

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Also in that forthcoming issue, two articles describe the success of special immunization efforts. Michael Davidson, of CDC's National Center for Infectious Diseases, provides information on high rates of vaccination against pneumococcal disease achieved in a remote high-risk Alaska Native population. Paul Stehr-Green, of CDC's National Center for Prevention Services, describes an evaluation of computer-generated telephone reminders to improve immunization levels in inner-city clinics.

Other articles will deal with such subjects as evaluation of a two-dose measles-mumps-rubella vaccination schedule among college athletes, a rubella outbreak among the Amish of northeastern Ohio, correlates for stroke risk in Florida, youth access to alcohol, increasing breast and cervical cancer screening at local health departments, fatal occupational injury, and deaths among the homeless in Georgia.

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