

Palmer College Bestows Honorary DC Degree on Senator Harkin

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On Aug. 10, Palmer College of Chiropractic presented U.S. Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) an honorary Doctor of Chiropractic Humanities degree in recognition of his support over the years for pro-chiropractic legislation. The presentation was made during the "Celebration of Chiropractic," part of Palmer's annual Lyceum.

"We honor our greatest champion ever," Palmer University Chancellor Michael Crawford told the audience.

Following the presentation, there was a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Palmer Center for Chiropractic Research building.

Sen. Harkin is up for re-election this November. His opponent is Republican Congressman Greg Ganske, MD.¹

1. Lockwood R. Chiropractic champion in race to retain Senate seat. *Dynamic Chiropractic* Sept. 13, 2002. www.chiroweb.com/archives/20/19/08.html

Multi-Million-Dollar Suit Filed against Minnesota DCs

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - Five insurers have filed a multi-million-dollar civil suit against five chiropractic clinics, their alleged owners, and four chiropractors for billing for unnecessary treatments, or for services not performed. The insurers are seeking damages in excess of \$3 million.

The suit is based on a two-year investigation that alleges the clinics obtained vehicle accident reports, solicited the victims by phone for treatment, and had "cappers" transport the patients to and from the clinics. The cappers were allegedly paid for each patient delivered.

Minnesota was one of the few states without a state insurance fraud investigative unit, but in April 2002, the state legislature passed a law to provide for a fraud unit (effective July 2003). The new law also renders cappers illegal, and went into effect August 1, 2002.

Western States Elects Board of Trustees

PORTLAND, OR - August 19, 2002 - At the recent quarterly meeting of the Western States Chiropractic College Board of Trustees, Dr. James Badge of Phoenix, Arizona was re-elected for another three-year term as chairman. In other elections, Mr. Tony West was re-elected to serve another three-year term as treasurer; Dr. Clay Bartness was re-elected vice chairman; and Dr.

Susan Ray of Portland, Oregon was elected as executive committee secretary.

The board is in the process of selecting a new president for the college, whose duties will begin around July 1, 2003.

2004 will be the centennial year for Western States Chiropractic College. The college and its constituents are gearing up for the celebration. The development office and the board of trustees have launched a centennial campaign.

Chiropractor Buys Women's Pro Football Team

Tom Collins, DC, NYCC class of 1996, is the new owner of the Philadelphia Phoenix, a member of the National Women's Football League. Dr. Collins served as the sports medicine director for the team in 2001, the year that Philadelphia won the league championship.

The NWFL was formed in August 2000 with just two teams playing a series of exhibitions. By early 2001, the league had expanded to 10 teams; by the 2002 season, there were 21 teams.

The NWFL is full-contact, tackle football, and follows NFL rules. The NWFL football, however, is smaller. The season is from March through July.

Dr. Collins has a full-time practice in Hatboro, Pennsylvania.

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