

Life West Opens Public Health Center

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HAYWARD, Calif. - Life Chiropractic College West opened its doors July 5 to the new 33,000-square-foot Health Center facility on the campus. It features four x-ray units; 42 adjusting rooms; 15 examination rooms; and three open adjusting rooms. The center is staffed by 300 senior interns and guided by 35 licensed DCs and two radiologists. The facility also employs an administrative staff of more than 40 people (full and part-time).

On the first day of business, the center treated 110 patients. "We were happy with the impressive number of patients that came in on our first day, especially since we opened during a popular vacation week," observed Colleen Hewes, DC, MSN, dean of the center.

Prior to moving on campus, the Health Center (then called the Life West Clinic) was located in downtown Hayward and provided affordable health care for 1,500 to 1,700 patients a week. The Health Center is the college's first operational section of its new campus. Throughout the summer, construction will continue on the #11-acre site. Completion of the new campus is scheduled for mid-September.

Need a Physical? Call a Chiropractor

BROOKINGS, South Dakota - Beginning July 1, high school athletes in the state can choose doctors of chiropractic to perform their athletic physicals, thanks to a law passed during the previous legislative session.

That's a benefit to the athletes, says Dr. David Eggers, president of the South Dakota Chiropractors' Association. "Chiropractors are experts on the nervous system, the skeletal system and the muscular system. Who better to determine an athlete's physical ability than a chiropractor?" Dr. Eggers asked.

South Dakota chiropractors have long been able to conduct physicals of elementary and college students. They have also been giving physicals to drivers, as mandated by that states department of transportation.

"Now athletes and their parents have the freedom to choose a doctor of chiropractic when it's time for a physical or to re-certify an athlete to compete after injury," Dr. Eggers said.

On average, 24 percent of South Dakotans are treated every year by chiropractors, the highest percentage of utilization of chiropractic in the nation by state.

New Executive Director for Texas Chiropractic Association

Ms. Patte Kent has been selected as the executive director of the Texas Chiropractic Association

(TCA). Ms. Kent is the government affairs liaison and alumni coordinator for Parker Chiropractic College, has served as the executive director for the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

TCA is headquartered in Austin (<http://www.chirotexas.com>).

Logan College Announces Research Appointments

Research associates Ray Wiegand,DC, and John Zhang,PhD,MD, have joined the research and ergonomics division of Logan College of Chiropractic. The appointments were announced by William Ramsey,PhD, vice president of academic affairs at Logan.

"We are very pleased to have two researchers with such strong knowledge and experience join Logan's efforts to produce research relevant to the chiropractic profession," said Dr. Ramsey. Dr. Wiegand, a graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic, practiced in Acton, Mass. for 11 years.

Dr. Wiegand has conducted extensive research on quantitative geometric analysis of the spinal/pelvic system and correlation of geometric analysis to physical findings. He developed and holds the copyright for computer software of an integrated package of x-ray digitization, geometric analysis of the spine, database operations, statistical analysis and report generation.

Dr. Zhang received his medical degree in Chong Qing, China and his PhD in physiology from the University of Hawaii. He previously served as director of research at Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic. He has taught at the University of Hawaii, the University of Missouri and Sherman College.

During his tenure at Sherman, Dr. Zhang researched effectiveness of patient education programs, a variety of educational topics, and effects of chiropractic care on short-term power spectrum analysis of heart rate variability. His areas of research have also included embryonic growth and cardiopulmonary functions in seabirds and chicken embryos; biological effects of electromagnetic fields on living systems; and heart rate variability analysis for evaluation of the autonomic nervous system.

Making an "Adjustment" to the OED

For the first time in its 120-year history, the *Oxford English Dictionary* is being rewritten. In addition to examining and revising the definitions of the volume's 250,000 words, the publisher expects to add another 50,000 words to the dictionary.

While "adjustment" is contained in the *OED*, "subluxation" is not. If you're interested in submitting a clear, concise definition of "subluxation," you may contact the *OED* at <http://www.oed.com/public/readers/submitform.htm>.

Former House Speaker Asks for Unity among Chiropractors

Billy Clayton, the first person to serve four terms as Texas' Speaker of the House, was among a group of lobbyists who appeared on the campus of Parker College of Chiropractic this June, urging doctors of chiropractic and chiropractic students to become involved in politics and promote laws

favorable to the chiropractic profession.

"How many of you own more than one pair of underwear?" Clayton asked the students. "How many of you own more than one pair of shoes? How many of you ate more than two things for dinner last night? How many of you own some form of transportation?" When the students answered yes to all of Clayton's questions, he responded, "That makes you one of the 10 percent who are statistically the wealthiest people who have ever lived."

A political action committee has also been formed in Texas to promote chiropractic issues, with the goal of raising \$50,000 by August 15. Clayton said that the money raised by the PAC will open doors for lobbyists to speak to lawmakers on chiropractic issues.

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