

DC Assists in Train Disaster

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On February 9, 1996, New Jersey Transit Train #1254 pulled out of the Harmon Cove railroad station and into the marshlands between Secaucus, New Jersey and Jersey City. Within a few minutes, #1254 collided with a west-bound train.

Meadowlands Hospital Medical Center went into emergency mode, with assistance from Albert Cattafi, DC, chief of chiropractic medicine at the Center.

The death toll was three, with over 100 injured. As many of the patients were suffering from sprains and strains to the neck and back, Dr. Cattafi was kept busy examining patients, referring them for x-rays, and offering them chiropractic treatment.

Edwin Gangemi, MD (I) presents an \$8,000 donation to Albert Cattafi, DC, for a chiropractic table.

Hospital Donates to Chiropractic Dept.

In a story unrelated to the train accident but involving the same hospital, Meadowlands Hospital Medical Center, Edwin Gangemi, MD, chief of rehabilitation medicine at the Center presented a donation check for \$8,000 to Albert Cattafi, DC, chief of chiropractic medicine at Meadowlands. The money is for the purchase of a chiropractic table that will be used by the 21-member chiropractic staff.

Dr. Gangemi, a physiatrist, said that he is pleased to help the chiropractic department, and the patients it treats. Dr. Cattafi commented that a state-of-the-art table will go a long way in helping the patients to have the best treatment that a chiropractic adjustment can achieve.

NY Chiro. Council Feeds the Hungry

On Valentine's Day, February 14, 1996, nearly 70 members of the New York Chiropractic Council participated in Helping Other People Eat (HOPE) Day 1996, sponsored by the Council for the fifth straight year. DCs offered to treat patients in exchange of a generous donation of nonperishable food or a HOPE giving certificate. Chiropractic patients bought over \$3,000 of HOPE giving certificates sold by Food Emporium, A&P supermarkets, and other participating food chains in New York state, and this helped to raise over 25,000 pounds of food.

HOPE Day received accolades and proclamations from Governor George Pataki, Mayor Giuliani, Congressman McNulty, Mayor of Albany Gerald Jennings, Senators Hoblock, Bruno, and Farley, and Assemblypersons McEneny, Canestrai, Fuso, Prentiss, Tediso. Assemblyperson Tonko provided a state legislative resolution. Marla Maples Trump was the project's spokesperson for the second straight year, and gave \$500 to her chiropractor, Dr. Michael Smatt, in exchange for her HOPE Day adjustment. Mayor Giuliani and Marla Maples Trump held a press conference to

announce and praise HOPE Day. The press conference was aired on network and cable television.

CMCC student and Olympic gold-medalist, Derek Porter, training on Elk Lake in Victoria, British Columbia.

CMCC Student/Olympic Champion to Compete in Atlanta

Derek Porter, a member of the Canadian rowing team that won the 1992 Olympic gold medal for 8-man sculling, is a third-year student at Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College (CMCC). He is now training to compete in the single rowing competition for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

He made the transition to single rowing at the World Championships in the Czech Republic in 1993 and placed first. His current training schedule requires him to row three times a day, six days a week, and follow a routine of weight training and aerobics. He is taking a year's leave from his studies at CMCC to follow the Olympic dream.

Being both an athlete who relies on chiropractic care and a chiropractic student, Derek says that he has unique insight into the importance of chiropractic treatment that will serve him well when he becomes a DC. "When races are won in the hundredths of a second," he said, "it's the small cogs in the machine that make the difference, and chiropractic care can help make those cogs work to their potential."

DC Granted Hospital Privileges in Duluth, MN

Minnesota chiropractor Helena Krmpotich has become the first DC to be awarded formal hospital privileges at St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth. Dr. Krmpotich's appointment to the Center's allied professional staff enables her to provide chiropractic and acupuncture treatment with attending physician approval. She will be able to co-order physical therapy and diagnostic testing. "This is another example of the growing cooperation between the medical and chiropractic profession that I see in my practice," said Dr. Krmpotich, "This cooperation should better serve the patient."

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