

## News in Brief

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### Naval Hospital Recognizes Chiropractor's Talents

Greg Lillie, DC, has been named the civilian Contractor of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2005 by the Naval Hospital Pensacola, Florida. Dr. Lillie conducts his work out of the Navy Branch Health Clinic at Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC) in Pensacola. According to Lieutenant Commander Mark Duncan, senior medical officer at the clinic, Dr. Lillie is an "outstanding technical provider (and) his skilled hands brought relief of pain to some of the most difficult and challenging patients."

Dr. Lillie was the first DC at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska, one of the initial 10 Department of Defense-authorized chiropractic demonstration sites. Based on, among other things, the positive results of the Chiropractic Military Demonstration Project at Offutt and other bases across the country, the U. S. Congress passed historic legislation in 2000, mandating that chiropractic care be made available to all active-duty personnel in the United States armed forces. Currently, 42 military bases nationwide have chiropractic clinics.

In addition to his work at the NATTC Branch Health Clinic, Dr. Lillie currently serves as president of the College of Military Chiropractic Physicians, which provides improved networking and continuing education to military facilities in regard to the field of chiropractic.

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### LACC Founder Honored

Dr. Charles Hale founded Los Angeles College of Chiropractic (LACC) in 1911. He left LACC a few years later and went on to establish Cale College of Chiropractic in 1925, and Cale College of Naturopathy in 1927. When he passed away in 1938, there was little fanfare.

An LACC alumnus, Dr. Brian Smith (class of '87) began researching the genealogy of various noted figures in chiropractic history and research activities. He learned that Dr. Cale had held a number of distinctions over the years: He was the only chiropractic college president of his era to secure a teaching credential, and held three health-care degrees in his lifetime, in chiropractic, osteopathy and naturopathy. He also served at the forefront in securing the acceptance and eventual licensure of chiropractic in California.

In the course of his research, Dr. Smith also discovered that Dr. Cale's gravesite, in Inglewood Park Cemetery in Los Angeles, was unmarked. Six years ago, he approached SCUHS and its alumni association to see if the university would be interested in placing a marker at Dr. Cale's final resting place. After talking to descendants of the Cale family and finding no objections, the alumni association voted unanimously to pay for a memorial headstone. Recently, Drs. Smith, Reed Phillips (SCUHS president), Fred Lerner (alumni association president), and several other university administrators visited the gravesite, unveiled the marker and posthumously recognized the achievements of Dr. Cale. Dr. Phillips acknowledged that the LACC founder's legacy remains at the university today, with staff and alumni working together to continue the promotion and legitimacy of chiropractic.

Dr. Cale's headstone is inscribed with these words: "Dr. Charles Cale, 1870-1938, Educator-Healer-Advocate, Founder - Los Angeles College of Chiropractic."

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### Colorado Chiropractic Association Elects New President

Dr. Harold Lease was elected president of the Colorado Chiropractic Association (CCA) in September. A 1983 graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic and an active member of the CCA since 1999, Dr. Lease has served as a CCA district director and as a member of the association's Executive Committee. In addition, he has worked on the CCA Legislative Committee, providing testimony to legislators and assisting in the development of bills and legislative strategy.

Dr. Lease also has been active in his community; he served as a volunteer for the Walsh [Colo.] Fire Department for 20 years, five years as an emergency medical technician. In 2000 and 2002, the CCA honored Dr. Lease with its Community Service Award; in 2004, the association presented him with a Distinguished Service Award. Before attending chiropractic college, he spent seven years in the naval reserve, serving as a hospital corpsman and senior corpsman of the outpatient department at the naval hospital in Oakland, Calif.

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### House Majority Leader Offers Words of Wisdom at TCC Commencement

During summer 2005 commencement exercises, held Aug. 29, the 34 members of Texas Chiropractic College's graduating class received advice from the heart by the Honorable Tom DeLay (R-Texas), majority leader of the United States House of Representatives.

Introduced by Dr. Richard G. Brassard, president of TCC, DeLay told the graduates: "It is a common mistake in this day and age for people to allow their careers to define them instead of the other way around. Commencement addresses are famous for their laundry lists of advice to graduates, but mine to you is simple: Be the men and women you always wanted to be.

"We live in a cynical world but we needn't live cynical lives. The values that built our nation and our civilization are the ones we learned when we are children, and despite what our popular culture would sometimes have us believe, those values are as valid now as they were then. Honesty still matters. Responsibility still matters. Honor still matters.

"Doctors are caring for their patients, teachers are working with students, and parents are sacrificing for their children. It is only when people choose to devote their lives to something

greater than themselves - a family, a faith, a community - that their lives take on a meaning greater than self-interest."

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### Northwestern Professor Shares Love of Books

Varena Van Fleet, PhD, an associate professor of biochemistry, immunology and clinical microbiology at Northwestern Health Sciences University (NHSU), has combined her passion for the country of Africa with an office overflowing with old textbooks and journals into a community service project to provide reading material to send to Africa.

A few months ago, Dr. Van Fleet put out the word and collected donations from members of the Northwestern college community. Among the items donated were magazines; textbooks on medicine, science and humanities; fiction books; dictionaries; encyclopedias; and even children's and young adult storybooks. The reading materials were delivered July 27, 2005, to Books for Africa; the organization has a drop-off site located in St. Paul, Minn., from which used books are prepped for shipping and regularly sent to those living on the African continent.

"I got very excited when I heard about Books for Africa and how they ship books to Africa," commented Dr. Van Fleet. "This was a good project for Northwestern. People could contribute without spending money. They could donate books they can't sell, but which have great value to those living in Africa."

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### Longtime NHSU Faculty Member Receives Clinical Excellence Award

Timothy Mick, DC, DACBR, associate professor of radiology at Northwestern Health Sciences University, recently received the Clinical Excellence Award at the university's annual Faculty Excellence Awards. A peer-nominated honor, the Clinical Excellence Award is presented each year by NHSU's Center for Teaching, Learning and Assessment.

Dr. Noni Threinen, the college's institutional effectiveness administrator, noted: "Dr. Tim Mick has been a chronic overachiever both personally and professionally since his days as a student at Northwestern. Though he does not have direct physical patient contact, patients are his absolute priority and of the utmost concern to him. His attention to detail and clinical excellence [are] unsurpassed and he wakes in the wee hours of the day to deliver timely feedback to doctors. Those doctors and their patients hold him in the highest regard and trust his opinion, especially on their most difficult cases."

Dr. Mick has been a faculty member at Northwestern since 1989, and directs the university's radiological consultation department. He is past president of the American Chiropractic Association's Council on Diagnostic Imaging and current president of the American Chiropractic College of Radiology.

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