

Dr. Dan Golden visits with staff members Dee Dorn (right) and Mary Vinar.
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Doctor pleased to be here

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Goodland's newest chiropractor has been so busy with more than a 100 new patients that he says he may have to expand his clinic.

Dr. Dan Golden opened his office at 1002 Broadway on Sept. 4 and says he has been swamped with patients ever since. He started the clinic thinking he would only need half of the building, Golden said, but may have to use the other half to expand rather than being able to rent it out.

He has seen more than 100 different new cases, the doctor said, with a variety of ailments. Golden has treated patients with the traditional ailments brought to chiropractors: backaches, headaches and neck pain, he said, as well as patients with residual problems of multiple sclerosis, a one-year-old with chronic earaches and a woman with chronic menstrual pain.

Once you understand the major philosophy of chiropractic care, he said, you will understand why chiropractors treat so many different ailments. That philosophy, Golden said, is that since the nervous system controls nearly every system in the whole body, any ailment could be caused by interruptions between the nerves and the brain.

That is not to say that chiropractic care is always the answer, he said, but that it is always a possibility. If you have any health problems that do not respond to conventional medicine, Golden said, you owe it to yourself to be examined by a chiropractor.

Sometimes physicians and chiropractors work together with a patient,

he said, on the same ailment. For that reason, Golden said, he is applying to work at the hospital as a consultant.

The Golden family has made chiropractic a family affair, as the doctor recommends on his brochure. His grandfather was a chiropractor, he said, and he had three sons who all became chiropractors. His father was the youngest, Golden said, and his three sons all became chiropractors.

Golden was raised in the Houston area but went to Davenport, Iowa, to attend the Palmer College of Chiropractic, where he graduated in 1965. He then became an extern/associate at the Golden Clinics Inc. in Texas before establishing his own practice in 1967.

He remained there, he said, until his wife Nancy fell in love with Colorado and they moved to Colorado Springs in 1974. He practiced there until 1991, when he and his wife moved back to Texas to "semi-retire." Golden had a small clinic in his house in Crystal Beach, he said, from 1991-1996, where he practiced in cut-off shorts and rubber shoes.

He was the only doctor for 65 miles, Golden said, and worked with the Emergency Medical Services and was a medical examiner.

The Golden family returned to Colorado Springs in 1996, where Dan practiced until 1999, he said, until frustrations with managed healthcare moved him to retire to travel with Nancy.

But that was not the end of his career as a chiropractor, for in 1999 he went to Galveston to visit his son who is a police officer. His brother, Dr. Jim Golden talked him into coming to work

in Beaumont, Texas, where he had a doctor quit leaving an opening in his office.

While Golden was in Texas, he was visited by a long-time friend whom he had met as a client, Dr. Mark Warta. Warta, who has practiced in Atwood for more than 20 years convinced Golden to come to Kansas to go into partnership with him to open chiropractic clinics.

The plan, Golden said, was that he and Warta would open a clinic and bring in a young doctor and work with him and train him to be able to run the clinic. When the clinic was established, he said, they would start another.

The first clinic was to be in Goodland, Golden said, which has opened, though not according to the original plan. They were not able to find a qualified young doctor who was able to move to Goodland, he said, and Warta was busy with his thriving practice in Atwood.

"We put the cart ahead of the horse," Golden said.

But the plan has not been thwarted. Golden is working to establish his practice in Goodland in hopes that he can then train a new doctor on the job and maybe get back with Warta on their original plan.

But he does not seem to be disappointed to still be practicing.

"I've been practicing for 37 years," he said, "and I'm gonna do it for another 37."

Goodland hasn't been disappointing either, he said, as he and Nancy love the city and feel that they have been well accepted by the community.

Investigators check media mailrooms across New York

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pected to recover.
"The prognosis is excellent," Westin said.

After the case was discovered, investigators took to media mailrooms across New York City late Monday.

No ABC workers were being tested or treated with antibiotics today, said Sandra Mullin, a spokeswoman for the city health department.

The testing inside the building "is the focus of the investigation, but it's not clear whether that's where the exposure took place," Mullin said.

She said the testing was expected to last several days. Mullin did not say

exactly where the testing was taking place, but ABC spokesman Todd Polkes said the child and his mother had visited news offices on the West 66th Street building's second floor and editing facilities on the third floor.

The two did not visit the studio where ABC's "World News Tonight" is broadcast, so the network can continue operating there, Polkes said.

In Washington, there was no immediate word on whether anyone in Daschle's office tested positive, but aides who may have been exposed to the letter were tested with nasal swabs and being treated with the antibiotic Cipro as a precaution, said Dr. John Eisold, attending physician in the

Capitol.

"They are innocent people caught up in a matter for which they have nothing to do," said Daschle, who wasn't exposed to the letter. "I am very, very disappointed and angered."

The letter to the South Dakota Democrat prompted a halt to all mail deliveries in the Capitol. Many already were nervous about working in a building that could be a high-profile target for terrorists.

Officials cautioned that the initial tests finding anthrax were not necessarily accurate because they might simply reveal the presence of a less-dangerous germ.

President Bush told reporters "there

may be some possible link" between the anthrax incidents and Osama bin Laden, who administration officials say was behind the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

With the FBI investigating, one official said authorities believe there is a link between the letter opened in Daschle's office on Monday and one sent to an employee of NBC in New York last week.

Both carried a Trenton, N.J., postmark, and this official said they also bore other similar markings and a similar message. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said authorities believe the spore samples in the letter to Daschle were produced in

a sophisticated way.

In New York, investigators moved into newsroom mailrooms after learning of the ABC case.

At the Associated Press on Monday night, eight police officers — one wearing a protective biohazard suit — took spot swipes from surfaces in the mailroom looking for any anthrax residue. Other news organizations to be tested included CNN, CBS, Fox, the *Daily News* and the *New York Post*.

No anthrax had been detected in the initial tests of media sites, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said today.

The *New York Post* said four employees also underwent tests. Bob McManus, head of the Post editorial page,

told WROW-AM radio in Albany that one of the four has a lesion that first became visible about three weeks ago. She has not tested positive for anthrax, but was undergoing "a heavy antibiotic regimen," McManus said. The newspaper would not comment on McManus' statements.

The skin version of anthrax that the infant boy contracted is not the more-lethal inhaled form that infected two Florida men who worked at a supermarket tabloid, killing American Media Inc. employee Robert Stevens, 63.

Co-worker Ernesto Blanco, 73, has been treated for anthrax since being hospitalized earlier this month with what was thought to be pneumonia.

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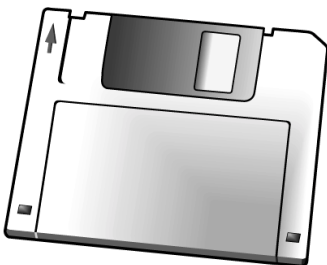
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