

HEALTH MATTERS

HEALTH WATCH

Maternity Water Workout -- Helping new moms regain muscle tone, strength, and flexibility, all in the support and freedom of the water. Call 503-256-4000 for more information.

Senior Aerobics -- A low-impact workout geared specifically toward seniors. Call 503-449-0783 for current schedule.

Osteoporosis Screening -- An ultrasound bone density screening with personalized education; fee \$30. To schedule an appointment, call 503-261-6611.

Mind Body Health Class -- Learn and practice techniques to help you improve your mood, health and wellbeing, including effective ways to manage difficult emotions and chronic stress or illness. Registration is \$70 for Kaiser Permanente members and \$95 for nonmembers. Call 503-286-6816.

Red Cross Certification -- The Oregon Trail Chapter Red Cross now offers credits to help professionals maintain licensing or certification. For a cumulative list, visit pdxinfo.net.

Tenderfoot Care -- Treat your feet with a soak, nail trim, buffing and massage from a licensed nurse at one of six clinics or at your home. Call 503-251-6303 for more information.

Free Body Basics -- This physician recommended class is appropriate for all ages and health conditions. Plan to attend this one-session class and learn the simple guidelines for safe exercises, including stretching. Call 503-256-4000 to register.

Families with Mental Illness -- A free, 12-week course for people whose family members live with mental illness is offered at Emanuel Hospital, Mt. Hood Medical Center and Providence Medical Center. The course has been described as "life-changing" by former participants. Registration is required by calling 503-203-3326.

Managing Chronic Hepatitis C -- Third Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. The informative session is led by a registered nurse to help you manage side effects of medications and dosage preparations and administration; doctor referral required. To register, call 503-251-6313.

Better Breathers -- An asthma educational support group meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month from 1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. at Adventist Medical Center. For information, call 503-251-6830.

Cancer Resource Center -- Providence St. Vincent Medical Center and the American Red Cross have joined forces to create the first in-hospital resource center providing books, printed material, computer access and more for individuals and families dealing with cancer. The center is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lead Poisoning Prevention -- Learn how to protect your family from lead poisoning. Ideal for folks in live in older homes with children or pregnant women. Qualified participants receive a free kit of safety and testing supplies. Call 503-284-6827.

Parenting Classes -- Newborns don't come with instruction manuals but parents and parents-to-be can learn about a variety of topics from pain and childbirth to breastfeeding to infant CPR and much more. For a schedule of events, call 503-574-6595 or visit: providence.org/classes.

Cardiac-Rehab Exercises -- A medically supervised exercise program for people dealing with heart conditions. For information, call 503-251-6260.

Stroke Alert Screening -- Check your carotid arteries with a painless ultrasound to assess your risk. Fee \$40. To schedule a screening, call 503-251-6137.

Empowerment through Relaxation -- Free informal meditation classes that address breathing techniques, some gentle ancient African yoga poses and mental balancing techniques-- People have left these classes joyful and with a peaceful view of their lives. We have these sessions bi-monthly-- Call Dr. Marcelitte Failla at 503-228-6140.

Powerful Tools For Caregivers -- 6-week educational series designed to help family caregivers take care of themselves while caring for relatives or friends with chronic illness. Class size is limited, and registration is required. Call 503-413-8018.

Leg Alert Screening -- Check for peripheral arterial disease with this safe, simple screening using ankle and arm blood pressure. The fee is \$40. To schedule an appointment, call 503-251-6137.

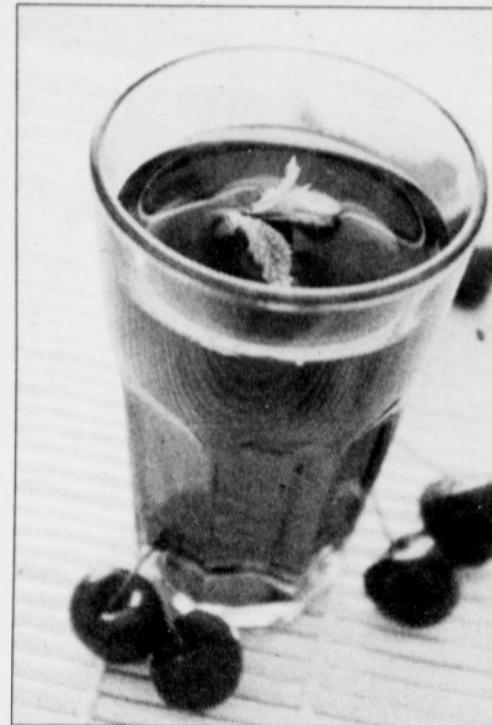
Tart Cherry Juice for Muscle Pain

Study measures benefits

Tart cherry juice may be a safer way to treat muscle pain and inflammation than over-the-counter pain relievers such as ibuprofen, according to researchers at Oregon Health & Science University.

A study of athletes who competed in Oregon's Hood to Coast Relay showed runners who consumed Montmorency cherry juice for a week prior to the race and on race day reported significantly less pain than runners who received a placebo.

"The bottom line is those runners who used tart cherry juice had less inflammation and faster muscle strength recovery," said Dr. Kerry Kuehl of the OHSU School of Medicine and the lead



author on the study.

Montmorency – or sour pie cherries – have the highest anti-inflammatory content of any food, including blueberries, pomegranates and other fruits. The anti-inflammatory substance found in

the peel of the fruit contains the same enzyme as over-the-counter anti-inflammatory drugs like ibuprofen.

Non-steroidal anti-inflammatories are the most widely used drug in the world. An estimated 60 million people take a prescription or over-the-counter anti-inflammatory, including aspirin, every day. However, regular use of anti-inflammatory drugs can lead to kidney failure, heart and stomach problems.

"There are an estimated 100,000 hospitalizations and 16,500 deaths per year due to internal bleeding caused by non-steroidal anti-inflammatories," Kuehl says. "Dehydration in combination with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory use – which is common among runners – can damage the kidneys. Montmorency cherry juice may be a healthier substitute."



Dr. Billy R. Flowers (above center) and his skilled staff are ready to help those in need.

THE SPINA COLUMN™

An ongoing series of questions and answers about America's natural healing profession.

Part 10. Fatigue: A cure for people sick and tired of being of being sick and tired.

Q: I seem to be tired a lot lately. Does that mean I need iron?

A: The most common reason patients come into our office is because of some type of pain. But many of these people are also suffering from fatigue. Fatigue that makes the eyes burn slows down the healing process and makes you wonder why you don't feel as well as you used to. Obviously, there can be many causes of fatigue. Diet is certainly one of them. It's a subject we'd be happy to discuss with you in detail. Another cause, however is often

stress. Many of you have probably heard of the "Fight Or Flight" syndrome. When the body is stressed, it responds with a combat-ready posture. In analyzing many such patients' x-rays, we find the head angled forward and the back arched in this highly-stressed position. After Chiropractic adjustment, this condition is often vastly improved. Patients come back well-

rested, telling us they just had their best night's sleep in ages. If you think the stress of everyday life might be wearing you down and preventing your body from warding off illnesses, call us for an appointment. Or if there are any other questions you might have about your health, just call us at the phone number below.

Flowers' Chiropractic Office

2124NE Hancock, Portland Oregon 97212

Phone: (503) 287-5504