

Do Injuries Cause Cancer?

True or False?: Some injuries can cause cancer later in life.

Respondents Who Agreed: 37%

Origin: This outdated belief dates at least back to the 1800s. From that time until the 1920s even some scientists thought cancer was caused by trauma. The belief lived on despite the failure of inducing cancer through trauma in experimental animals, and was perpetuated by the reasonably common experience of people discovering a tumor shortly after an injury. Apparently, old beliefs die hard because more than a third of those questioned in the Discovery Health/Prevention/ACS survey agreed with the myth that injuries can lead to cancer.

Reality: The fact is that a fall, a bruise, or any other injury is almost never the cause of a cancer. Sometimes a person might visit the doctor for an injury and a tumor is found at that time. But the injury did not cause the tumor; it was already there. It is also common for people to pay more attention to an injured part of their body, and some people discover tumors while rubbing a painful area.

In very rare cases, long-standing and/or severe injuries can increase cancer risk, but these account for a small fraction of cancer cases. For example, skin cancer risk is somewhat increased in scars caused by thermal or chemical burns, and chemical burns caused by swallowing caustic liquids are a risk factor for cancer of the esophagus. Such rare exceptions may have given credibility to this myth.

Long-standing infections, such as certain forms of hepatitis or the bacteria that contribute to stomach ulcers, lead to more cancers than injuries.

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Luminaria

Light a Luminaria at the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Salinas

Lighting a Path Toward Hope

It's one of the most inspirational moments at the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Salinas. When the sun goes down, thousands of luminaria light the way under the stars to remember those lost to cancer, those fighting cancer, and those who have fought cancer and won. This ceremony of light symbolizes the hope and perseverance with which we all continue to fight. What is a luminaria? Luminaria are those glowing bags, that to the naked eye appear to be nothing more than paper sacks filled with sand and candles. But upon closer examination these sacks represent people, each with a

name and a story to tell. Each glowing bag represents our shared vision for a future in which cancer no longer threatens the people we love. When the sun goes down, hundreds of luminaria light the way under the stars.

You can make a tribute in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of someone who has lost the battle. Your loved one's name will appear on a luminaria and will be lit during the Luminaria Ceremony at Relay For Life of Salinas.

For advanced purchase of Luminaria contact Peggy Borchard at (831)424-3572 or peger816@sbcglobal.net. Luminaria sales will also be available at the event.

"Luminaria inspires reflection, hope and remembrance. keep the fire of hope burning."



FUNDRAISERS

TEAM WEYERHAEUSER

BBQ/Bake Sale
May 19, 2006, 11:00AM - 3:00PM at 1345 Harkins Road
Tickets \$8.00
Meal Includes: BBQ Pork sandwich, chips, soda, veggie pak

RIVER RANCH

River Ranch "EATS & TREATS" Fundraiser May 19th
Join Team River Ranch on **Friday, May 19th** for our **EATS & TREATS FUN-draiser** from 12:00pm - 1:30pm at 1156 Abbott Street.

This FUN afternoon will include a BBQ Hot Dog Sack Lunch \$5, Kathy Glenn Memorial "Build Your Own" Ice Cream Sundae with all the toppings for \$5 and "Pie in the Face" fundraiser \$5 for 1 pie throw and \$20 for 5 pie throws. Here's your chance to put a whipped cream pie in the face of a River Ranch employee! Or - buy a Complete EATS & TREATS Ticket for \$20, which includes 1 hot dog sack lunch, 1 ice cream sundae and 3 pie throws. Don't miss out on the FUN and support Team River Ranch as we "Strike Out Cancer". Contact Candee Romero for advance tickets or questions, 770-6272 or riverranch@rfff.com. Walk ups accepted too!

VERONICA SALAS

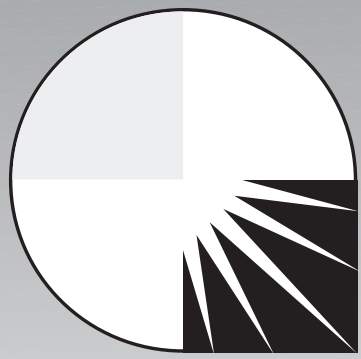
I work with Equitas Capital as a loan consultant. I am asking for your referrals on all your lending needs, whether it is to purchase, refinance, or invest in a home, construction, commercial or agricultural loan. My goal is to close 100 deals from now until Relay For Life 2006. I will personally contribute 20% of my take home income and donate it to the Relay For Life. I know Relay For Life 2005 was a huge success, however, I would like help to exceed that in 2006. I look forward in working with you through your financial needs. Contact 831.320.5421 or veronicas@equitascap.com

ST. GEORGE'S DRAGON SLAYERS

Come and join the hilarious fun at St. George's newest tradition for Relay For Life! Our Second Annual Duck Drop Festival will be held on **June 3rd at noon**. You are invited to purchase a chance to "split the pot"! We will be selling a maximum of 100 tickets, at \$20.00 per ticket. A grid will be marked out in the church courtyard with 100 numbered squares. Our guest of honor, arriving from Watsonville, will enjoy a meal of escargot and rose petals. After her meal, she will take a stroll through the grid. When Ms Duck drops, and you hold the winning grid square number, you will win 50% of the total ticket sales with the other half going to Relay For Life! If we sell out of our 100 tickets, we will offer a second group of 100 tickets and a second chance to win. The Duck Drop Festival will also feature a White Elephant Sale by the Episcopal Church Women, a BBQ by the Dragon Slayers Youth Group and the Garden of Produce Market.

ZEPH'S ONE STOP WINE TASTING

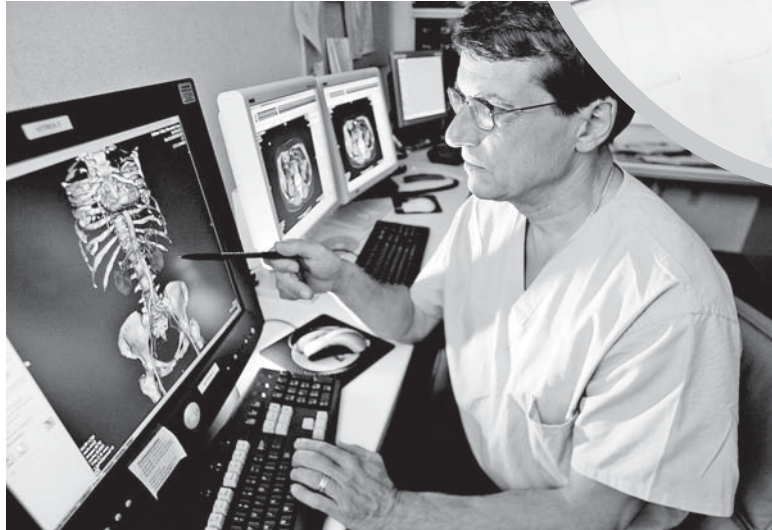
Zeph's One Stop, 1366 S. Main St., Salinas, will be hosting a wine tasting on May 18 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. All proceeds will benefit Relay For Life of Salinas.



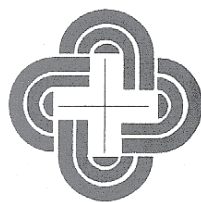
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