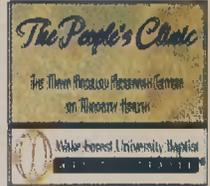


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What happens when religion becomes evil. A noted professor will lead this discussion on Sunday at the Levine Museum of the New South.



Cancer and chemo's effects

Cancer remains the No. 2 killer of individuals in our community, second only to heart disease. African Americans suffer and die from many types of cancer, including breast, cervical, lung and prostate cancer, at higher rates compared to non-minorities.

The earlier cancer is detected, the more likely the chance that it can be treated effectively and the person can be cured. There are three main forms of cancer treatment which include: 1) Surgery (cutting out the cancer cells), 2) radiation therapy (burning out the abnormal cells) and chemotherapy (poisoning the cancer cells). Chemotherapy is a treatment method feared by many, but it is often needed to effectively treat patients suffering from many forms and stages of cancer.

What is chemotherapy?

Chemotherapy involves the treatment of diseases using chemicals that selectively kill or shrink cancerous tissue. These drugs are administered to a patient intravenously, orally (as a pill), or through an injection. Once the medication enters the bloodstream, it can travel throughout the body and attack and destroy cancer cells. The frequency and the length of time chemotherapy is administered differs for every individual.

There are many ways in which chemotherapy is useful for treating cancer. In 'adjuvant' chemotherapy, chemotherapy drugs are administered to destroy microscopic cancer cells that may be present after a tumor is removed through surgery. This procedure aims to prevent the recurrence of cancer. Even when the cancer itself is incurable, chemotherapy can be useful because it controls tumor growth and can help to prolong a patient's life.

Side effects of chemotherapy

Chemotherapy drugs are designed to kill fast-growing cancer cells, but because these drugs travel throughout the entire body, they also affect normal, healthy cells. Damage to healthy tissue is what limits the amount of drug used to attack the cancer and what causes side effects. Although side effects are not always as bad as you might expect, many people worry about this aspect of their cancer treatment. The normal cells most likely to be affected by chemotherapy are blood cells forming in the bone marrow and cells in the mouth, digestive tract, reproductive system, and hair follicles. Some chemotherapy drugs can also damage cells of the heart, kidneys, bladder, liver, lungs, and nervous system.

Before chemotherapy starts, most people are concerned about whether they will have side effects and, if so, what they will be like. The most common side effects of chemotherapy include nausea and vomiting, fatigue, and hair loss.

Most side effects gradually disappear after treatment ends because the healthy cells recover quickly. The duration of the side effects and regaining energy varies from person to person. It may depend upon many factors, including the person's overall health and the specific drugs they are receiving.

Although many side effects go away fairly rapidly, some may take months or years to disappear completely. Sometimes the side effects can last a lifetime, such as when chemotherapy causes permanent damage to the heart, lungs, kidneys, or reproductive organs. Most cancer survivors consider this an acceptable al-

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What if Hunt were white?

If Darryl Hunt had played lacrosse at Duke University, he would've never gone to jail.

If Darryl Hunt had been a white man, Winston-Salem police would've questioned and released him in 1984 when a local newspaper copy editor was found dead.

But Hunt is a black man who spent nearly 20 years in prison for a crime he didn't commit.

In the HBO documentary, "The Trials of Darryl Hunt," his heartbreaking story is told by the people who fought for and against his release.

Even with DNA evidence, questionable eyewitnesses and immoral tactics by the Forsyth County district attorney's office, Hunt was twice convicted of a crime another man committed.

The Hunt case shows how corrupt and racist the state of North Carolina can be. That alone should give people pause when showing sympathy for the Duke lacrosse players who were accused of raping a black woman from North Carolina Central University. Crystal Mangum is her name and even N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper said she believes something happened to her.

The Duke boys didn't spend a day in jail. Hunt was there for 20 years. They're all innocent, but Hunt lost his youthful years sitting behind prison bars. The Duke players only had a few months in the spotlight as accused rapists. They had the best attorneys money could buy.

Hunt's first lawyer had never tried a capital case.

The Duke boys had white on their side, Hunt's race is the sole reason he was indicted and sentenced.

Reports are surfacing now that one player, team captain David Evans, will be working on Wall Street making six figures. According to the New York Post, Evans said Mangum destroyed his life.

He told the New York publication he was worried he wouldn't be able to get a co-op in New York.

Hunt had to worry if he was going to survive or spend the rest of his life in prison for a rape and a murder that he didn't commit.

Durham DA Mike Nifong made mistakes in the Duke case and will be punished. The prosecutors in the Hunt case went on with their lives as if they didn't judicially lynch an innocent black man.

One year, the Duke players were headline news. They may have been kicked out of school, but they were free. They may have lost internships and the right to play lacrosse, but Hunt lost 20 years that he will never get back. No amount of money can make up for the fact that racist police, district attorneys and judges robbed a man of much of his youth.

So please forgive me if I can't find an ounce of sympathy for three white boys who didn't do a minute of prison time.

AT EASE WITH PATRICK CANNON, FORMER MAYOR PRO TEM



PHOTO: CALVIN FERGIUSON

Former Charlotte mayor pro tem Patrick Cannon owns Bijoux 12 uptown.

Politics, business have common thread in public interaction

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Patrick Cannon made his mark on Charlotte by being the youngest person ever elected to City Council.

Now, Cannon spends part of his days working at Bijoux 12, the uptown accessories stores he and his wife Trenea own.

"What I like most about (working in the store) is what I liked about city government, interacting with

the people," he said.

Cannon even helps customers put the right accessories with their outfits. He's even making sure the current crop of NFL draftees wear the right ties.

"I'm enjoying myself in one of the area businesses that I own and operate," he said.

Bijoux 12 is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and by appointments on Saturdays. You can find Cannon working there on Thursdays and Fridays.

Tourists seek out Gullah culture along S.C. coast

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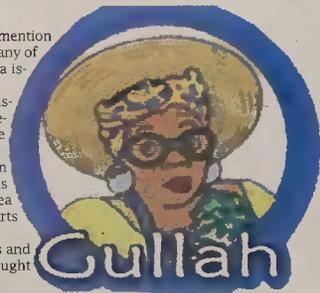
CHARLESTON, S.C. — For decades here, there was little mention of the rich culture of the descendants of black slaves, many of whom lived as farmers and fisherfolk on the nearby sea islands.

Euphemisms used by whites helped obscure their history. The Civil War was sometimes referred to as "the recent unpleasantness." Slaves became servants; slave quarters became carriage houses.

Despite rewriting reality and the lack of recognition from outsiders, the culture of West African slaves was nourished by their descendants. The isolation of the sea islands where they lived helped keep their language, arts and traditions largely intact.

But now this culture known as Gullah in the Carolinas and Geechee in Florida and Georgia is being noticed and sought.

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Community service is penance for Snoop Dogg, other troubled celebs

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Snoop Dogg

LOS ANGELES — Often when celebrities behave badly and are held accountable in a courtroom they are ordered by a judge to perform community service as penance that can range from scrubbing toilets to helping cheer up cancer patients at a hospital.

On Wednesday, Snoop Dogg became the latest star who will have to sit down with

a probation officer to decide how he will repay his debt.

The 35-year-old rapper, born Cordozar Calvin Broadus Jr., pleaded no contest to felony gun and drug charges and was sentenced to five years of probation and 800 hours of community service.

Superior Court Judge Terry Smerling allowed Snoop Dogg to spend 400 of the

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