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Baylor alumnus Geoff Case's Dallas Mavericks jersey design is in the top 10 of a contest to find their 2015-16 season uniform.

BU grad creates potential Mavs jersey design

By MALEESA JOHNSON
 STAFF WRITER

With enough votes in his design's favor, a Baylor alumnus may be the creator of The Dallas Mavericks jerseys for the 2015-16 season.

Head coach of the Dallas Mavericks, Mark Cuban, started a contest in May for fans to design new jerseys for the team.

Fans had until the end of May to submit their designs. Since then, the top 10 designs have been selected by Cuban and are being voted on by fans. Baylor alumnus Geoff Case's design is among those being voted on.

Case graduated from Baylor in 2004 with a major in telecommunications. Even before college, he said he always loved designing.

Case said he can recall creating designs for cars, video game characters or jerseys in throughout his adolescent years.

"I always had this idea for a Mavericks jersey in my head for about five or six years," Case said. "I can remember drawing something similar on a notebook pad in high school."

Case's design features the Dallas skyline at the top of the jersey. He said this helps connect the team to its city of origin.

"I knew it was a good design,

and I knew I had a shot of getting up there just because I knew kind of exactly what the Mavericks needed — something that could bridge the Mavericks to the community," Case said. "Especially with how they are trying to revitalize downtown Dallas."

Fan voting takes place online at Mavs.com/JerseyVote until Oct. 18. The winner will be revealed on Oct. 28.

In addition to design, Case said he has loved the Mavericks ever since he was little. While he was at Baylor, Case would go to places like Georges with friends that were also from Dallas to watch the games. His wife, Kristin Case said even the dog has a Mavs jersey.

"It's an awesome opportunity for him," Kristin said. "It's not like you can buy this kind of opportunity. He has always loved designing t-shirts and we have always been Mavericks fans. For the first few years of our marriage he would go to almost all the games and sometimes drag me along."

Upon spotting a blog entry by Cuban on Blog Maverick, Case said he did not hesitate to start designing. The entry titled "Help The Mavs Design Our Next Uniform!" was posted

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Leaders hint at compromise

Boehner, Obama trade barbs

By DAVID ESPO
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama and House Speaker John Boehner offered hints of possible compromise but also traded heated rhetoric Tuesday, a frustratingly inconclusive combination that left the eight-day partial government shutdown firmly in place and the threat of an unprecedented national default drawing closer.

"There's a crack there," Boehner said of the impasse near the end of a day of maneuvering at the White House and the Capitol. Yet the Ohio Republican added that it was not enough to warrant optimism.

Stocks fell significantly — the Dow Jones average by 159 points — as political gridlock endured. And, in the latest in

a string of dire warnings, the International Monetary Fund said failure to raise America's debt limit could lead to default and disrupt worldwide financial markets, raise interest rates and push the U.S. economy back into recession.

Republicans "don't get to demand ransom in exchange for doing their jobs," Obama said at the White House. "They don't also get to say, you know, unless you give me what the voters rejected in the last election, I'm going to cause a recession."

Even the deaths of U.S. servicemen over the weekend in Afghanistan were grist for the politicians. The Pentagon said that because of the partial shutdown it was unable to pay the customary death benefits to the survivors.

Boehner said Congress had



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Speaker of the House John Boehner, R-Ohio, makes a statement outside his office to respond to President Barack Obama, Tuesday at the Capitol in Washington. The President says he told Boehner he's willing to negotiate with Republicans on their priorities, but not under the threat of "economic chaos."

passed and Obama signed legislation last week permitting the payments, adding it was "disgraceful" for the administration

to interpret the measure otherwise. He said the House would

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Taking a stab

San Angelo sophomore Alex Angle takes a stab from Keller freshman Sean Yarborough during a fencing match on Tuesday in Russell Gym. Angle won the competition 5-3.

Pageant winner could be Miss Texas

By KRISTIN BURNS
 REPORTER

Glitz, glamour and a shot at winning the crown of Miss Texas and Miss America await the winner of Baylor's first annual Miss Green and Gold Pageant.

"What this means is that Miss Green and Gold will be able to go to Miss Texas and compete to go to Miss America," said Houston junior Amira Lewally, director of the Miss Green and Gold Pageant.

The Miss Green and Gold Pageant will take place on Nov. 1 in Waco Hall. Lewally said she and the current pageant committee have been trying to get a pageant started at Baylor for a year.

Baylor's pageant signed a contract with Miss Texas to be an "authorized franchise holder for the Miss Texas Pageant," according to the official contract between Miss Texas and Baylor's pageant committee. This means the pageant is affiliated with the Miss Texas pageant, but it is not a partner pageant. It authorizes the winner of Miss Green and Gold pageant to go as a representative to compete in Miss Texas.

Baylor received other offers from organizations such as the Miss USA pageant to send the winner of the pageant to compete on a higher level.

"We had other offers, but we looked through all of it," Lewally said. "Miss America turned out to be the best fit."

The Miss Green and Gold Pageant

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Pack of Hope works to fight food insecurity in Waco

By REBECCA FIEDLER
 STAFF WRITER

Many children in McLennan County will go home from school Fridays and not eat a meal until Monday morning at school breakfast. Pack of Hope, a local non-profit organization, is fighting to put an end to such a situation.

"There are over 26,300 children in McLennan County who are eligible for free and reduced lunch," said Jane Bounds, president and co-founder of Pack of Hope. She said most of these students go all week-end without food.

Pack of Hope provides children with a backpack full of food each weekend of the school year. To qualify to receive a Pack of Hope weekly food supply, a child must be on a free or reduced lunch program at their school, Bounds said.

A fourth of youths suffer from food insecurity, Bounds said. In McLennan County the poverty rate is 27 percent, which is almost twice the national average.

"We have heard stories of children who've just said they had water," Bounds said. "We've heard children who have climbed into the dumpster after school is out to see if they could find anything. We

had an athlete who lived off potato chips for a whole weekend."

Pack of Hope caters to McLennan County, which has 18 school districts. This year Pack of Hope is able to provide food to 12 of these districts.

"The need is great, and it's unfortunate that we don't have the funds to be able to feed all these children," Bounds said.

Pack of Hope is feeding over 300 children this year, Bounds said. The organization had a grant in the past years that allowed them to feed over 600, but that grant money has been spent.

"It's very difficult to tell these children,

"Sorry, darling. You're not going to get anything this year," Bounds said. "You know, it just breaks your heart."

Pack of Hope is run entirely by volunteers, Bounds said. All money goes directly to filling packs, and the office of the organization is the back of Bounds's van, as well as a local Starbucks. Baylor students from the Baylor chapter of the American Medical Students Association volunteer with the organization, she said. Bounds added that she encourages Baylor to get involved in helping Pack of Hope.

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NSA violates your Fourth Amendment right

In recent days, it has come to light that the NSA conducted a secret experimental program during 2010 and 2011 that collected bulk data concerning the location of Americans' cellphones. The agency claims it never moved ahead with the program and the data was never available for intelligence analysis purposes.

It has also been revealed that the NSA has used its data to create graphs of Americans' social connections. These graphs are able to identify Americans' associates, locations, traveling companions and other personal information. However, Gen. Keith B. Alexander, NSA chief, denied the NSA was creating these dossiers on Americans.

All of this data collection by the NSA is in blatant violation of American citizens' Fourth Amendment rights. The Fourth Amendment states, "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated; and no Warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

The New York Times reported that the NSA has used data including property records, bank codes, insurance information, tax data, Facebook profiles, passenger manifests, voter registration rolls and GPS location information in addition to communications data.

The collection of American citizens' phone records, emails, social media data and any other data collected by the NSA without a specific search warrant is unconstitutional. Yet there are some, like Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who are opposed to canceling the bulk call records program.

There are those who agree with the Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper, that the number of foiled terrorist plots should not be the sole metric of success, and argue that there is another, more important metric that should be considered, which Clapper calls the "peace of mind" metric.

However, we do not have a peace of mind knowing that the NSA has been, in our opinion, illegally collecting data on American citizens for years.

We do not agree with a "the ends justify the means" approach to national security. Our Constitution exists to protect our rights for a reason, and trying to circumvent the Constitution in the name of national security is not only unconstitutional and illegal, but it is also a slippery slope.

Right now, the national government is collecting and using the data to supposedly protect us from terrorist attacks. However, the Obama administration was caught in yet another lie recently when the general admitted that the number of counterterrorism successes was grossly overstated.

When pressed by Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the general admitted that the actual number of thwarted cases was only one or perhaps two.

One or two cases is definitely far short of the 54 cases originally claimed by the Obama administration and even previously by the general himself as fruit of the NSA's domestic snooping that was revealed by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden.

In fact, the general confirmed that of those 54 cases, only 13 had any connection to the U.S.

Furthermore, the NSA failed to stop Nidal Hasan, the Fort Hood shooter, despite evidence reported by ABC News that showed he was in email communication with Anwar al-Awlaki, an Islamic militant that the United States has linked to al-Qaida from December 2008 into 2009. The NSA also was unsuccessful in preventing the Boston Marathon bombing, despite evidence that the bomber had learned how to build kitchen pressure cookers bombs online, as reported by NBC News.

While some think that the government would never use the data collected to target American citizens based on their political beliefs, it has already happened.

The IRS targeted tea party, anti-Obama and conservative groups during 2012 for extra scrutiny all because of their political affiliation. How soon before a Republican is targeted (or reveals he or she was targeted) by the Obama administration for being a Republican?

What about Christians? Again, some would assume the government would never use the data to target Christians. However, the IRS has also targeted Franklin Graham, Christine O'Donnell and Dr. Ben Carson. Carson told The Washington Times that the IRS targeted him for an audit after his speech at the National Prayer Breakfast in February that challenged America's leadership.

There are those who would argue, "If you've got nothing to hide, you've got nothing to fear." There are numerous holes in this belief. First, this statement assumes that only criminals have something to hide. Nevertheless, would the average citizen wish to have every intimate detail and secret about their life exposed to public scrutiny?

Second, it assumes that we are all worthy of the government being suspicious of us until proven otherwise. However, this is backwards from the way our judicial system, which the NSA should have to comply with, operates. Here in America, you are innocent until proven guilty, but the belief that "if you've got nothing to hide, you've got nothing to fear," assumes you are guilty until proven innocent.

Third, government surveillance of its citizens based on the "if you've got nothing to hide, you've got nothing to fear" philosophy serves as a chilling effect. If everything you say, write or do is collected, stored and analyzed by the government, then you are less likely to freely associate with others and less likely to express dissent for a law, politician or stance on an issue. How soon before the NSA starts paying citizens to report what they hear and see their neighbors doing? The collective effect of all of this is that it limits free speech because of the fear of persecution.

Fourth, just because "you've got nothing to fear" right now, does not mean you have nothing to fear in the future or that you should not stand up for what is right.

Martin Niemöller is probably best remembered for saying, "First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out because I was not a Socialist. Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out because I was not a Trade Unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak for me." (It is important to note that this quotation can be found in numerous forms different from the one used here.) The point Niemöller was making is that there is no room for complacency. All complacency leads to is further and more restrictive loss of rights and freedoms.

Fifth, there is no ability for U.S. citizens to correct information about themselves that the government has collected or stored. Most of the data collection programs are operated in secret (though some were leaked thanks to Snowden), meaning we do not even know that specific types of data are being collected.

In addition, data analysis involves making inferences about what the data mean, but if the government does not have a complete picture, it can make a false inference that can ruin someone's life and reputation.

All this should give everyone pause when they hear about the NSA and their data collection efforts of information about Americans. While it is being done in the name of national security today, tomorrow it could be used to target someone of a specific political belief and next week it could be used to target someone of a specific religious belief.

Our Founding Fathers, with the Fourth Amendment, drew the line, and it is time for our courts and legislatures to force the NSA and other government agencies to comply with the Constitution and obtain a search warrant concerning a specific individual detailing the specifics of what they are wanting to search, seize and use.

We demand our rights to privacy and vehemently disapprove of the actions of the federal government and the NSA for their invasion of our privacy.



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Corrections

In the story "Safety first: students stay safe with mobile app," which ran on Sept. 10, The Lariat reported that Baylor made the BlueLight app available to students.

The Lariat regrets the error. Baylor has not tested the app and no contract with BlueLight exists. Rather, the app is simply available to students.

The Baylor Lariat is committed to ensuring fair and accurate reporting.

Corrections can be submitted to the editor by sending an e-mail to Lariat_letters@baylor.edu or by calling 254-710-1712.

Peer Nutrition Education

Meeting One

- Do a Diet history questionnaire to understand client's eating habits
- Make a long-term goal

Meeting two

- Discuss the My Plate Food model
- Discuss how to read nutrition labels
- Discuss about portion sizes

Meeting Three

- Discuss how to eat healthy on campus and how to eat healthy at a restaurant

Meeting Four

- Discuss how to shop at a grocery store
- Discuss smart snacking options

COURTESY PHOTO

Students teach nutrition, healthy lifestyles to peers

By ADA ZHANG
STAFF WRITER

With false advertising and dietary fads, knowing what is healthy and what is not can be confusing.

Students, faculty and staff who want an assessment of their health can take advantage of the Baylor Peer Nutrition Education program.

The program, which is free to the public, aims to help Baylor students assess their dietary goals and develop healthy eating habits.

Students can go to the fitness suite on the third floor of the McLane Student Life Center if they are interested in this program.

Van Davis, assistant director for fitness and nutrition education, said the program staff is made up of upperclassmen nutrition sciences majors.

All peer nutrition educators went through an application process with professors in the nutrition sciences department, Davis said.

"Five or six are selected each spring to start the practical part of their education in the fall," Davis said.

Longview senior Rebecca Kennedy is a nutrition sciences major who has been a peer nutrition educator for a year. She typically sees 15 clients per semester, she said.

"We usually do one appointment a week," Kennedy said. "They'll come for four or five appointments. If they want to meet for longer, we can do that. We won't push someone out if they want to learn something."

Each meeting lasts 45 minutes

to an hour, Kennedy said.

At the first meeting, Kennedy acquires general information about her client's ideas on nutrition.

"We get to know the person and their eating habits and attitude towards food and what they want to get out of this experience," Kennedy said.

She said she gives her clients basic nutrition information at the first meeting.

"We touch on nutrition basics like portion sizes and the My Plate Food model and how to read a nutrition label," she said.

Kennedy said the My Food Plate model is the new version of the food pyramid.

"It's a picture of the plate that explains what the plate should look with a balanced diet, a balanced meal," she said.

Peer nutrition educators give their clients general knowledge in the beginning, but, Kennedy said, educators give more specific knowledge tailored to the client's goals later on.

"Each week, we ask them to make a goal," Kennedy said. "They have a long-term goal and short-term goal that they report back about each week. That's how we see if they're accomplishing what they want to."

Kennedy said she enjoys her role as a peer nutrition educator because she can use her knowledge to help people.

She said the work she does now is pretty much her "dream job," since she plans to become a registered nutritionist in the future.

"People are surprised by certain

nutrition concepts," she said. "People come back and say, 'I thought about this all week and it's really helped me.' I love hearing people using what I teach them to make their life healthier."

Peer nutrition educators are on a work-study program with the fitness department, Davis said.

Additional guidance and education for the educators, however, comes from Dr. Janelle Walter, the nutrition sciences program coordinator.

"They meet with Dr. Walters weekly," Davis said. "The education part comes from Dr. Walters, who is mentoring them."

Davis said at the beginning of the semester, 75 students were interested in seeing a peer nutrition educator.

But with busy schedules of their own, Davis said educators cannot see more than three or four clients at a time.

"Each semester, we see quite a bit of students, faculty and staff depending on how much our peer nutrition educators can take in," Davis said. "We have several people on the waiting list."

To clarify, the program is not for people with medical problems, Davis said. The program is for people who want to develop healthier eating habits.

Davis said all the educators in the program are "outstanding."

"They are the top of their class," Davis said. "These individuals are passionate about helping clients reach nutritional goals."

Born to be wild: Christians should be 'good, not tame'

By CLAIRE CAMERON
REPORTER

Christians should not be tame but good, said Dr. Ralph Wood, professor of theology and literature.

Tuesday at the fourth annual Drumwright Family Lecture, the Alexander reading room was full as faculty, staff and students came to hear Wood speak.

Wood has studied the works and life of C.S. Lewis for a vast majority of his life, and he said he came to the conclusion that Christians are called to be good but not tame through theosis. Theosis is the idea that people are here on this earth to be a part of God's bigger plan.

"C.S. Lewis has influenced more thoughtful people than anyone else in the late 19th and early 20th century," Wood said.

He said he thought Lewis best summarized theosis in his written works, in the idea that Christians live to a higher calling and that is why Christians must be good but not tame.

"The whole idea revolves around the idea that God defines goodness, not ourselves," Wood said. "We can't be tame by the world's standards if we are to be good by God's standard and likewise we can't be good by the world's standards if we are bold."

Wood said he picked the title for his lecture from one of Lewis's most famous works, "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe."

"I formed my idea about what it meant to be tame but not good directly from one of the characters in the book, Mr. Beaver," Wood said. "Mr. Beaver, when referring to Aslan, the God of Narnia, a lion, says, 'Of course he isn't safe. He is wild after all, but he is good.'"

Wood said he originally wanted to title his lecture "Why Christians



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Dr. Ralph Wood, professor of theology and literature, speaks on the topic of "C.S. Lewis on Theosis: Why Christian are not meant to be tame be good" on Tuesday in the Alexander Reading Room.

Should Be Good and Wild" but that he was afraid students would take it the wrong way.

"It is so important to understand theosis because what we see shapes our souls, and I think God meant all of us to be a bit wild in regards to how we follow him," Wood said.

Wood lectured about how theosis shaped his life growing up in the back woods of East Texas during a time when segregation was normal.

"Looking at Scripture, I didn't understand why, if all men are equal to God, a black man could not sit next to me on the bus," Wood said.

Wood said he wrestled with the idea of segregation and came to the idea that treating everyone equally in that time was a wild idea and that it was theosis.

"If you want to see how theosis occurs in someone's life, look to C.S. Lewis as an example," Wood said. "It is all about being wild in the right ways."

Houston junior Claire Roberts said she thought Wood's lecture raised good points.

"We go to a Christian university," she said. "When we graduate and go out into the real world, we

need to remember to be wild for God and reflect Him in our lives."

Wood also pointed out that most of the evil in the world comes from misguided intentions.

"Most evil in this world is committed in the name of some kind of love," Wood said. "This is why evil is such a powerful force. It shapes us in his image and makes us believe we are doing the right thing."

Wood said it is important at Baylor to remember how evil traps people because everyone can fall under the impressions that they are doing God's will in their lives when they really are not.

"Theosis can go both ways," Wood said. "Our lives are either more or less like the image of God, so we must be careful how we practice what we claim to believe."

Roberts said Wood's lecture was powerful. "He truly made me think about how we, as Christians, need to stop hiding behind false images of what the world sees as good and start acting in accordance to what God sees as good and not be shy about it," Roberts said.

Wood said he wanted to give the lecture in honor of the 50th anniversary of C.S. Lewis' death and to encourage students to be wild in all the right ways.

NAFTA in a changing global economy



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8:30-9:45 am

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Paul Foster CEO of Western Refining Corporation
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2:30 - 3:45 pm

Beyond NAFTA: Emerging Trade Policy Challenges

Michael Hart Centre for Trade Policy and Law, Ottawa
Michelle Egan American University



BEAR BRIEFS

Greet the Greeks

The Panhellenic "Meet and Greet" will be from 5 to 6 p.m. today in the Stacy Riddle Forum. This is an opportunity to tour sorority suites and learn more about the different chapters. The council and Gamma Chis, Panhellenic's disaffiliated recruitment leaders, will answer questions about recruitment and registration. For additional information, email Tam_Dunn@baylor.edu.

Learn to lifeguard

Campus recreation is offering a three-day lifeguard certification course. Classes will be held from 5 to 10 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Participants may register and pay their \$75 fee is at the SLC front desk. The certification is good for two years and includes lifeguarding, CPR and first aid. For additional information, visit www.baylor.edu/campusrec/aquatics.

Discover the past

Dr. Joan Breton Connelly, professor of classics and art history at New York University, will give a lecture from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday in the Jones Theatre of the Hooper-Shaefer Fine Arts Center. The lecture is part of the Cherry Award lecture series, and Connelly is one of the final winners. She will discuss "The Dynamics of Discovery: Unearthing Lost Truths from the Ancient Past," which will focus on a series of recent breakthroughs in historical art, architecture texts and rituals.



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Pinbusters

Testing Pinterest's too-good-to-be-true recipes and crafts

By TAYLOR GRIFFIN
A&E EDITOR

As the weather cools down outside, I love to crank the heat up in my oven with an unending supply of fall-inspired baked goods and treats.

This week, I chose black velvet whoopie pies with orange filling. While I mostly opt for creative ways to cook with cinnamon or pumpkin spices, this Halloween recipe made for a spooky-sweet change to the usual pumpkin loaf.

Curious about the name, I found through research that these treats are native to the Amish and New England culture. From traditional chocolate to seasonal pumpkin, the name for these cream-filled goodies spawned from the reaction people gave upon finding one in their lunch box.

Following the hype over cake pops and funky cupcakes, whoopie pies in more recent years have become almost as trendy to bake as they are to eat.

However, the true question remains: are they pies, cookies or cakes?

Although I've yet to arrive at a conclusion, these black velvet whoopie pies are the perfect alternative to the typical fright night snack.

Name
Black Velvet Whoopie Pies

Originally pinned from
iambaker.net/black-velvet-whoopie-pies

What you need

For the cookies:
1 package German chocolate cake mix
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1/4 cup vegetable oil
3 tablespoons black food coloring
3 eggs
1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract

For the filling:
1 stick of butter, softened
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1 jar marshmallow cream
1/2 teaspoon orange extract
1/2 teaspoon red food coloring
1/2 teaspoon yellow food coloring

What to do

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat all of the ingredients for the cookie mix together until well blended. Spoon a few tablespoons of batter two inches apart from each other on wax paper and bake for around eight minutes.

While the cookies bake, beat the filling ingredients together until smooth. Let the cookies completely cool before icing them.

What went right

I was pleasantly surprised to find that these turned out as I had hoped. Before finding this recipe, I never understood exactly how whoopie pies got (and kept) their fluffy shape. With a tall glass of milk,

they taste almost like cakey Oreos.

Also, I'm not a fan of orange-flavored sweets, so I traded it for vanilla extract.

What went wrong

Clearly, my pies didn't come out as pretty as the originals. Getting the clumps of batter to bake just the right size was a challenge, thus creating lopsided concoctions.

Additionally, the cream filling was a bit runny. To remedy my not-yet-softened butter, I microwaved it slightly. I suppose this contributed to the messiness.

As a word of advice, a vial of black food coloring is not enough to satisfy this recipe. In fact, my brand new bottle only supplied two of the three tablespoons needed for the cookies.

I substituted a ghastly mix of primary colors (still staining my hands) to top off the ebony batter.

Final consensus

These scary snack cakes are way too delicious to leave alone: a detrimental side effect that spoils any appetite.

On top of which, the gobs of black I put in the mix make for a ghoulish tint of the mouth, somewhat reminiscent of a zombie's set of chompers.

Whether they're for a Halloween party or a night on the couch with a scary flick, these treats will have anyone screaming for more.

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Fully supported: Fall fashion backs Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By ANNE BRATSKER
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McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

You wouldn't guess that by purchasing a hot pink, lacy lingerie ensemble that, ahem, glows in the dark, you'd be waging war against breast cancer.

But, in fact, October is the month when fashion and beauty forces rally for this cause, offering a staggering number of products to fight the disease. (For the record, this includes fluorescent undies by Cosabella.)

So, really, buy a little something. "I think it is important for ev-

eryone to get involved with Breast Cancer Awareness month," says actress Garcelle Beauvais, who's working with handbag designer Patricia Nash on a promotion to benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. "If we support each other and help each other, then together we can find the cure."

Yes, of course you can splurge. A David Yurman pink ceramic and diamond watch has our lust-o-meter shorting out and costs thousands. But shelling out \$5 for a great athletic tee at Kohl's helps, too. The Estee Lauder company and its many brands will raise money for the Breast Cancer Re-

search Foundation; at Avon, all net proceeds from special items go back to the Avon Breast Cancer Crusade, and Ralph Lauren's Pink Pony Fund has been supporting programs for screening, early diagnosis, treatment, research and patient navigation for 13 years.

We've combed through piles of pink—and, by the way, not everything is actually pink—to bring you the best of the best. You'll look good, feel fabulous and, in some cases, even have a little fun (back to that lingerie), all the while battling the disease that affects so many of our friends and families.

Everything's turning up rosy,

wouldn't you say?

Handbag designer Patricia Nash has teamed up with 16 celebrities (among them Garcelle Beauvais, January Jones, Giuliana Rancic, Elizabeth Hurley, Padma Lakshmi and Kristin Chenoweth) to auction off her fabulous vintage-looking Italian Lari Crossbody bag (it generally sells for \$128) signed by the celebrities and complete with a duplicate of their must-have real-life luxury item inside.

Lakshmi's bag comes with her favorite classic Ray-Ban aviator sunglasses, Chenoweth's iPod, while Rancic is all about her favorite Theodora & Callum Casablanca

scarf. Beauvais can't live without her iPhone, hence a \$200 Apple gift certificate.

Such fun, and every penny raised will go directly to the Breast Cancer Research Fund. The auction closes Oct. 31; bidding starts at \$100. Visit patricianashdesigns.com/bcrf to learn about it, and bid. (PS: We're going for Padma's bag.)

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17 "Victor at Little Bighorn"
20 Zilch
21 Fantasy game brute
22 Latin lesson word
23 New Year's ___
24 "2006 "Survivor" setting
28 Attacked
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31 "I'm an idiot!"
32 Abs strengthener
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35 Apportioning word
36 "Nursed, in a way"
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42 Bowlers and trilbies
43 Millionaire's retreat
47 Strudel ___ mode
48 Jon Hamm's "Mad Men" role ___ Draper
49 Vocation
50 "All-in-one appliance"
54 Dye holder
55 Classy
56 Fish you can smoke
57 Ricky portrayer
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62 Nebraska native
63 Like lago, say
64 Rice/Lloyd Webber musical
65 Trees used to make longbows
66 Attends to one's whistle?
67 Unreactive gas

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13 Jeanne d'Arc, for one: Abbr.
18 Old geezer
19 "Come no closer!"
24 Consigliere's boss
25 Penn et al.
26 Contained opening?
27 "Too noisy!"
29 Big band instrument
33 Defensive effort
34 Ctrl-___-Delete
35 Correct
37 Superhero with a hammer
38 Even once
39 Chain ___
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Baylor, K-State share similar coaching success

BY PARMIDA SCHAHHOSSEINI
SPORTS WRITER

With many people focusing on how to stop Baylor, or wondering how Baylor will adjust on the road, the coaching duel that will take place in Manhattan, Kan., seems to be overlooked. Both Baylor head coach Art Briles and Kansas State head coach Bill Snyder have rejuvenated programs that were at one point bottom feeders of the Big 12.

Snyder's first tenure at K-State was from 1989 to 2005, in which he led the Wildcats to three Big 12 titles, six 11-win seasons, and helped turn Kansas State into a contending, winning program on an annual basis.

"Coach Snyder has done a tremendous job without question," Briles said. "You can model after that and be very successful."

After the 2005 season, Snyder decided to retire and the program crumbled. From 2006 to 2008 Kansas State had a 17-20 record and seemed to be on the decline. Fortunately for the Wildcats, Snyder came back in 2009 and turned around the program for a second time. In 2010, Kansas State finished with a 7-5 record and went to the Pinstripe Bowl. The Wildcats followed with a 10-3 campaign, finishing No. 8 in the BCS standings map.

earning an invitation to the BCS Cotton Bowl. Just when people thought Kansas State reached its ceiling, Snyder's team shocked the nation on its way to 10 straight wins. Despite the loss to Baylor, the Wildcats finished with an 11-1 regular season record and went to the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. He also propelled former quarterback Collin Klein to be named a Heisman Trophy finalist.

Despite Snyder's wealth of success, Briles has his own unique coaching style he believes helps resurrect collegiate football programs.

"We've always done what we think is right for us," Briles said. "That's something that helps us on the field because we're not trying to be like anybody else or mimic anybody else in any shape, form or fashion. We're going to be the standard. We're going to do what we do as well as we can. If you do that, you have a chance to be successful."

Prior to Briles' arrival, Baylor wasn't known as a winning program in football. In fact, saying it was the opposite would have been an understatement. Briles led the Bears to back-to-back bowl wins for the first time in 25 years, the program's first Heisman Memorial Trophy winner in Robert Griffin III and put Baylor on the national map.

Baylor is also one of only three teams (Florida State, Washington) in the country with a top 10 offense and a top 20 defense. With continued improvement, Baylor is on its way to becoming a national powerhouse.

"My freshman year we ended up going to the Texas Bowl, which was a huge deal at the time," senior nickel back Sam Holl said. "We just got better from there. The next year Rob [Robert Griffin III] won the Heisman, we go to the Alamo Bowl and we went to the Holiday Bowl last year and got a huge win. It's been great."

After the success of RG3, people began to wonder if the success would continue, but after a successful 2012 campaign those doubts were put to rest. Briles' offensive strategy and his recruiting skills have led to a dynamic team filled with speed, toughness and physicality. Briles is able to relate with his players.

"He really is a players coach," senior center Stefan Huber said. "I mean he keeps us fresh, fast and physical and that's all you can ask from a coach. He's very inspiring and you really want to work hard for him."

Briles is not new to reviving programs. Before inheriting a job at the University of Houston, the team was two years removed from

a 0-11 season. Briles turned that program around on the way to four bowl games.

His ability to get the most from his players and assistant coaches make him a strong leader. Despite constant media pressure regarding the defense, Briles and defensive coordinator Phil Bennett continued to stay patient. Having gone through the rebuilding process before, Briles knew how to handle the situation.

The defense leads the nation in tackles for loss with 10.3 per game. It also ranks 17th in the nation in total defense, giving up 321.3 yards per game after ranking last the previous year.

"We're the same defense as last year as far as physically goes, but mentally we're light-years away from where we used to be," senior safety Ahmad Dixon said. "Guys are seeing things they didn't see coming at all. Guys know the defense like we've never known it. We have guys playing linebacker making safety calls and safeties making linebacker calls. We're back there on the back end making line movements, just helping each other out."

Thanks to Briles, Baylor is enjoying a winning tradition and the program keeps trending upwards year after year since his arrival in late 2007.



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Baylor head coach Art Briles celebrates Baylor's 70-13 win over ULM by throwing his hat into the crowd on Sept. 21 at Floyd Casey Stadium.

Baylor defense has new swagger this season

BY AUSTIN ECK
REPORTER

While high-powered offenses earn national attention, defense wins championships. Last year's porous Baylor defense has been replaced with a stout defense that finds itself ranking among the elite squads in the NCAA.

Through the first four games of the Baylor season, the defense has allowed 321.3 yards per game—good enough to land Baylor inside the top 20. Baylor's defense last year consistently ranked outside of the top 100 teams in FBS schools, which forced the offense to carry the load.

This was obvious in last year's game against West Virginia University when Baylor's 63 points were not enough to beat current New York Jets quarterback Geno Smith and the Mountaineers in Morgantown.

This year the Bears surrendered a meager 394 yards of offense to the Mountaineers. In last year's matchup with WVU, Baylor surrendered 807 yards. By the end of 2012-13 season, Baylor had given up 502.2 yards per game.

The poor showing left a sour taste in the mouth of Baylor's defense and left a massive chip on Baylor's shoulder.

"It's very big," senior cornerback K.J. Morton said. "We feel like the world is against us, and we're not worried about anybody else but Baylor."

Morton has recorded 15 tackles and three pass deflections, and Morton's performance along with the rest of Baylor's secondary has helped limit the aerial game of opponents.

"We're very confident," Morton said, referring to the rest of Baylor's secondary. "This is our last year, and as years have passed, we have a lot of experience under our belt. Now, we're just going out there and making plays."

But the vast improvement on

defense is not limited to one player's performance.

"I think they've all played really well so far," head coach Art Briles said. "The good thing is there haven't been any surprises, and that's a good thing because everybody is doing what they're supposed to do when they're supposed to do it in a cohesive manner. I think all 11 have stepped up, quite honestly."

In year three under defensive coordinator Phil Bennett, the Baylor defense is more comfortable in his system and Bennett reciprocates that feeling with more trust in his players.

"He's just really confident in us,"

Lackey said. "Maybe that's a big difference from last year, is that he didn't have such the confidence in us because we are more mature as a team. Because we are more mature as a team, he can trust us in making those plays and blitzing and whatever gap it is, I think it all falls under his trust."

Baylor has been blitzing more this season, and that aggressiveness has earned dividends so far for the nation's No. 14 scoring defense.

"I've been impressed by the fact that we're just doing what we felt like we would do," Briles said. "It's not surprising to us because of how we finished last year and having all these guys back through spring

and summer with a good taste in their mouth, a lot of eagerness in their heart, and being in Bennett's system for three years."

During Bennett's tenure, he has been able to implement his system and become more familiar with the personnel.

"The more you're around somebody the more you understand them," Briles said. "We have six or seven three year starters and that makes a big difference. Just being comfortable with what's going on with what happens is a big benefit from a football standpoint."

Now, Baylor's defense shifts its focus to the first road game of the year against Kansas State.

Bears brace for WVU road match

BY SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

After playing three of the top teams in the Big 12 to open conference play, Baylor volleyball will look to turn their season around in a road match against West Virginia in Morgantown tonight.

The Bears are currently 8-11 overall on the season after losing three straight against No. 25 Iowa State, No. 3 Texas and Kansas to open the season.

The young Baylor squad has been plagued with injuries all season, including losing freshman outside hitter Katie Staiger to a season-ending knee injury in the second match of the year.

Senior outside hitter Zoe Adom leads Baylor with 205 kills and 3.06 kills per set. Sophomore outside hitter Thea Munch-Soegaard is a near second with 2.73 kills per set and 2.64 digs per set. Sophomore setter Amy Rosenbaum paces the team with 9.97 assists per set.

West Virginia comes into the Baylor match 15-2 after opening the season on a 10-match winning streak, which in itself topped West Virginia's eight-win season in 2012.

The Mountaineers come into Big 12 play with a non-conference record of 14-1, with their only loss being a sweep at the hands of Duquesne.

Heading into Big 12 play, WVU is 2-1 and tied for third in the conference after wins against Texas Tech and Kansas State early in Big 12 play. This marks an instant im-



TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Senior outside hitter Zoe Adom makes a play against Texas on Oct. 2 at the Ferrell Center. The Bears head to Morgantown to take on WVU tonight.

provement for the Mountaineers, after going 0-16 last season in Big 12 play.

Freshman outside hitter Jordan Anderson has been key for West Virginia with 178 kills and 130 digs in only 46 sets. She leads the team in kills per set with 3.87 and is

third with 2.83 digs per set. Sophomore outside hitter Nikki Attea is right behind Anderson with 169 overall kills and 2.77 kills per set.

Sophomore libero Anna Panagiotakopoulos leads the Mountaineers with 4.38 digs per set.

Sophomore setter Brittany

Sample has contributed 10.49 assists per set and junior middle blocker Evyn McCoy is top 50 in the country with 1.25 blocks per set.

West Virginia is a team that struggles offensively, but they defeat teams with stifling defense.

Despite hitting only .206, WVU holds opponents to .139 overall. West Virginia averages 2.61 blocks per set, and forces opponents to commit more errors.

Baylor is 5-0 all-time against the Mountaineers including sweeping both matches last season.

Senior outside hitter Zoe Adom was key in the two victories a year ago, averaging 4.83 kills per set in the two wins. These are both different teams than last year though.

Baylor is a team that commits many errors and typically hits a poor percentage.

Throughout the season, the Bears' success with digs has been crucial to success. Baylor will have a tough task against a team that averages two more digs per set than them.

Baylor will likely struggle on the offensive end against West Virginia, but may be able to make something happen on the defensive side.

This match may come down to a defensive battle, and that may work in Baylor's favor.

Baylor will play West Virginia tonight in Morgantown.

The Bears return to Waco to play TCU at 7 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Ferrell Center.

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clarify the issue with a new bill on Wednesday.

In Congress, a plan by Senate Democrats to raise the debt limit by \$1 trillion to stave off a possible default drew little evidence of support from Republicans.

And a proposal by Republicans to create a working group of 20 lawmakers to tackle deficit issues, approved 224-197 by the House, drew a veto threat from the White House, the latest in a string of them as the administration insists the GOP reopen the government and avert default before any negotiations on deficit reduction or the three-year-old health care law can take place.

On a day in which both Obama and Boehner appeared on live television, both men appeared to be giving ground yet yielding little if anything of substance.

At midmorning, Boehner and other Republicans seemed to soften their demands.

"I suspect we can work out a mechanism to raise the debt ceiling while a negotiation is underway," said Rep. Tom Cole, an Oklahoma Republican who is close to Boehner.

The speaker, who had previously insisted on specific changes in the health care law as the price for preventing the shutdown, told reporters, "I want to have a conversation (with Obama and Democrats.) I'm not drawing any lines in the sand. It's time for us to just sit down and resolve our differences."

Asked if he was willing to raise the debt ceiling and fund the government for a short period, the Ohio Republican sidestepped. "I'm not going to get into a whole lot of speculation," he said.

A few hours later, Obama told a news conference he was willing to negotiate with Republicans on budget and other issues if Congress passed even short-term leg-

islation to end the crisis.

"I'll even spring for dinner again," he said, referring to his courtship of Republican senators last winter, and attempting to inject humor into a political impasse where invective has been the norm.

Ninety minutes later, Boehner was unsmiling.

"What the president said today was if there's unconditional surrender by Republicans, he'll sit down and talk," he said. Renewing his call for "a conversation" about key issues facing the country, the Ohio Republican said, "Not next week. Not next month. The conversation ought to start today."

Boehner added, "The long and short of it is, there is going to be a negotiation here. We can't raise the debt ceiling without doing something about what's driving us to borrow more money and to live beyond our means."

Privately, officials said deeply suspicious Republicans were attempting to gauge Obama's comments to see whether they might represent a concession.

Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew has said the deadline for Congress to act is Oct. 17, setting that as the day the government will exhaust its ability to borrow funds and will have to rely day-to-day on tax and other receipts to pay its bills.

Some Republicans have downplayed the significance of the Oct. 17 deadline, saying that even then, the United States would be able to pay China and other holders of U.S. debt and avoid widespread economic dislocation.

But Obama said they were badly misguided, warning that default would harm the economy, cause retirement accounts to shrivel and houses to lose value.

Still other Republicans have made it clear in recent days they agree with the threat posed by default and are determined to pre-

vent it.

Inside a closed-door meeting of the Republican rank and file, Boehner had told his fellow Republicans they were in the midst of a tough battle and that Obama and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid were trying to "annihilate us," according to one official in attendance.

Boehner's tone was different when he spoke to reporters.

"There's no boundaries here. There's nothing on the table. There's nothing off the table. I'm trying to do everything I can to bring people together and to have a conversation," he said.

In the back-and-forth, the threat of a default overshadowed the continuing partial government shutdown.

An estimated 450,000 federal workers are idled at agencies responsible for items as diverse as food inspection and national parks, although all employees are eventually expected to receive full back pay.

The House approved legislation during the day to pay for a resumption of Head Start, the preschool program for disadvantaged children. The vote was 248-168. The bill was the latest in a string of measures to end the shutdown in one corner of government or another in hopes of forcing Democrats to abandon their own demands for a full reopening of the federal establishment.

The House also voted 420-0 to make sure federal workers on the job don't miss their next regularly scheduled paycheck on Oct. 15.

The shutdown began more than a week ago after Obama and Senate Democrats rejected Republican demands to defund "Obamacare," then to delay it, and finally to force a one-year delay in the requirement for individuals to purchase health care coverage or face a financial penalty.

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President Barack Obama pauses while speaking about the budget and the partial government shutdown, Tuesday in the Brady Press Room of the White House in Washington. The president said he told House Speaker John Boehner he's willing to negotiate with Republicans, but not under the threat of "economic chaos."

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in May and invited fans to do just that.

Since that post, thousands of submitted designs have been narrowed down to 10. Case's design is one of those.

"About a week ago I got a text while I was in Vegas for business from my dad that said 'you know I think that jersey you showed me, I think it's one of the ones that got

posted,'" Case said. "It was about a day after it got posted and I didn't even know it was up."

With regard to payment for the award winning jersey, fame will outweigh the fortune. Cuban stated in his blog that upon posting a design, the Mavs own it. He went on to say that if the Mavs use the design, the designer gets eternal bragging rights. Aside from that,

there is little reward involved.

Case said he is not in the contest for a monetary reward.

"The biggest prize for me would just be having an NBA jersey, not only in my portfolio, but it's something I'm really passionate about," Case said. "I mean, how many times can you say you were in the running with an NBA jersey?"

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ent will be conducted according to the standards of all pageants affiliated with Miss America. In addition, a representative of the Miss Texas Pageant will attend the show.

"From my understanding, Miss Texas has been waiting for Baylor to be a part of them," said Gretel Hill, administrative assistant for the dean of student life development and the faculty adviser for the pageant. "They are very excited about it."

This new agreement is the first opportunity for Baylor women to compete for the crown of Miss America in 2014.

"If Miss Texas's name is actually on Miss Green and Gold, I think it would draw a lot of people's attention," Hill said.

There are 24 women currently registered to compete in the pageant. Registration for this year is closed.

There are a number of rounds that contestants must complete in order to be crowned Miss Green and Gold, Lewally said.

"We were going to do a preliminary cut, but now that we've partnered with Miss America and Miss Texas, we don't have

to," Lewally said. "We'll use their guidelines and get everyone in our three hour show."

The pageant will begin with an introduction round where the contestants will introduce themselves to the judges and present their platform for the pageant.

"The platform is just what they believe in," Lewally said. "It's the greatest part of the pageant itself because it shows what each girl has to offer and what they want to offer the Baylor community."

Hill said she hopes that the audience will see that this pageant is not the average "prom queen" pageant.

"I'm hoping that everyone listens to the girls' platforms and that they raise awareness," Hill said.

After the introduction round, contestants will continue to the talent round. They will each have two minutes to share a unique talent with the judges. Following this is the formal round that includes the elegant formal dresses that have become the familiar face of beauty pageants. The pageant will conclude with a question and answer session with the judges.

"Our big thing is that each girl will show us who they are so that

we can show Baylor who they are," Lewally said.

Baylor's champion, "Miss Green and Gold," will continue on to the Miss Texas Pageant to compete against 48 Texas winners like Miss Dallas and Miss Houston. Baylor's will be categorized in the pageant under colleges, fairs and festivals.

"I think we are pretty much on the same playing field," Hill said. "I think our selections, because of who we are and what we stand for, and the girls who are applying, are better, I believe."

To coincide Baylor's standards, the Miss Green and Gold Pageant will not include the swimsuit section of the pageant.

"We are Baylor," Hill said. "We don't have to have a swimsuit section in our pageant. We have to have certain standards."

Hill said she hopes that Baylor's Miss Green and Gold Pageant and the association with the Miss Texas pageant will bring in a lot more publicity and awareness for the pageant.

"I'm hoping that it will be a success," Hill said. "I'm hoping that people see our girls and what they have to offer. I think they will

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"Anything that you kids could do would just be awesome," she said, addressing Baylor students.

Linda King, food service director at Connally ISD, said Connally has been receiving food from Pack of Hope for three years. This is the first kind of weekend-food access that Connally has been able to provide for any of its students, she said.

"We receive 20 a week, and we split those between the four schools," King said.

King said McLennan County has its share of homeless children.

"We have a lot more homeless children than we've ever had before," she said.

The individual school districts pick up food from the company Sodexo each Wednesday, Bounds said. Counselors at the schools decide each year which children will receive the bags. Fridays the children are given the food discreetly, Bounds said. A \$195 donation provides a child with a backpack for both semesters of a school year. Bounds said she encourages donations.

"We're young, so it's been very difficult to get grants, because you have to have a history," Bounds said.

Every week children in the program receive fresh produce, a container of juice and a bottled water, and the rest varies, Bounds said. Often they receive a high-protein brownie and a fresh baked biscuit.

They may get tuna and crackers, a pudding cup, Pop Tarts and a fruit cup. It depends on what food Pack of Hope can get that week, Bounds said. Packs of food are divided amongst school districts in accordance with a mathematical formula that looks at the amount of children in each district who qualify for a free or reduced lunch. It is then up to the district to decide which children receive the packs of food, Bounds said.

"Usually the school counselors are the ones who work the closest with the children and know the needs of the children," she said.

Pack of Hope's website includes a wish list of food items for the weekend meals, listing various



ROBBY HIRST | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

The local organization Packs of Hope works to feed McLennan county kids who do not have access to food between the time they leave school on Fridays and when they get back on Mondays.

fruits and non-perishables, juices, cereal and hygiene items.

Bounds said those at Pack of Hope are already getting reports from schools that attendance on Fridays is better because children come to receive their food. There is also more attendance on Mondays because the children have had food over the weekend and can function more normally, Bounds said. Children are also more able to study for tests because they are more nourished, she said.

"The way I feel about it - these children are our future," Bounds said. "And we have got to make sure they get an education, and they're not going to be able to get an education if they have food insecurities, sitting in school being hungry or sick because they're so hungry."

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