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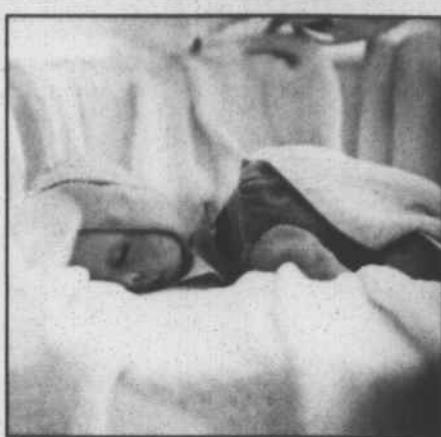
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Sweet Indulgence Cake Design Photos

Above are some of the edible cakes - yes, cakes - that Bryant Martin has created.

Bryant's Sweet Canvas

Local artist creates one-of-a-kind cakes

BY LAYLA FARMER
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If you can dream it, Greensboro Cake Designer Bryant Martin is pretty darn sure he can make it.

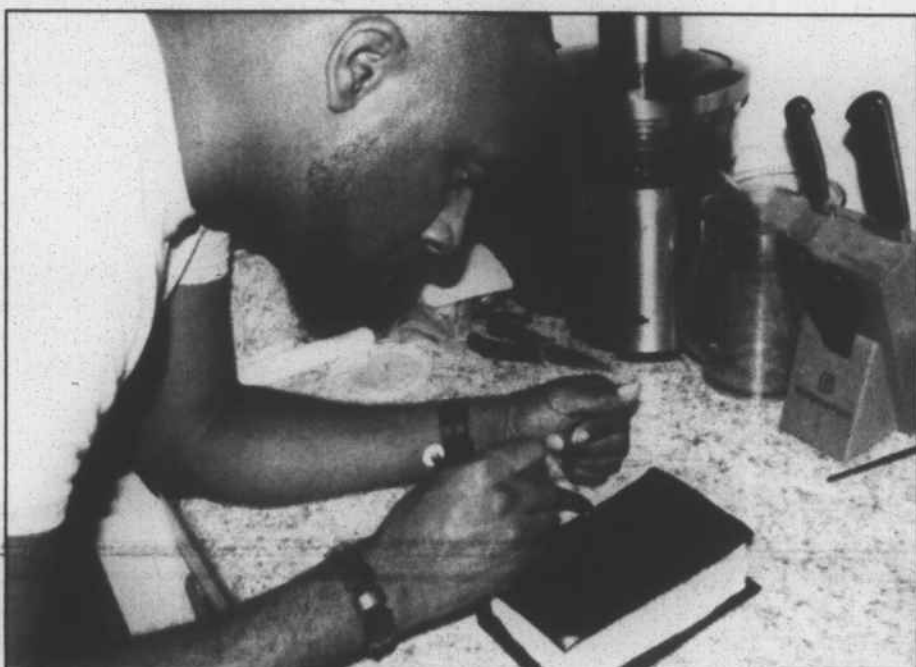
"I always tell people, 'Challenge me,'" said the 39-year-old founder of Sweet Indulgence Cake Design, LLC. "You can come to me with any idea, and we'll try to manifest it in a cake. There's no job too big or too small."

Martin's custom designs have included everything from a beer-buttermilk groom's cake in the shape of a Budweiser can, to a Louis Vuitton handbag and even an infant sleeping in a bassinet.

Although Martin, a technical instructor for IBM for the last six years, says he never really set out to become a cake designer, creativity has always been a part of his life.

"I was always a person that was into the arts," related the Greensboro native, who enjoys drawing, calligraphy and music. "As a child, I would enter contests and things of that sort. I remember in middle school entering collegiate (level) contests ... and winning."

Cooking is also in Martin's blood.



Bryant Martin works on one of his creations.

His family has owned and operated a catering business in Lynchburg, Va. for over 50 years. Martin and his three siblings spent their summers as teenagers helping out in the family business. It was then that Martin got his introduction to cake decorating, under the

watchful eye of his aunt, Minnie Jackson, who recently passed away.

"She watched how I would hold the calligraphy pen and she said, 'Well if you can do that, you can write on a cake,'" he related.

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Dashed NFL dream leads to television success

Wake Forest graduate James DuBose is the man behind shows like "Tiny And Toya"

BY TODD LUCK
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Wake Forest alumnus James DuBose returned to his alma mater last week to share his Hollywood success story.

DuBose is the producer behind a number of successful reality shows, including BET's "The Michael Vick Project" and "Tiny and Toya." He was the latest guest to be featured in WFU's Journey to Success Speaker Series, which the university's Office of Multicultural Affairs uses to bring prominent people of color like former Essence Magazine Editor Susan L. Taylor and author Terry McMillan to campus.

"We want (the Series) to be informational for students but also kind of inspirational as well," said Alta Mauro, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

DuBose, a Greensboro native, was an outside linebacker on Wake's football team and received his degree in broadcast communication from WFU in 1990. He was greeted by former coaches and classmates and more than a dozen members of his family as he entered Wake's Annenburg Forum last Thursday. Mary Dalton, one of his former professors, led a Q&A session at the beginning of the event.



Photo by Todd Luck

Television Producer James DuBose speaks at his alma mater, Wake Forest University, last Thursday.

"I never, ever doubted his potential," said Dalton, co-director of Wake's Documentary Film Program. "When he took Television Production among other classes for me quite a while ago, his talent for producing was obvious ... from his first days in the class."

Playing in the NFL was once DuBose's primary dream. He came close to success in the pros, but it wasn't meant to be. He says he didn't put in enough work to make his professional football dreams a reality. After that setback, DuBose said he swore to himself that he'd never let anyone outwork him again.

He then set his sights on producing. Early on, he honed his skills as an associate producer for 1996's Atlanta Olympics. That experience opened many other doors. He produced well-known reality-based shows like "Blind Date," "The Fifth Wheel" and "Hell Date." He began to produce reality shows featuring celebrities, such as "Monica: Still Standing" and "Trey Songz: My Moment." His BET show featuring R&B

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THE GIFT OF A GOOD MEAL

Holiday initiative supports childhood hunger programs

BY LAYLA FARMER
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When it comes to childhood hunger, four local young people have taken matters into their own hands.

Alex Clodfelter, Cory Gardner, Tamarie Horne and Paula Spring are the winners of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina's 2010 "Gift Outside the Box" campaign.

Their holiday-themed artwork was selected from nearly 260 entries submitted by children at 14 Kids Cafe sites across the Triad.

The students' pictures will serve as the

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Photo by Layla Farmer

Childhood Hunger Director Daisy Rodriguez and Executive Director Clyde Fitzgerald with Gift Outside the Box winners (front row, from left): Cory Garner, Paula Spring, Alex Clodfelter and Tamarie Horne.

Mathis tells grads to follow his example

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

These days, Greg Mathis can be seen doling out justice and righting wrongs on his hit syndicated show, "Judge Mathis," but there was a time when Mathis stood in front of the bench instead of sitting behind it.

Mathis shared his past struggles with the congregation of Union Baptist during the church's morning service on Sunday. The service also featured a graduation program for the Corner 2 Corner (C2C) Drug Dealers and Street Life Conference,



Photo by Todd Luck

Judge Greg Mathis speaks at Union Baptist Church.

an annual program developed by Union Pastor Sir Walter Mack Jr. to transform drug dealers, prostitutes and other offenders into productive members of society.

A Detroit native, Mathis was a high school drop-out who was involved in gangs. He spent time in jail before turning his life around in a big way. He returned to high school and then attended college. He entered and graduated from law school before beginning his now well-known legal career. In 1995, he became the youngest judge in the state of Michigan when he was elected to the state's 36th District Court. During the five years he spent on the bench, he was routinely

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LADY OF THE LAW



WSSU Photo by Garrett Guerts

Fourth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Allyson K. Duncan delivers the J. Alston Atkins Lecture in Constitutional Law at Winston-Salem State University on Nov. 16. A President George W. Bush appointee, Duncan made history as the Fourth Circuit's first black female member.

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