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MIGHTY MENTOR Laguna Beach, Calif., senior Jacob Herbert (right) began spending time with Gabe Dominguez (left) at Mission Waco, working with the city's youth. Now he attends Dominguez's church and they continue to work together in the city and in the church.

Man leaves drug-dealing past to lead as pastor in local Waco church

EMMA KING
Staff Writer

It's been 18 years since Gabriel Dominguez was released from federal prison on charges of machine gun possession in Waco. He had been part of a large gun ring and was one of the most feared drug dealers around. Today, he is the pastor of Life Church Waco and the high risk youth director at Mission Waco.

"I was a high risk kid, except I didn't get any help," Dominguez said. "It set the context I lived out of."

Laguna Beach, Calif. senior Jacob Herbert met Dominguez at Mission Waco, where they work together to give the city's at-risk youth the right kind of help.

Dominguez said that these kids are looking for someone to

lead them and that a lot of them are ready to be crash dummies and do what adults on the street have told them to.

"Especially in that neighborhood, because that's all they've been taught," Herbert said.

Herbert admitted that it's hard ministry and it's not always successful. Dominguez explained that they have to embrace these kids where they are, but encourage them to keep moving forward.

He claims that everyone needs help, but not everyone wants it. Wanting it is what makes the difference. Dominguez said those kids are the ones who are most successful.

"God changes them, not us

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SPECIAL NEEDS

Dancing through the fall and spring

Baylor organizations team up to host Fall Masquerade Ball for special needs community

ALEX BENNET
Report

For several years now, organizations like Urban Missions, the Special Needs Ministry Team, Baylor Best Buddies and the Baylor Special Olympics Volunteer Group have been hosting a dance. The dance during fall is called the Fall Ball Masquerade, and the one held during the spring is called the Spring Fling. Both dances are geared toward accommodating members of the special needs community in and around Baylor.

This year's Fall Ball Masquerade is being held in the Russell Gym from 6-8 p.m. Friday

La Crescenta, Calif. junior Elena Leon has been involved with three Fall Balls and two of the Spring Fling dances.

"These dances give our friends with special needs a chance to come and have fun in a place that they are accepted for exactly who they are," Leon said.

Leon also appreciates the opportunity that the event holds for volunteers.

"Volunteers are super important to make

this event possible," Leon said. "They are what make our friends that come to the dance feel so special and loved. They are what makes this event something worthwhile."

For the current dance, Leon is in charge of volunteers and their recruiting, organizing and training.

"The dance serves as a really unique learning opportunity for our volunteers as their perspective of our friends with special needs and their abilities grows and changes in a positive way," Leon said.

There are typically anywhere from 40-80 people who attend the event including volunteers. The volunteers make sure there's plenty of open seating as well as an open area for a dance floor.

For people in the special needs community, Leon said she thinks this dance is special because of the specific accommodations it offers.

"This dance is an opportunity that our friends don't often have," Leon said. "Because even if they do go to things like their school dances, those dances aren't designed specifically for them and full of people just like them."

Since dancing all night is difficult for some of the members of the special needs community, they also have crafts and games tables in addition to the dance area and a variety of snacks and refreshments. They also try to keep the decorations for the event fun and colorful without getting excessive.

Leon chose to volunteer for the event because of her desire to help people with special needs and making them feel welcome.

"I am really passionate about making sure that our friends with special needs know that they are loved and that they have a fun event like this where they can come and be themselves," Leon said. "Our friends don't always get the chance to shake what their mama gave them and let loose in an environment where that is welcomed and encouraged."

Springfield, Mo., senior Selby Lennard has been involved in volunteering and planning for the Urban Missions Special Needs dances since her sophomore year at Baylor.

"These dances give our friends with special needs a chance to come and have fun in a place that they are accepted for exactly who they are."

Elena Leon | Volunteer Manager

"Our Fall Ball Masquerade is one of my favorite events that happens in the fall semester," Lennard said.

Lennard's job as a student leader consists of logistics, helping organize the event, coordinating with risk management, ordering all of the tables

and chairs and helping to make sure that the dance itself is fun and safe for everyone.

"It provides an outlet for individuals with special needs in the Waco area with an evening where they can be free to be themselves in a safe environment complete with friends, dancing, crafts and costumes," Lennard said. "It's always a hit!"

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GET IN MY BELLY



Trey Honeycutt | Lariat Photographer

Crews work to put the finishing touches on the long-awaited IN-N-Out Burger across I-35 from campus. The restaurant be open within the next month.

YOUTH CONNECTION

Cajun festival to raise money for nonprofit

ROLANDO RODRIGUEZ SOTO
Reporter

Youth Connection is serving up Down on the Bayou, a Cajun-zydeco festival, to raise funds for the nonprofit's efforts to encourage positive life choices for all youth in McLennan County youth. The event will be from 7-11 p.m. on Saturday in the Phoenix Ballroom in downtown Waco.

Down on the Bayou will feature authentic Cajun food, zydeco music from Classie Ballou and the Family Band and a silent auction with items that have been donated.

"Our funding goes to help the kids right here in our own community," said Carolyn Nichols, Youth Connection executive director. "Many of the kids we work with are not coming from the best of situations."

Youth Connection serves the youth of Waco-McLennan County to facilitate the development of self-worth, educational attainment and positive life choices, according to their website. The nonprofit is able to achieve this through their after-school program, teen mother visits, real care

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COLUMN

Learn from doing

JULIE TATE
Reporter

I believe that oftentimes the hardest-working people come from less than privileged backgrounds.

It's as if people have a stronger desire to work hard and make money if they come from a place where money isn't regularly available. People who do come from money, or who grew up being supported financially by their parents, may have less of a desire to be self-sufficient and hard-working, possibly because they most likely can fall back on someone else if they run into financial trouble.

No, I'm not pointing fingers or calling out any certain group of people. This statement isn't true for everyone, but it was for me during my first two years at Baylor.

Growing up in a middle-class family, my parents always worked hard so they could provide for me. I saw the importance of being a hard-working individual, but I never truly understood for myself what having motivation on a day-to-day basis felt like until I began interning during my junior year at Baylor.

My internship taught me things I hadn't fully grasped by seeing and not doing: the true value of hard work, how to push through adversity and the sacrifices you have to make in order to reach your full potential at work.

Doing it sounds redundant, but I think that's the trigger to jumpstarting your motivation in college. Breaking the chains of the bad habits presented by being spoiled, or being financially taken care of by someone other than yourself, isn't easy. I believe, however, it's the key ingredient needed in order to become a better version of yourself.

You never know what the future holds. There may not always be a family member, friend or spouse by your side to financially support you. It's smart to learn how to be independent and driven when you're young so that you are prepared for life's future curveballs.

Sometimes I picture what my life would be like if I didn't have the resources I have now. I wonder if I would still be able to continue my education and if I would have enough drive to support myself financially without the help of my family members.

The answer I come up with is always the same: "No...heck no," and that's OK. It's OK to not have everything together when you're 21. It's OK to not be able to pay Baylor's arm-and-a-leg tuition without financial help. It's OK to not have your life figured out when you're probably still trying to figure out exactly who you are.

But it's not OK to waste your four years here at Baylor by taking for granted the opportunities and resources you have without working hard to build your skills and striving to be successful on your own. Eating from a silver spoon probably isn't going to get you a job after college.

Maybe it's best if we have a poor man's mentality. Our motivation can be fueled if we treat self-efficiency and prosperity like a necessity instead of an option — as if our life depended on it.

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EDITORIAL

We will rise up



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Baylor football needs our support more than ever

By now, most have heard about Seth Russell's season-ending neck injury and taking time off the football field to heal and rehabilitate.

We were all deeply saddened to hear about his injury and our prayers go out to him. Certainly, he will be greatly missed throughout the remainder of the season.

With this catastrophic news about Russell, we can all relate to the fact that our first thoughts might have been of shock, maybe even fear. Many thought Baylor football might not be able to take on teams like Kansas State in Manhattan, Kan., OSU in Stillwater, Okla. and TCU in Fort Worth. Even if Russell was sitting in the driver's seat of the Bears' offense, these games were supposed to be tough for this first string quarterback.

To put freshman quarterback Jarrett Stidham at the helm and in charge of the wheel, Baylor Nation at first seemed unsure. It seemed as if we were doubting Baylor's

recruiting process and Art Briles' team.

However, Baylor Nation should have faith.

Remember, Stidham just a couple months ago was in high school. Now, he is the first-string quarterback for the No. 2 team in the country. Stidham is probably feeling a bit like Atlas with the world on his shoulders right now. If the team wins, the pressure of continuing a winning season is applied even harder. If the team were to lose, there would be sheer disappointment and all hope would be lost for any playoff slot. That is one heavy task at hand.

However, might we remind those who still are in limbo about Baylor's football season: Art Briles knows what he is doing, and this team is behind Stidham 100 percent.

Even the team is looking to help Stidham as a leader by saying if he will just do his job and what is asked of him, they will pick up the extra weight and help achieve any win.

As Christians and as the Baylor family, we should welcome Stidham into the position with open arms and kindness.

It doesn't matter if we win or lose for the rest of the season. In the spirit of the situation, let's remember Robert Griffin III's famous declaration: "We are Baylor. Baylor we are, and Baylor we will always be."

So, Baylor Nation, continue to have faith and be merciful. Our team will go to work on that field tonight against KSU.

Good luck to Stidham and the Baylor football program. The family is behind you.

"Our team will go to work on that field tonight against KSU."

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Do you think Cowboys' defensive end Greg Hardy should be released from the team?

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Trump hosting 'SNL' meets opposition

FRAZIER MOORE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pressure continued to mount on NBC to cancel Donald Trump's guest-host appearance on this weekend's "Saturday Night Live" as a coalition of advocacy groups delivered petitions to the network Wednesday calling for him to be dropped from the show.

The petitions delivered to 30 Rockefeller Plaza, home of NBC and "Saturday Night Live," marked the latest attempts to dissuade the network from allowing the Republican presidential hopeful to host the show, with the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda earlier asking that NBC reconsider the decision.

"There's mounting evidence that Donald Trump's racist demagoguery is resulting in real-world violence and physical and verbal intimidation," Mushed Zaheed, deputy political director of Credo Action, one of the participating groups, said in a statement.

In advance of the show, NBC released promotional spots featuring Trump that included one in which he refers to a Republican opponent, Ben Carson, as "a complete and total loser."

Trump drew fire early in his campaign when, as the billionaire developer announced his candidacy, he described some Mexicans who are in the United States illegally as criminals and rapists, prompting NBC to sever its Miss Universe ties with Trump while declaring he would never again appear on "The Celebrity Apprentice."

"It is shameful for 'SNL' and NBC to think that racism can be repackaged as comedy," said Juan Escalante, digital campaigns manager for America's Voice, another



Photos by Associated Press

CANDIDATE CONTROVERSY (Above) A protester demonstrates across the street from NBC Studios on Wednesday. (Below) Cecily Strong and other "Saturday Night Live" cast members tape the show with host Donald Trump on Tuesday in New York City.

group participating in the coalition.

Other participating groups included the National Hispanic Media Coalition, MoveOn.org and National Council of La Raza. About two-dozen protesters were on hand as the petitions were delivered to NBC's midtown Manhattan offices. Some chanted "dump Trump" and carried signs bearing the same phrase.

The coalition is accusing NBC of reversing itself for the sake of a ratings windfall while granting Trump "a free national platform to bolster his racist and xenophobic campaign," Zaheed said.

Alex Nogales, president of the National Hispanic Media Coalition, said after delivering the petitions that the protest effort was not over. His group and others would use the days leading up to the broadcast to call on "SNL" sponsors to



remove their commercials from Saturday's show, he said.

NBC declined comment on the petitions and did not immediately comment on the attempt to get ads pulled.

Meanwhile, Trump drew sharp criticism in an online

letter with the names of dozens of prominent writers, filmmakers, academics and others from the United States, Spain and Latin America attached to it, including Oscar-winning writer-director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu

("Birdman: Or The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance").

"We refuse to keep silent in the face of the alarming declarations of the candidate for the presidency of the United States Donald Trump," the letter posted Tuesday reads. "His hate speech appeals to the lowest passions like xenophobia, machismo, political intolerance and religious dogmatism."

The letter calls on the American people to "cease to tolerate his absurd positions."

Trump has played a major role in delivering record-breaking ratings to the first three Republican debates and has been a sought-after guest on talk shows and newscasts.

Asked about the opposition to his upcoming appearance while promoting his new book in New York on Tuesday, Trump said he was pleased to hear demonstrations were

already underway.

"Look, I think they should demonstrate" he said. "Ratings will go even higher than they are going to be. It's going to be one of their highest-rated shows ever and they're very excited about it."

Asked specifically about the petition, he said: "It's only going to make it hotter."

Trump also repeated his frequent assertion that he has great relationship with Hispanics, with tens of thousands working for him over the years, he said.

Saturday's appearance will be an "SNL" encore for Trump, who first hosted the show in April 2004, long before his entry into politics, as the breakout star of NBC's new competition show "The Apprentice."

He appeared on CNN's "New Day" on Wednesday, where anchor Chris Cuomo voiced surprise that NBC booked him.

"I thought you were at war with them," said Cuomo, "then all of a sudden they wanted to have you on. You say it's because of ratings."

"You're never at war when you get great ratings with a network, OK?" Trump replied. "Nobody gets ratings like me."

He went on to say that initially he was asked to do a single sketch on Saturday's show. Then "SNL" executive producer Lorne Michaels had second thoughts and asked Trump if he would host the entire 90-minute program. "And I said, 'You know what? I would.' Because it's an honor."

"Every single major politician in this country probably for 30 years has done 'Saturday Night Live' if they're invited," Trump added. "If they're invited."

NBC would not comment on whether any other presidential candidates are being considered to host "SNL."

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Citrus disease reappears in Texas 70 years after eradication

ASSOCIATED PRESS

RANCHO VIEJO — Officials say traces of a citrus disease have been confirmed in South Texas nearly 70 years after it was eradicated.

The Brownsville Herald reports citrus canker, a bacterial disease destructive to citrus crops, was discovered on a lime tree at a Rancho

Viejo residence on Oct. 16. Officials say the disease can be spread by high winds and rain and causes deformed, inedible fruit.

Yindra Dixon of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service said on Oct. 23 that the disease was confirmed after a sample of the tree had been sent for testing.

According to Dixon, the disease what introduced to the southern United States in the last century and was eradicated in Texas in the late 1940s.

Dixon says a one-mile radius has been established from the infected area, where about 40 surveyors have been inspecting as many citrus trees as possible since last week.

According to George Nash, who is leading the inspection, only five of 22 samples analyzed have tested positive for the disease. He says all the positive samples have come from lime trees. Nash says he hopes the citrus canker found in Rancho Viejo is the lime-specific "W" strain, rather than the "A" canker strain, which he says attacks virtually all types of citrus.

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changing them, but it's putting together a system where that can be done," he said.

Herbert said the program at Mission Waco has an accountability system, which means that they all check on each other, take care of each other push one another to be better.

"Discipleship is doing life with people, it's intentional and it's very draining, but it's very fruitful," Dominguez said. "The most dangerous place to be in as a Christian is to have no accountability."

Dominguez and his church are starting a nonprofit organization called Hope Through Everything to encourage discipleship and to get jobs for adults facing severe poverty and the negative lifestyle that so often comes with it.

These adults will be trained through the church and will be going through programs to prepare them for jobs that the nonprofit is creating.

Hope Through Everything is preparing to launch a clothing line called Hope Through Threads, a landscaping service called Hope Through Lawn Care and a music label called Hope Through Music.

To kick off the nonprofit, a friend of Dominguez's will be producing a music video. The producer's name is David Urabe, and he works in Hollywood.

Also coming to work on the video are actor Cisco Reyes and Christian evangelist Nicky Cruz.

Crews will be filming around Waco from today until Sunday.

At 5 p.m. on Friday, spectators are invited to come watch the action at Mission Waco's World Cup Café.

Dominguez was born and raised in Waco and is very passionate about ministering to south Waco.

He began selling drugs on the streets at age 11. Even though he was ultimately arrested for possession of a machine gun, he had done much more and much worse over the years.

"I was on Waco's most wanted, there was money out for me," Dominguez confessed.

Before being sent to prison, he remembers one particular time where he went to church because his cousin kept asking him to come. He went with two handguns on him, in case someone recognized him or began shooting at him first.

Dominguez said he thought people hid behind religion, and he didn't want to be a part of that. The pastor spoke about his experiences in poverty that day, though. Dominguez sat in the audience, a big tough

gangster, with tears rolling down his cheeks.

"It was a beacon of hope that came out of that man when I could identify with him," Dominguez said. "That kind of pricked my heart in a good way."

Then Dominguez went to federal prison for two years.

Sometime in those two years, he wrote to his daughter and promised he would take her to church when he got out. She was six years old when he was released, and she showed him the letter, that he didn't even remember writing.

"God works to people through people," he said confidently. "God worked through my daughter, that was my motivator."

So, Dominguez took his little girl to church.

"When I got out [of prison], the streets were waiting for me, I had a reputation," Dominguez said. "[But] I didn't want to do it."

Dominguez continued to go to church.

"When I became a Christian, I couldn't do, I shouldn't do, illegal things," Dominguez said.

That meant he couldn't sell drugs, so he and his family continued to live in poverty.

He beamed as he said people at his church made them feel welcome anyway, even though he wasn't wearing a suit or driving a fancy car.

Eventually, the church invited him into the ministry.

"I've always been a leader, just leading in the wrong direction," Dominguez said.

He received encouragement from people from all over the world. Dominguez was even flown out Rick Warren's Saddleback Church in California, to speak and give his testimony.

"That kind of affirmation was crazy," Dominguez smiled. "Ever since then I've been flown all over the nation with my story, with God's story."

Back in Waco, First United Methodist Church had invited him into the process to become a Methodist pastor. He is now a licensed local pastor, without any formal education.

"I like to say it's official like a referee whistle," Dominguez laughing.

Together, Dominguez and First United Methodist started the church he leads now, Life Church Waco, in south Waco. There, Dominguez goes by Pastor G.

Through it all though, Herbert said Dominguez stays humble.

"At the end of the day, it's just me constantly saying 'yes' to God," Dominguez said.

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baby project and their annual conference.

The after school program, Too Cool for Trouble, at La Vega Junior High School offers youth educational activities to teach good character traits and personal wellness. The goal of the program is to provide youth with skills such as goal setting, leadership and responsibility.

Springfield, Ill., senior and intern at Youth Connection, Justine Dietz, said she has been teaching the importance of respect, empathy and honesty to the seventh and eighth grade students in the after-school program. She said she creates activities and games to engage the students.

"It's been great to see how students are warming up to me," Dietz said. "They want to be known, and want to have their voices heard, so it's been great in that way to see them learning and growing."

Youth Connection also visits teen mothers at Baylor Scott & White Hillcrest Medical center throughout the week to connect them with programs that can help with providing necessary resources such as diapers and a car seat, how to continue their education and encourage family support.

Dietz said visiting the teen mothers was interesting because each faces different circumstances.

"There was one mother that we saw, and she just seemed very interested in everything we were saying," Dietz said. "We were coming alongside her and equipping her with the information that she needed."

Nicholas said she once worked with a teen mother who did not finish the eighth grade and Nicholas could not get the girl to understand the importance of continuing her education. Nicholas was finally able to convince the girl she needed to go back to school after a series of questions about what the girl wanted for her baby.

"It's really important to me that we try to get through to them in that room because it's a one-time opportunity, and I take that very seriously," Nichols said.

Youth Connection's most popular initiative is their RealCare baby project where they rent RealCare babies to schools in McLennan County. A RealCare baby is a simulated baby that cries and needs feeding, burping, diapering and rocking. The life-like simulation helps young men and women make responsible and informed decisions about becoming parents.

According to the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, Texas's teen pregnancy rate is 41 per 1,000 girls ages 15-19, which is the fifth highest in the nation. The national rate is 26.5.

"Would you be ready to take care of a baby at this time in your life?" Nichols asked rhetorically. "Believe it or not, a lot of high school level students feel like they could. It's a real mind changer when they have to get up all night and take care of that baby and go to school the next day."

Dawn Wilson, a China Spring High School teacher, uses the RealCare babies in her human growth and development class. Wilson has been using baby simulations in her class for 16 years. Students are required to take care of the baby for 64 hours either during the week or the weekend.

"RealCare baby is intended to help students understand each infant is unique and requires a great deal of love and attention, each infant's demands are unpredictable but must be met promptly and parenting impacts your lifestyle profoundly and should only be taken on by someone prepared for that responsibility," Wilson said.

The program is made to be as realistic as possible. Students are required to feed, burp, rock and change the baby's diaper on a 24-hour schedule. Every interaction between the student and the RealCare baby is registered through the baby. The RealCare babies also record lack of head and neck support, rough handling, shaken baby syndrome, temperature, clothing changes and length of time the baby sits in a car seat or carrier.

"Most of the students that take the class say they don't want a baby any time soon," Wilson said. "Students have the tendency to see the cute side of a baby, but they're not there at night when you have to get up in the middle of the night."

The RealCare baby project also includes presentations to students about the effects of drugs and shaking babies. Students have the opportunity to see and hold simulated babies that have altered facial profiles or other consequences such as blindness or brain damage.

Wilson said each RealCare baby and the additional equipment costs about \$1,000, so small schools are not able to afford it. China Spring High School along with other schools in McLennan County are able to rent the simulated babies for free through Youth Connection, and the annual fundraiser is able to offer schools that opportunity.

Youth Connection also hosts "Moving Forward: Effective Ways to Reach Our Youth" each spring for professionals who work with young people. It covers new programs and strategies each year. Past initiatives included bullying and dangers of the Internet.

Nichols said it is important to bring opportunities like these to local nonprofits that otherwise would not be able to afford attending conferences out of town.

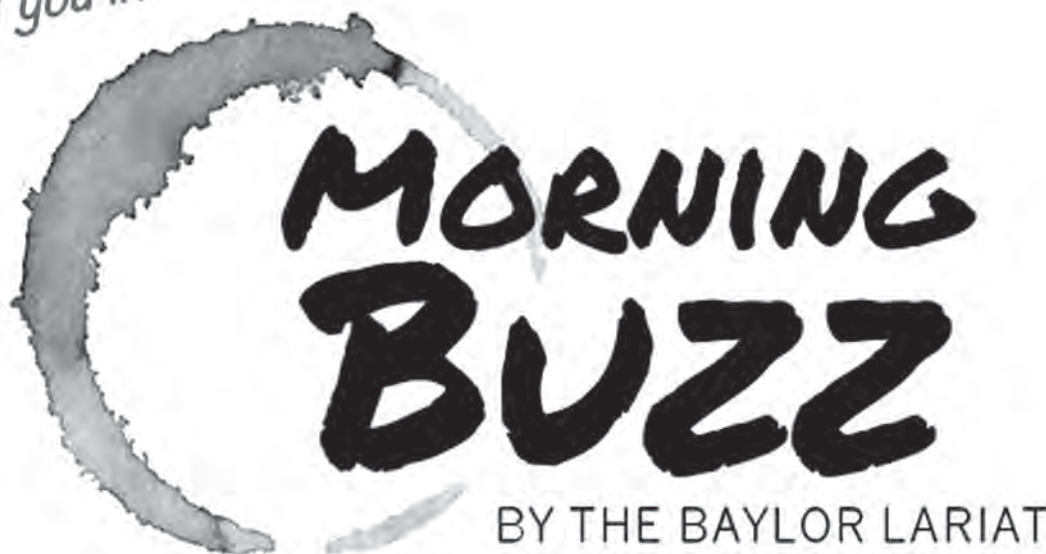
In 1981, Baylor University published a community needs assessment for McLennan County, which stated teenage pregnancy was a major issue. Youth Connection was established in 1988. Nichols was hired as the executive director in 1991, and is the only staff member for the nonprofit.

Youth Connection is the only program in the nation that offers teen mother visits and a RealCare baby program at no cost to the youth or the schools.

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Students encouraged to write 50,000 words during November

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Every student is a writer. Each term paper, essay and exam contributes to carpal tunnel syndrome and everyday hand cramps. But some students choose to write not only their research papers and daily assignments, but also short stories, poems and novels.

November is National Novel Writing Month. Participants in NaNoWriMo pledge to write 50,000 words, about 200 pages, in a single month. Some may write less, some more, but the entire month is intended to get writers writing and to create habits that will last beyond the month of November.

Despite the daunting goal of 50,000 words—equivalent to about 25 research papers—many have managed to write their novels while maintaining their schoolwork. Spring senior Allie Drain has participated intermittently in NaNoWriMo for the last five years.

“For me personally, NaNoWriMo is a good way to motivate yourself to write every day. As someone who wants to be an author, it’s nice to have a month specifically devoted to writing and having a word count to work towards,” Drain said. “I personally use my essays in my November word count, just because November is so busy. It’s a good way to practice time management as well.”

Last year, Drain worked on a novel that imagines a future version of North and South Korea where the armistice agreement keeping the peace between the two countries has failed. She hasn’t yet finished the novel — despite completing 50,000 words — but NaNoWriMo got her motivated to begin and, more importantly, continue the project.

NaNoWriMo also creates a community for writers that often work in solitude. In each city, a municipal liaison is appointed to create community-wide events and bring fellow writers into contact with one another. After participating in NaNoWriMo as a writer, Marshall senior Kyle Sanders is spending this year as one of Waco’s liaisons.

“We coordinate local events for the national organization. We do a lot of community-building where we have events where writers can come and work on their novels,” Sanders said. “Writing by yourself can be very lonely, and sometimes something makes sense in your head but not when someone else sees it. It’s an audience that is going through the same process as you.”

Every Sunday, the Waco NaNoWriMo writers have a write-in from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Waco-McLennan County Central Library. Sanders and his co-municipal liaison also host other events like a Rant Night midway through the month and a Thank God It’s Over party in December.

However, the Waco NaNoWriMo community doesn’t just meet during November. Meetings and events are held year-round, and during April and July more flexible workshops are held to motivate writers to keep working.

The month is valuable in large part because it instills in writers, and young writers in particular, the sense that writing must be a routine, Drain said. Arna Hemenway, assistant professor of English, teaches creative writing in the English department and agreed that the month is most valuable because it can create writing routines for students.

Hemenway encourages students to look at their work not only as a word count or a potential publication, however.

“Try and understand that it’s the act of writing that’s important and that’s rewarding. I think a lot of people get caught up in, you know, ‘Can I get this published? Who’s going to read it?’” Hemenway said.

“But, you know, I’ve been on a book tour, I’ve published books, but really the only fun part of it, the only part of it that’s super fulfilling, is getting up each day and writing.”

To become true writers, Hemenway encourages students to keep working on their projects even after the month of November and to make National Novel Writing Month something closer to National Novel Writing Year.

This week in Waco:

>> Today

6:30 p.m. — Baylor Football at Kansas State, Fox Sports 1

>> Friday

8 p.m. — Dueling Pianos, Waco Hippodrome

8 p.m. — Josh Garrels Concert, Common Grounds

8 p.m. — Michael Carubelli concert, Wild West

>> Saturday

9 a.m.-1 p.m. — Waco Downtown Farmers Market

8 p.m. — Taylor Pfeiffer, John Griffin McKay and Thomas Csorba concert, Common Grounds

>> Sunday

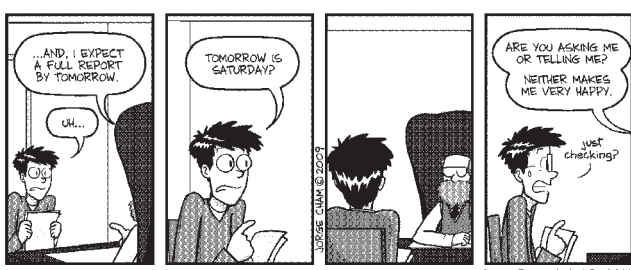
8 p.m. — Patio Jams, Waco Hippodrome

>> Monday

7 p.m. — Indie Movie Monday, Waco Hippodrome

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Today's Puzzles

- Across
- 1 Woman who turns up in Rick's gin joint
 - 5 41st or 43rd president
 - 9 National park in the Canadian Rockies
 - 14 ___chef
 - 15 One of Pittsburgh's three rivers
 - 16 Like a loud crowd
 - 17 Just swell
 - 19 Itsy-___
 - 20 Generous ___ fault
 - 21 Serious romantic outing
 - 23 Hot beverage server
 - 26 Personal ad abbr.
 - 27 Sawmill input
 - 28 Pursue and catch
 - 31 South Seas wrap
 - 33 Freshman and sr.
 - 34 Aussie hoppers
 - 36 Affected coyness, with "the"
 - 37 Stylist's appliance
 - 40 Hot under the collar
 - 43 Button pressed for silence
 - 44 Pal of Huck
 - 47 Cellphone reminders
 - 49 Yosemite granite formation
 - 52 Dues payer: Abbr.
 - 53 Chocolate pooch
 - 55 Like Huck and Yosemite, nounwise
 - 56 Sitcom with Richie and the Fonzy
 - 60 Hosp. trauma centers
 - 61 Outwit
 - 62 Lowe's rival
 - 66 Ionian Sea island
 - 67 Spellbound
 - 68 Mickey and Mighty
 - 69 Cheez Whiz company
 - 70 Shakespearean villain
 - 71 How many TV shows are shown, and a hint to the seven longest across answers' common feature

- Down
- 1 "More or less" suffix
 - 2 Gehrig who usually batted after Ruth
 - 3 Bakers' acquisitions
 - 4 Invite to the movies, say

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- 5 Gym specimen
- 6 "Oops!"
- 7 Father
- 8 Georgetown team
- 9 Youthful countenance
- 10 Saharan
- 11 Very few
- 12 Slick trick that's "pulled"
- 13 Prepare a sunny-side-up breakfast
- 18 Three feet
- 22 Bugs and Rabbits, e.g.
- 23 Your, of yore
- 24 Where it's at
- 25 More formal "Me neither!"
- 29 Wiggly bait
- 30 "Ya think?"
- 32 1921 robot play
- 35 Span. miss
- 37 "Ben-__"

- 38 "Well said"
- 39 Business review website
- 40 Pork knuckle
- 41 Rigby of Beatles fame
- 42 Egg-based paint
- 44 Some English, at Wimbledon
- 45 Cockney abode
- 46 Body of eau
- 48 Unhappy
- 50 Mister Rogers
- 51 Scale starters
- 54 Religion founded in Persia
- 57 Drag on a cigar
- 58 Flexibility-improving discipline
- 59 Urban haze
- 63 Swelled head
- 64 Scot's "Oh my!"
- 65 Actor Knight

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Baptism By Fire

Stidham to debut in midweek game

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Tonight, the Baylor Bears will play against the Kansas State Wildcats in an intriguing matchup. While the Bears are riding high in the polls, the game against Kansas State marks the beginning of one of the toughest remaining schedules in the nation.

"There's a lot of stuff that can happen. We can't get tied up into that. Our job is to go out and win on the football field," said head coach Art Briles. "We have a great task in front of us on Thursday night in Manhattan. A great opportunity for us too. We're very motivated and very excited."

OFFENSE

For Baylor, this will be the first start for true freshman quarterback Jarrett Stidham. After a neck injury sidelined starting quarterback Seth Russell for the rest of the season, Stidham was handed the reins of the nation's top offense. When asked if the offense would change to accommodate Stidham, Briles had a simple response: "That would be no."

The Stephenville product was Briles' biggest quarterback commit ever, as he ranked 37th overall in ESPN's Top 300 high school recruits last season.

Stidham was the second-ranked dual-threat quarterback in that class behind only Kyler Murray, who currently plays for Texas A&M.

Stidham compiled 7,337 total yards and 94 touchdowns during his two-year tenure as the Stephenville signal caller. Although Stidham is just a freshman, Briles believes Stidham is mature beyond his age.

"You go by what you've seen and what you feel and what you've been subjected to," Briles said. "That's what we've noticed since being around him. He's got an old soul. Don't look at him as that 'F' word, because he's not. He's a ready quarterback, and that's the way we look at it."

Stidham may be an "old soul", but the fact remains that he is making his very first start in Manhattan tonight. However, nine returning starters on offense surround Stidham, including an offensive line that has played together since week seven of last season.

Starting alongside Stidham is the nation's third-best running attack. The Bears are averaging 338.3 yards per game on the ground.

Junior running back Shock Linwood has been on a tear this year, rushing 121 times for 974 yards and nine touchdowns. Linwood is the feature back in a Baylor rushing attack that has seen three players rush for at least 400 yards, with Johnny Jefferson at the 399-yard mark.

On the outsides, Baylor has just as electric a receiving core as there is in the nation. Corey Coleman has had a historic run this season, catching 47 balls for 962 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Coleman has been the focus of defenses all season, yet still finds his way to the end zone. Coleman isn't the only deadly receiver for the Bears. Jay Lee has caught 22 balls for 507 yards and six touchdowns while KD Cannon has reeled in 25 catches for 379 yards and three scores.

Against a Wildcats defense that ranks 84th in the nation by allowing 417 yards per game, Baylor should have a field day. With the explosive offense that Baylor wields against the weak Kansas State defense, Stidham and company look to perform up to Baylor's high offensive standards.

DEFENSE

The Bears have been steadily improving, gaining momentum in order to face the tough remaining schedule. With the health of Andrew Billings in question, the Bears defense could be without perhaps their best player.

"He's close. I don't know about full speed," Briles said. "I would classify him as in the low 90s [percent healthy], which is full speed enough for us. We like his presence. We like his attitude. We certainly like his ability."

The junior defensive tackle has been one of the best in the nation so far this season. Billings has registered 21 tackles, including eight for loss. His presence in the middle is key to the Bears' success against both the rush and pass. Without Billings to clog things up in the middle, expect junior Byron Bonds to make the start.

The Bears defense will be in for a treat against the Kansas State offense. The Wildcats have been abysmal this season, averaging just 315 yards per game. That total is good enough for 121st in the nation and last in the Big 12. With a stagnant offensive attack, the Bears could have their best game of the season.

While the rankings may not show it on paper, Kansas State is a dangerous team nonetheless.

Coached by Bill Snyder, the Wildcats are notorious for playing sound football on offense, defense and special teams. Although Oklahoma thrashed Kansas State 55-0 earlier this season, Baylor has no reason to write off tonight's game as an automatic, blowout win.

"They're a good football team. We have a lot of respect for that football team and for that program, and if you don't, then you don't understand football and you don't understand programs," said Briles.

Kickoff against the Wildcats is set for 6:30 p.m. tonight in Manhattan, Kan. Coverage for the game will be provided by Fox Sports 1.



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IN THE FRAY Freshman quarterback Jarrett Stidham scrambles in a game between Baylor and Lamar on Sept. 12 at McLane Stadium. Stidham was named the starter last week after junior quarterback Seth Russell suffered a neck injury.

Defense voices support for new QB

JOSHUA DAVIS
Sports Writer

With the recent news of junior quarterback Seth Russell being out for the season, head coach Art Briles turns to true freshman quarterback Jarrett Stidham.

In his first few months of playing college football, Stidham has now vaulted from backup to starting quarterback of the No. 6 team in the country.

In response, Baylor defensive players have spoken out about Stidham.

Baylor's defense has forced 18 turnovers in seven contests, and it will need the same type of effort if the Bears hope to make it into the College Football Playoff.

The defense is aware of the challenge ahead with Stidham finishing out the season for the Bears with what experts are calling the seventh toughest remaining schedule in the nation.

While the defense is aiming to improve its production, they are confident in the freshman's ability.

"Jarrett's a great quarterback and he's a great decision maker," sophomore linebacker Taylor Young said. "If things aren't really open for him, he [makes good decisions]. He doesn't play like a freshman; he plays at a high level."

Members of the defense said they

would have to elevate their level of intensity through the final part of the season, but not because Stidham is incapable of leading Baylor to a national championship.

Young said the team is facing the toughest stretch in the Big 12, and everyone will have to bring their "A" game each week.

"Everybody in our locker room knows that [Stidham] is a confident guy," Young said. "Nothing is too big for him. Everybody knows he's going to come out and [be fine]. So we just have to go out and take care of business."

Sophomore nickelback Traven Blanchard said the poise and swagger that Stidham has is remarkable.

It was obvious how good Stidham was from the moment he threw a football, Blanchard said.

Blanchard said he expects Stidham to lead the team to a national title.

"He has a nice little swagger to him and I personally like it," Blanchard said. "He's not a boastful person, but the way he carries himself, he knows what he's capable of doing, and on the field he can back it up."

Even with the enormous trust in Stidham, the Baylor defense said the goal will be to take pressure off of the first-year player.

"As a defense, we're all going to have to step up and improve the way we've

been playing," Blanchard said. "We're going to step up and make sure we don't put the game on his back. Offense isn't guaranteed to put up points every game so we have to be prepared for a defensive game where we have to."

Young said Stidham competed for the starting quarterback job in the offseason and has continued to improve as the season has gone on.

The most impressive part about Stidham is that he is a natural pocket passer, the linebacker said.

"Jarrett's not cocky, he's just confident in his own ability. He knows how good he is; he doesn't go around bragging about it, but he shows it on the field."

Head coach Art Briles is also assured of Stidham's skill level and said that no changes would be made to the team's expectations after losing Russell.

"I've been coaching 37 years and I'd be totally shocked if [Stidham's] not very composed, very competitive, very intelligent, and very on cue, with everything he does Thursday for our football team," Briles said. "You go by what you've seen and what you feel, and what you've been subjected to. He's a ready quarterback, and that's the way we look at it."

Stidham will get a chance to showcase his talent on Thursday, when the Bears take on Kansas State in Manhattan, Kan. at 6:30 p.m.

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