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## Eyes on the Prize: Rangers Basketball Prepares for Playoffs

SPORTS

*(Photo: Google Images)*

The pressure is on for Rangers basketball as both the Men's and Women's fix their gaze on the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference championships. Following strong performances in the regular season, both teams finished within the top 5 of their respective divisions, earning them spots in the RMAC tournaments. The Lady Rangers ended their season at No. 4 with a record of 16-6, while the Men's team finished No. 5 overall with a record 14-8.

It was not just the teams as a whole who received recognition, however. In all, seven Regis players earned RMAC honors. On the Men's squad, Christian Little earned Co-Freshman of the year and Jarrett Brodbeck and Dexter Sienko were both awarded spots on the All-RMAC First Team. For the Women's, Majestie Robinson was picked for First Team, while Mary Sigler was selected for Second Team, while both Chante Church and Kaylie Rader were recognized as Honorable Mentions.

The Men's team also performed well enough to earn a home-turf seed, their first since the '97-'98 season. The team has worked incredibly hard to earn home court advantage and begin their road to the championship. They host Metropolitan State University on Tuesday while the women's squad hosts Fort Lewis College. With the women's team on a four game win streak and the men's with a two game win streak, both teams look to continue their hot streak and fight for two big wins at home.

Come out and support your Regis Rangers in such an exciting time of the year!

**Danny Rolander** *Staff Reporter*

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## Romero Troupe Visits Regis

SOCIAL JUSTICE, CAMPUS LIFE

*(Photo: Maggie Lacy)*

How many ways are there to speak your voice? Social activists often take their work to the streets through canvassing, organizing protests, and holding rallies. Over the past weekend, however, Regis hosted the Romero Troupe, a volunteer theater troupe founded by Regis Professor Jim Walsh made up of social activists who primarily do their work on stage.

On February 25th, RUSGA's Social Justice and Spirituality Committee hosted the Romero Troupe's show "Thoughts on Regime Change & Other Stories of Resistance." Over one hundred community members gathered in the Mountain View Room to watch the troupe members perform three-minute skits based on their personal experiences of the new regime.

In one skit, an immigrant family with two undocumented parents re-enacted how they felt on the night of Donald Trump's election. In another, an elderly gentleman shared how he decided to get involved in activism late in life, and why it gave him purpose in the world. A third skit featured a woman describing what it was like to work at a nonprofit with refugee women on Inauguration Day. The variety of skits reflected the diverse range of ages, races, nationalities, religions, and socioeconomic statuses that make up the members of the Romero Troupe.

The emphasis on sharing true stories from community members is one of the primary goals of the Romero Troupe. On the event's Facebook page created by the Social Justice and Spirituality Committee, the Romero Troupe shared, "We seek stories from Colorado past and present. We are particularly interested in stories about unknown activists and organizers, unknown labor actions, and acts of resistance in the immigrant, LGBTQ, peace, environmental, and low-income communities. Our mission is to resurrect these stories by re-creating them theatrically and performing them several times for live audiences. We believe that these stories act as nourishment in the larger struggle and might inspire people today to become active in social change."

The Romero Troupe dedicated their show to their fellow troupe member Jeanette Vizguerra. As an undocumented immigrant, Vizguerra has acted as an advocate for immigrants in Denver for many years. She was unable to attend the performance, remarkably, because she is currently taking refuge in the First Denver Unitarian Church to avoid deportation. The show was free, yet donations were encouraged at admission. The Romero Troupe was able to raise four hundred and eighty dollars to benefit Mojados Unidos, an immigrants rights organization in Colorado.

If you would like to know more about the Romero Troupe, please visit

<http://romerotroupe.org/>

For more on Mojados Unidos, visit

<https://www.facebook.com/Mojados-unidos-677054439017643/>

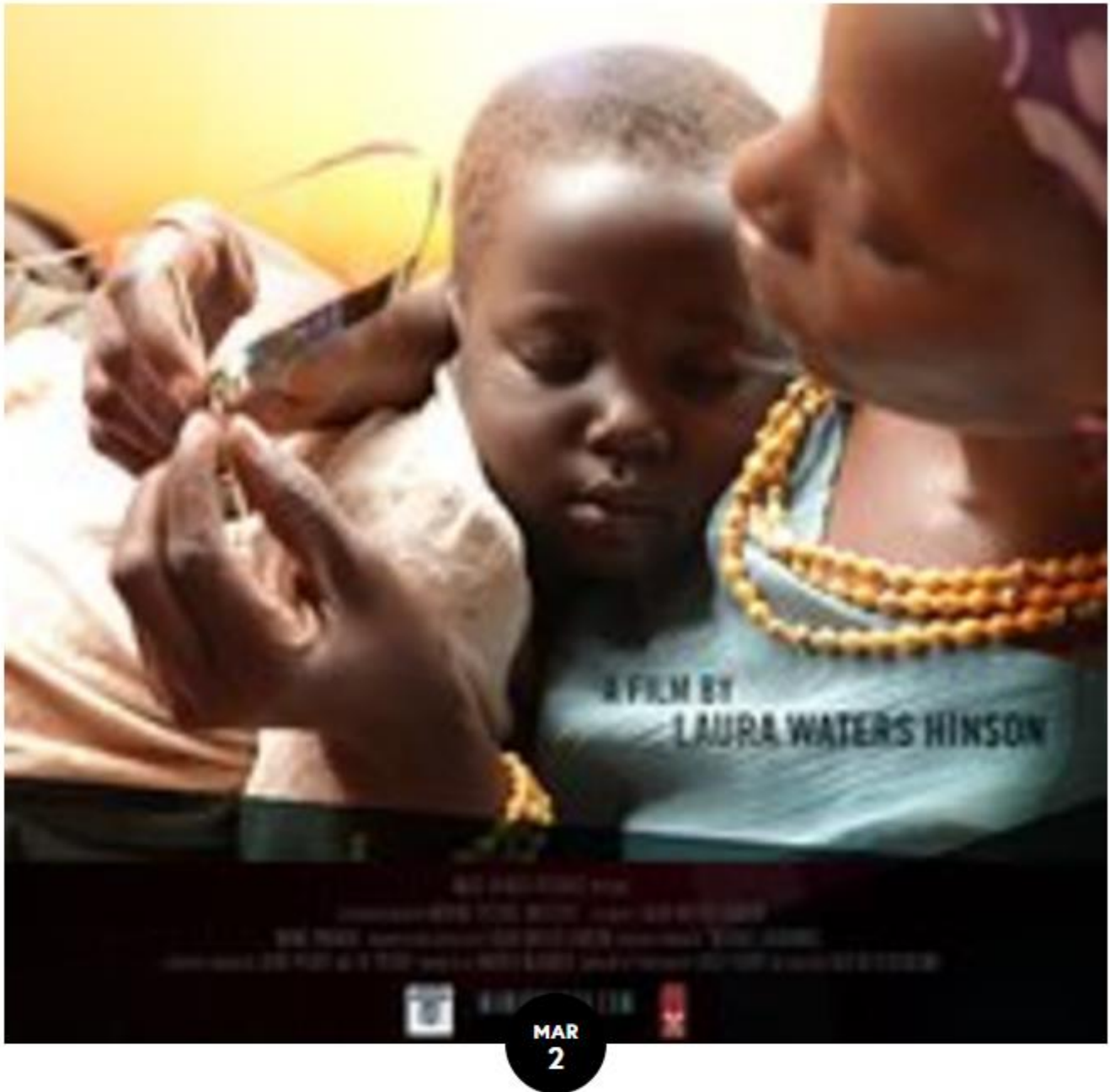
And for more on Jeanette Vizguerra's story, visit



<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/15/us/an-immigrant-mother-in-denver-weighs-options-as-deportation-looms.html>

**Maggie Lacy** *Staff Reporter*

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## Fair Trade & Food Justice Panel

SOCIAL JUSTICE

*(Photo: IMDB)*

On Monday, Feb. 27, Regis students Bailey Gent, Allison Foust, Elsa Meyners, and David Mooney coordinated and hosted an event to bring light to an issue we hear on a daily basis, fair trade.

Gent, Foust, Meyners, and Mooney showed the documentary: Mama Rwanda, about Rwandan women rebuilding the country after genocide through entrepreneurship. Additionally, four panelists attend the event to help discuss fair trade and their work with fair trade.

The panelists included Michelle Korth, who works with Restore Innocence, an organization that helps victims of human trafficking. Another was Shanna Heddle, who lived abroad in Myanmar and currently owns a secondhand store that donates 20 percent of their profits to help victims of human trafficking. Additionally Katie Hile was in attendance. She founded Totonga Bomoï, an organization that helps women in the Congo create products for income. Sarah Ray, who works with Yobel International, an organization that promotes the purchasing of free trade and recycled products completed the panel. These panelists are all women, who work to promote fair trade and empower other women through their work.

The panelists shared their experiences of becoming active in the world of free trade with the students in attendance. Each woman was able to share a different story or experience that spurred them to action, emphasizing the idea that relationships lead to social change and make their work worthwhile.

“What keeps me going is watching these girls go from this place of utter brokenness...to doing so well,” said Korth.

Panelists also offered suggestions to students who are interested in getting into the world of free trade, and promoting free trade as part of their lifestyle. One recommendation was finding one thing that is important to you and making sure that product is obtained through free trade means only. Additionally, they recommended downloading the Better World Shopping Guide which provides an index of how companies perform regarding fair trade, they also stressed the need not to put too much pressure on yourself.

“When you start out it can feel like everything you do is causing evil in the world, so focus on the things that grip your heart. Try to be balanced as you approach the adjustment in your life,” said Weddle.

Regis students will get an opportunity to promote recycling and sustainable living in April when the same four students conduct a clothing swap on campus, keep an eye out for that event as the semester progresses.

***Catie Cheshire Staff Reporter***

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## A Blessing Box For The Community

CAMPUS LIFE

*(Photo: Krystyna Biassou, KUSA)*

A little blessing has a new home outside of the Berkeley Community Church on West 50th Avenue. On Friday February 24, Regis University and the United Church of Christ unveiled a blessing box outside the church building.

What makes the box so special? Community members are encouraged to contribute by filling it with non-perishable food items, clothing, and toiletries for other members of the community who need them. Built by Physical Plant and painted yellow and blue, the box's purpose is to serve as a helpful resource to the surrounding community. If the blessing box proves a success, then additional boxes will be constructed for other areas in the community as well.

Wendi Hansen of Regis' Marketing Department says that "the inspiration from this box came from the Little Free Library" but instead of books the goal is to provide nonperishable items to people who need them.

Members of the Berkley Community Church, David Claypool and Connie Feist, expressed how the church and Regis have long wanted team up and say the blessing box is the

perfect project. Claypool noted that the box “fits with the vision of the United Church of Christ” and reflects, “we are called to be God’s hand ... and love our neighbors without judgement.”

The unveiling event ended with RUSGA members placing the first items of non-perishable food and clothing into the box, fulfilling the excerpt printed on the door “Take What You Need Leave What You Can”.

The box is located outside the entrance to the Berkley Community Church that faces Meade Street. So the next time you find yourself at the store, go ahead and purchase an extra food item or toiletry and place it in the blessing box: it will make someone’s day.

**Allison Upchurch** *Staff Reporter*

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## OP-ED: Devos & Education Policy

POLITICS

*(Photo: Jack Gruber, USA TODAY)*

With Betsy Devos as the new Secretary of Education, many people have realized that big change could come to the American Education system. Devos grew up in Michigan and is a multi-billionaire who comes from a very wealthy family. She then proceeded to marry into the family that created Amway. In other words, she is a member of one of the richest families in the United States. Recently, she has been scrutinized for her lack of experience in education, and also many of her proposed policies.



Devos has been fighting for the past 20 years to allow kids to choose which schools they attend, rather than attending the school that is within their district. As Secretary of Education, she is continuing this fight by proposing a voucher system that would allow parents to choose the school their child attends.

This policy has the potential to improve the failing American education system. If implemented correctly, school choice could help kids in impoverished neighborhoods go to schools that have better resources to help them succeed. A student's socioeconomic status should not affect their quality of education. By funding the voucher program, we can improve the quality of education for all students and encourage them to take the next step towards a university education.

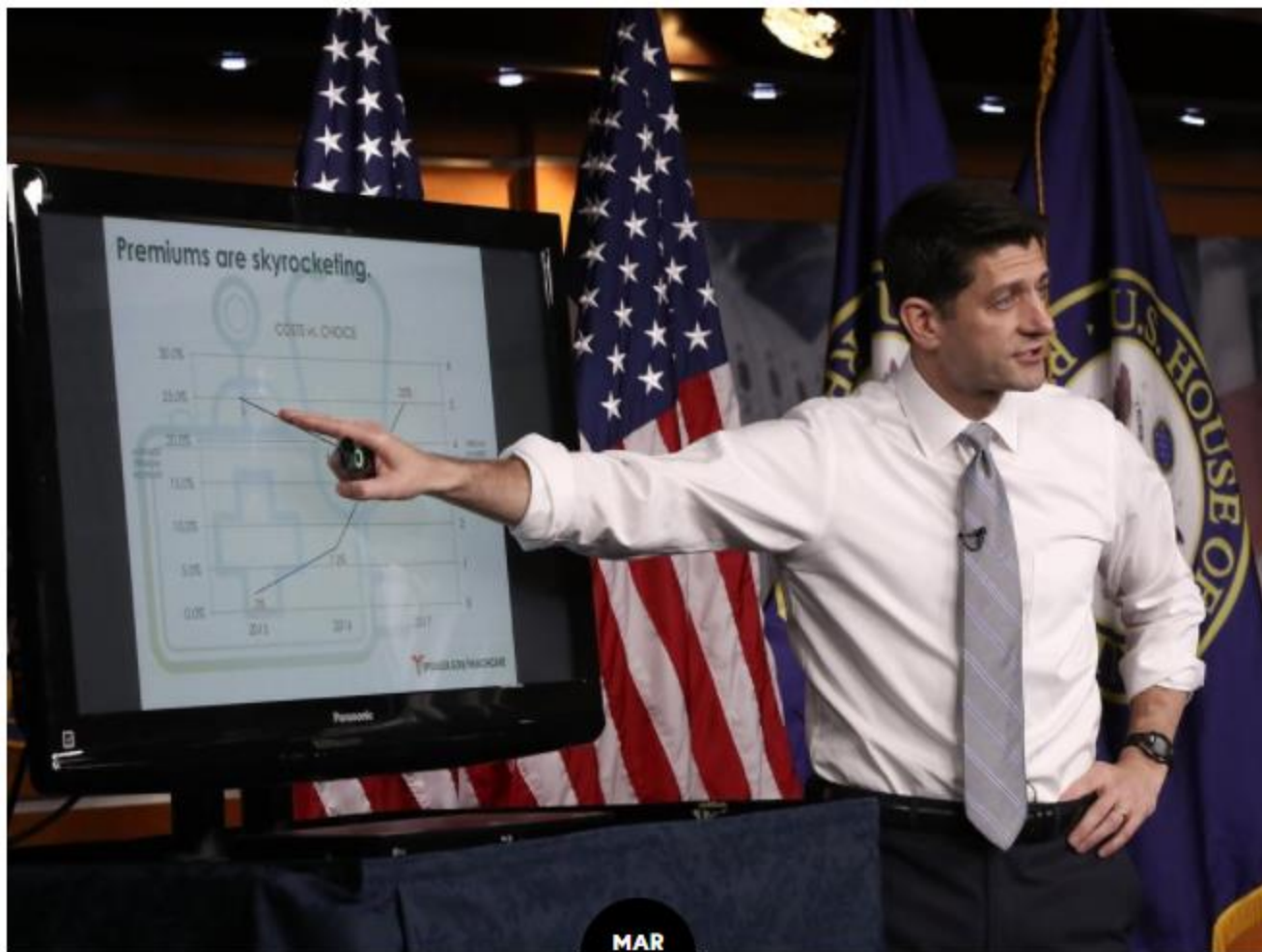
Along with the proposed voucher system, Devos has also highlighted her campaign for charter schools. Currently, many states have a cap limit on how many charter schools can operate within their state. Devos wants to eliminate these caps, and push states to open more charter schools. Moreover, she has urged Congress to allocate more funding towards the charter institutions. Charter schools are thought to provide a higher quality education compared to publicly operated schools. Devos' charter school policy could lead to better-educated individuals.

One of the issues that people have with Devos' new policies is that she wants to use federal funding for religious schools. People see this as a violation of the separation between church and state, and I have to agree. She has stated on multiple occurrences that she would like to include religious schools in the push towards school-choice, but people are disagree that the federal government should fund religious institutions.

As we look at the overall intentions of our new secretary of education's policies, I think that American citizens should have a positive outlook on the future of our education system. Despite the flaws that Devos' may have, her overall motives could be very beneficial for the system. Citizens of the United States of America should give her a chance.

***Luke Cahill Staff Reporter***

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## OP-ED: Shooting Yourself in the Foot, A Congressman's Guide

POLITICS

*(Photo: Win McNamee/Getty Images)*

Last week, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) successfully made the first step towards torpedoing their prospects for 2018, when House Republicans finally unveiled their proposal to “repeal and replace” the Affordable Care Act. Their solution, entitled “the American Health Care Act,” is not so much a replacement as it is a death wish.

The AHCA, as it currently exists, would absolutely eviscerate the gains in health coverage made under the admittedly flawed Obamacare project. Standard & Poors estimates that anywhere from 6 to 10 million Americans would lose their current coverage under the AHCA, which shrinks federal income tax credits for the insured by up to two thirds, and would leave states scrambling to

fill a \$380 billion shortfall in the Medicaid program. Despite the insistence of Speaker Ryan and Press Secretary Sean Spicer, this is not “Obamacare 2.0.” The AHCA is, in fact, objectively worse, to such an extent that even some of the ACA’s harshest critics in the Senate are refusing to get behind the bill.

Many prominent Republicans, such as Senators Tom Cotton, (R-Ark.) Rand Paul (R-Ken.) and Dean Heller, (R-Nev.) have come out strongly against the AHCA, claiming that it is not passable in the Senate. While House GOP leadership wants to categorize the bill as a budget reconciliation measure – which would let Senate Republicans block an inevitable filibuster from Democrats with a simple majority – it is highly unlikely that the Senate parliamentarian will view it as such. This is a potentially fatal procedural obstacle. Between partisan opposition from Democrats and reluctance to destroy an increasingly popular program by vulnerable Republicans, it would be almost impossible to get the required 60 votes to force a vote on the Senate floor.

If this bill is to succeed, it will have to be changed. Republicans desperately need a victory on this front. With both Congress and the President’s approval ratings sitting well in the negative, Democrats have been quietly plotting the GOP’s downfall in 2018. Even Mr. Ryan has acknowledged that a failure in the Senate would bring about a “bloodbath” in the next election. However, GOP leadership in the House has thus far refused to specify where they’re willing to compromise. They better figure it out fast.

***Ford Mulligan Staff Reporter***

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# Humans of Regis: Ivana Petrovic

HUMANS OF REGIS

*(Photo courtesy of Ivana Petrovic)*

## ***What brought you to Regis?***

I liked that Regis was close to home, in Denver, and small. After visiting a number of schools I decided I didn't like the idea of having 300 students in one classroom. I would rather have one where I can build a relationship with my professor and classmates. I also enjoyed the idea of having a religious aspect around me wherever I went.

## ***What is your favorite Jesuit Value? Why?***

My favorite Jesuit Value would have to be "Finding God in All Things." I like this one because it's very true. Even when bad things happen, I tend to look back and think that maybe it wasn't really that bad. I usually gained something from it and know that God would never put me through something I couldn't handle. It's nice to be reminded that God is everywhere and He is always looking out for me.



***What is your involvement in the Regis community?***

I am currently the President of the Regis College Republicans and Vice-President of the Business and Entrepreneurship Club. Those are my two main roles on campus along with being on RUSGA's Campus Relations committee and I help and support to other clubs and programs as much as I can. My main focus in the role of President of the Regis College Republicans is to give voices to the conservative students on campus and to give them an opportunity to get involved and make a difference in Colorado and the nation.

***Why did you choose your major?***

I am an accounting major and I chose it because of its job security and pay. I did not want to go into college and leave with thousands of dollars in debt and no job. No one grows up wanting to be an accountant but I make it manageable by being involved with politics on the side.

***What has been your fondest memory at Regis?***

My fondest memory at Regis is probably all of the people that I've met. There have been so many influential and supportive people that I've met in my year and a half there and it means the world to me. I've met some of the world's greatest people through both clubs.

***Is there anything else you would like the Regis community to know?***

The College Republicans meet every other Wednesday. Meetings are open to anyone, however, will clearly be more directed towards conservative values. We do fun activities and are about to do a fundraiser for veterans along with a series of other things. We also do a lot of events with the other College Republicans around the state and even the country and it's a great way to network. I've personally had so many doors open for me and not just in politics. It's nice to know that you're making a difference in your state and country and it's not a huge time commitment. You never know who you can meet or what a difference you can make. Regardless of your political views, I think everyone should get involved in some way or another. We are looking to fill a few executive positions and get some more help. So join us and let's make positive change!

***Samantha Jewell Staff Reporter***

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# Let's Get Down to Business – Sports Style

SPORTS

*(Photo: Forbes)*

Do you have a passion for sports and business? Have you ever had the desire to pursue a career in sports, but don't know how to get your foot in the door? Look no further than the *RU Sports-Worthy | Business of Sports Club (RUBOS)*, at Regis University.

The Business of Sports Club Program was launched this year at Regis University, with the objective of connecting Regis students who are interested in the business of sports and sports management to professionals in the field in Colorado.

This year, members have had the opportunity to attend several sport and entertainment networking events throughout Denver. Kroenke Sports and Entertainment, Mile High Sports, and the Colorado Avalanche were just some of the top sports organizations and companies that the club has worked with. The students found these events to be incredible experiences. The events gave the students the chance to mix, mingle and chat one-on-one with the companies' executives and representatives that attended. Some of these discussions could lead to internships and open up career opportunities for the future.

An objective for this club is to give Regis students the opportunity to connect with sports and entertainment industry professionals. A long-term club goal is to put Regis on the map as a premier institution that can compete with other schools in the Denver area and throughout Colorado, by offering a sports management club. Club executives are looking into hosting sport and

entertainment networking events on the Regis campus. This would give Regis students, faculty and staff the opportunity to meet, chat and develop relationships with the sports industry pros, from the comfort of their own school. It would also eliminate the burden of transportation to events and event fees.

There are big plans ahead for this club's future, so be sure to stay tuned for all of the updates! Together, we can help pave a path of success for the club, and help Regis make its mark with one of the top sports management club program in Colorado.

This club is different than other clubs on campus given virtual style – the club doesn't meet in person. However, if you desire to work in the sports industry after reading this, or if you are simply interested in learning more about the Business of Sports club, please contact Ethan Beaudoin: [wbeaudoin@regis.edu](mailto:wbeaudoin@regis.edu), for more details.

**Ethan Beaudoin** *Staff Reporter*

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## Our "Sister System"

NEWS

*(The image above is an illustration of the possible surface of TRAPPIST-1f, one of the planets within the system. Credits: NASA/JPL-Caltech)*

On February 22, NASA announced the discovery of seven planets orbiting a star, in the 40 light years away towards the Aquarius constellation. This system was discovered originally by the TRAPPIST telescope in Chile, thus giving the system its name, although all the planets were

not discovered until recently. While not much is known about what these exoplanets could be like, NASA stated that they believe at least three of these could harbor liquid water, conducive to life. This is the first discovery of seven earth-sized planets orbiting a single star, and also the greatest number of planets in the “habitable-zone” of just one star.

This “habitable-zone” is the area in which a planet could orbit in relation to its sun, so that it may contain liquid water, which we hypothesize is essential for life beyond our system, just as it is here on Earth. This zone is dependent on the star's mass, age, and type. In this case, TRAPPIST-1's star, also known as TRAPPIST-1, is an ultra-cool dwarf star, slightly larger than Jupiter. Because of this, there is speculation that even the closer planets, could have a chance of sustaining liquid water on their rocky surfaces- but the closer to the edge of the habitable zone a planet is, the higher the chance is of a runaway greenhouse effect (See Venus, or soon enough, Earth).

Because these planets are so close to their sun, there are many reasons that researchers speculate these planets could be completely unsustainable. For one, the planets could be tidally locked. Meaning that one-half of the planet is in perpetual darkness. Analysis of the spectral emissions suggest that the system is considerably young from a cosmological perspective, meaning there is a chance that the star's radiation has not yet stripped the atmosphere from the planets, but there is not enough data to make any conclusions at this time. Until then we can continue to wonder and get excited over these discoveries, for our investment in the worlds beyond could very well dictate the future of mankind, and perhaps one day humanity could inhabit distant planets such as these.

**James Samaras** *Staff Reporter*

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# Education on Immigration

SOCIAL JUSTICE

*(Photo: Maggie Lacy)*

It's not often that a single on-campus event can draw attendees from the Regis College Office of the Academic Dean, the Psychology and Neuroscience Department, RUSGA, the Center for Service Learning, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, the Academic Internship Program, the Career Center, the RCHP Master's in Counseling Program, the Office of the Provost, and outside community members. However, on March 15 over thirty individuals from all across the Regis community gathered together in Claver 315 for the Spirituality and Social Justice Committee's event "Education on Immigration: A Call to Action." The event, organized by senior Crystal Ayala, aimed to educate on current immigration policies, community actions, and how Regis can support immigrants.

First, community organizer Tania Valenzuela spoke about her experiences as an undocumented immigrant. Valenzuela graduated from Regis in 2011 with a degree in sociology.

During her time at Regis, she worked to create more awareness for the issues that undocumented students face.

“There were instances when I came to class not knowing what my space was. Obviously, my education was super important to me, and I wanted to be there, learning” Valenzuela said of her experience at Regis,, “But it’s hard to be sitting and trying to learn when there’s all this other stuff working against my presence in this country. It’s draining that I have to daily justify my existence, and my right to be here.”

Next, Jordan T. Garcia from the American Friends Service Committee geared the conversation toward community organizing around immigration issues at Regis.

According to Garcia, “The people that are most impacted by any kind of oppression are the best position to define their liberation [ . . . ] They are also in the best position to describe the specifics of their oppression. I’m not an immigrant. What I can do is figure out how to lift voices of people who are trying to define their liberation.”

Garcia facilitated a group brainstorming session of tangible actions can be taken at Regis, as well as potential issues that Regis should address. The group expressed interest in changing the culture of Regis so that more undocumented students feel comfortable, making “Know Your Rights” resources and trainings available, and increasing conversations around immigrant rights in classrooms. Although Regis has decided against declaring itself as a sanctuary campus due to potential revocation of federal aid, the group discussed how we can cultivate the feeling of a sanctuary campus.

Additionally, Valenzuela and Garcia encouraged attendees to support a Colorado state legislation proposal entitled House Bill 1206, which would allow undocumented immigrants the ability to obtain a driver’s license by presenting taxpayer documents. Another way to support immigrants is by donating to or volunteering with the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker organization that promotes immigrants’ rights.

If you would like to get involved in undocumented immigrants’ issues at Regis, the Office of Cultural Diversity, Equity and Inclusive Excellence holds meetings around these issues in their office every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in Room 124 of the Coors Life Direction Center. Additionally, professionals in the office are available to speak with undocumented students in need of support.

**Maggie Lacy *Staff Reporter***

For online immigration resources, please visit:

<http://www.togethercolorado.org/resources>

To read HR 1206, the proposal to allow undocumented immigrants the ability to obtain a driver’s license by presenting taxpayer documents, visit:

[http://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017A/bills/2017A\\_1206\\_01.pdf](http://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017A/bills/2017A_1206_01.pdf)

To read the Statement of AJCU Presidents on Undocumented Students, visit:

<http://www.ajcunet.edu/press-releases-blog/2016/11/30/statement-of-ajcu-presidents-november-2016>

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# A Note On Future Justice Pieces

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Fellow Rangers,

Within the next few weeks, I am embarking on a journalistic task to describe, discuss, and analyze the topic of black-on-black crime. This issue is important not only within our Regis community but nationally and even worldwide. I know this because when Regis senior Jack Flotte commented on the subject during Anti-Oppression week, it garnered national attention.

“Black-on-black crime is not a thing. Don’t talk about it. Shut it down when people talk about it,” said Flotte. In response, news outlets around the nation rejected his statement. Even the infamous Milo Yiannopolis had something to say.

Dealing with a topic like this is by no means easy, but I believe it is necessary. As a community, we have a duty to discuss and engage with topics that are more than interesting. We must engage with controversy because controversy is at the center of all justice.

As a journalist, my role is to share what I find through research and from interviews. My duty is never to interject my opinion or be biased in my search for answers. A journalist ought to be a facilitator of the truth, so that is what I will try to be.

Nevertheless, I recognize that I may write something that upsets you or something you disagree with in the course of this endeavor. Instead of simply being angry, reach out. The Highlander and I are open to your comments, especially about important issues like this one. I would rather have a community dialogue where someone yells at me than have unknowingly hurt someone by what I did or said.

With that being said, tune into the Justice section of our website for the next few Thursdays to read my stories, and afterward share your thoughts. The stories will involve data and

causes of the black-on-black crime theory, how this connects to the Regis community, and what our community can do to bring our awareness and knowledge to the situation.

I hope these stories will open your minds. I hope they will help widen your knowledge about the issue. Most importantly, I hope that I will write them in a way that shows my respect for both journalism and the sensitive nature of this matter.

**Catie Cheshire** *Staff Reporter*

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## Hacker Single Handedly Takes Down 1/5th Of Darknet

NEWS

(Photo: [Vincent Diamante](#))

Two weeks ago, roughly a fifth of the dark web was taken down by a single person affiliated with Anonymous, a hacktivist group. The hacker targeted and successfully took down a server that hosted 10,000 websites on the Tor network. Tor is a service that allows users to access the dark web anonymously. The hacker, in an interview with Motherboard (Vice New's tech site), states "This is in fact my first hack ever," and that it was simply his curiosity which led him into breaching Freedom Hosting II's server. After discovering the existence of ten child pornography



sites and evidence that the administration knew of the illicit sites they were being paid to host, however, he decided to take it down.

To explain what exactly the dark web is, we must first start with the surface web - the parts of the internet that can be indexed by a search engine such as the ones most of us use daily. Search engines such as these operate completely off of links to websites. The deep web is defined by the parts of the internet that search engines cannot access directly. Information found on the deep web is specific to certain websites, contents of online databases, passages in online libraries, and more. To dig deeper still, there are parts of the internet that are intentionally hidden unless you are using specific software such as Tor. These parts of the internet are known as the dark web and are commonly associated with drug trafficking, hacking, illegal weapons trade, and child pornography.

Following the hack, the anonymous hacker made a public torrent (download) with Tor information: the participating user's emails and keys to decrypt them, as well as all the system files from the server. He did not make the user data public, as that is what contained approximately 30 gigabytes of child porn. While this cyber vigilante drove a headfirst assault into exposing and taking down this criminal activity, the FBI has preferred using more covert methods. In the past they gained control of the original server host (Freedom Hosting I) and used the access to catch and record IP addresses of visitors. This led to actual arrests and could be used to link to other criminal behavior, while this Anonymous hacker's actions just directly took a chunk of the content itself down. "If there is ever going to be a chance like that again, I won't say no to taking them down, but I do not plan to do so," the hacker told Motherboard.

**James Samaras** *Staff Reporter*

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# The Perfect Movie Theater For You, Near You

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

After a long week of school or work, isn't it nice to reward yourself with a trip to see the latest cinematic release? Of course - but where? Ranging from the independently owned to big chains like Regal and AMC, there are numerous movie theaters in the greater Denver area. To help narrow down your search, here is a quick look of some of the features and pricing at theaters near Regis.

**Elvis Cinemas**



*(Photo by Allison Upchurch)*

This independently owned movie theater shows second run movies: all of the movies it shows have been released about two or three months prior in big theater chains. Because the movies are not of latest release, the theater offers discounted prices on all movies screened. So if you don't mind waiting it out a few months for a movie, you will be able to see it at Elvis Cinemas for \$3 or \$4. A great way to see a movie without breaking the bank.

## Landmark Theaters: Old Town Stadium 14



*(Photo by Allison Upchurch)*

Capturing the charm of movie theaters of the 1940s and 50s, this movie theater offers the latest and highly anticipated movie releases and continues to play these movies based on audience support. Student discounts are offered on the weekend upon request so don't forget to bring your student ID!



## Regal United Artists Denver Pavilions



*(Photo by Ishtiaq B.)*

Located along the 16th Street Mall in Downtown Denver, you have the opportunity to see the latest releases or special movie events while sitting comfortably in reclining seats in some of the theaters. With the added bonus of reclining seats, the price of the movie is a little higher than other movie theaters with no student discounts offered.

## AMC Westminster Promenade



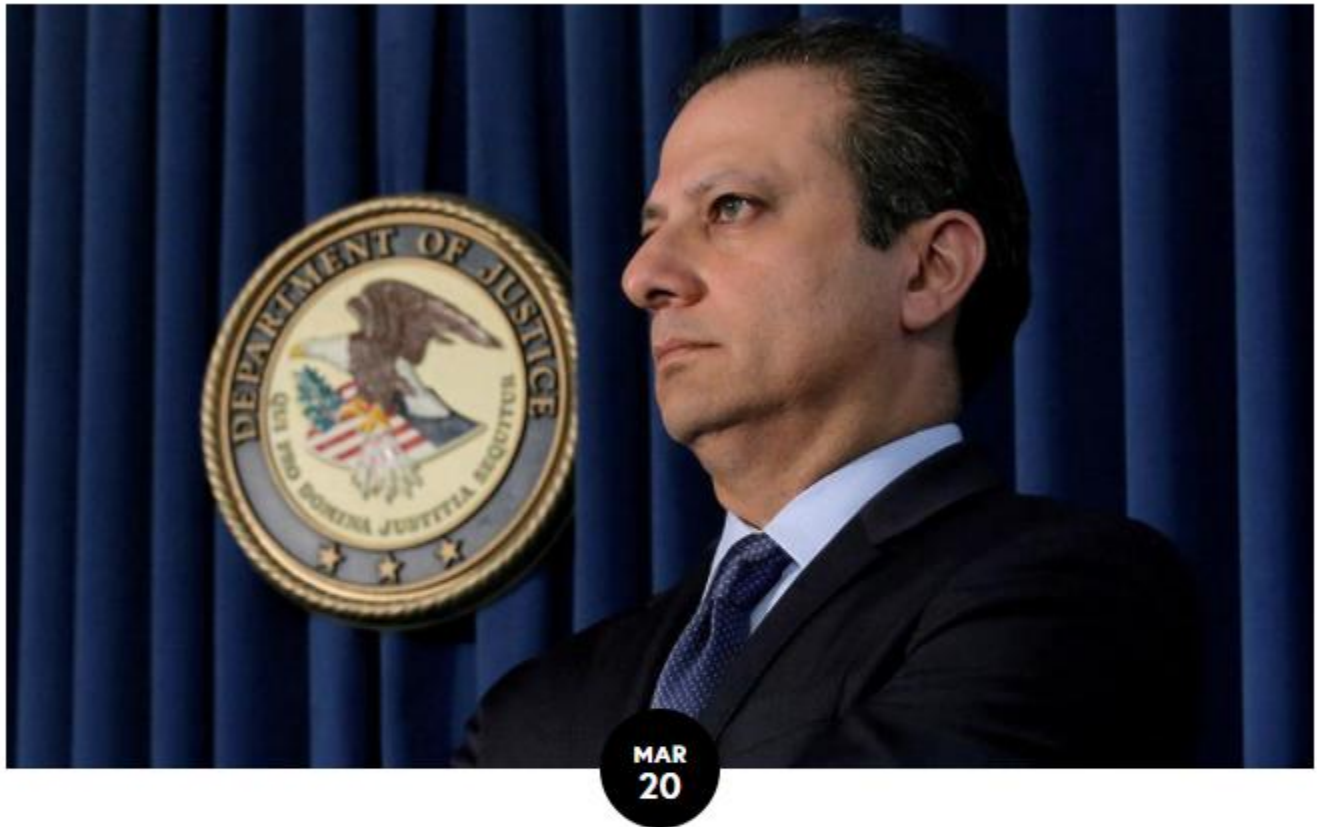
*(Photo by Allison Upchurch)*

At this movie theater, you will first step into a simple open windowed box office area and select the movie tickets you want to buy using a touch screen. Student discounts are offered for showings after 4 pm. Once you have chosen the latest release or movie event to see, you will continue onto the lobby where most of the concessions include a self-service stand for popcorn and hot meals, a soda machine that can spill hundreds of different flavors, and even a bar for those who are 21 years or older and would like to sip on a beer or cocktail.

Whether sitting in a reclining chair, or saving money using special student pricing, the experience of the movie theater should be as enjoyable as the movies that grace the big screens. Happy movie watching!

**Allison Upchurch Staff Reporter**

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# Dismantling the Remnants of The Obama Administration

POLITICS

*(Photo: Brendan McDermid/Reuters)*

Between political parties and across argument lines, there is one statement about Donald Trump that both the left and right seem to credit: he has never been one for protocol.

Recently, the Trump administration ordered 46 Obama-era prosecutors to resign, “effective immediately,” according to Justice Department spokeswoman Sarah Isgur Flores. Those 46 are the remaining attorneys from Obama’s appointments, as many have already left. This is not an uncommon move when the power balance switches between parties after an election.

Administrations have the right to replace and nominate US attorneys, and it isn’t unusual. Clinton and Bush dismissed dozens, and Reagan replaced most of his administration, but presidents rarely do it so immediately, abruptly, and extensively as Trump ordered last Friday. The decision appears to come following pressure from Trump supporters outside the White House, and is an abrupt surprise to many.

Preet Bharara, pictured above, is one of the 46 asked to resign and among the most reputable, with a history of prosecuting public corruption and insider trading. Bharara was asked by Jeff Sessions, the new attorney general, to leave his position as a prosecutor. Although Bharara intended to, it seems he has received a phone call along with the other attorneys that request a resignation. The clean sweep will be total.

The dismissals come during the same week Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington write to request that Bharara examine whether President Trump has violated the Emoluments Clause of the Constitution, which would prohibit his businesses from accepting money from foreign governments.

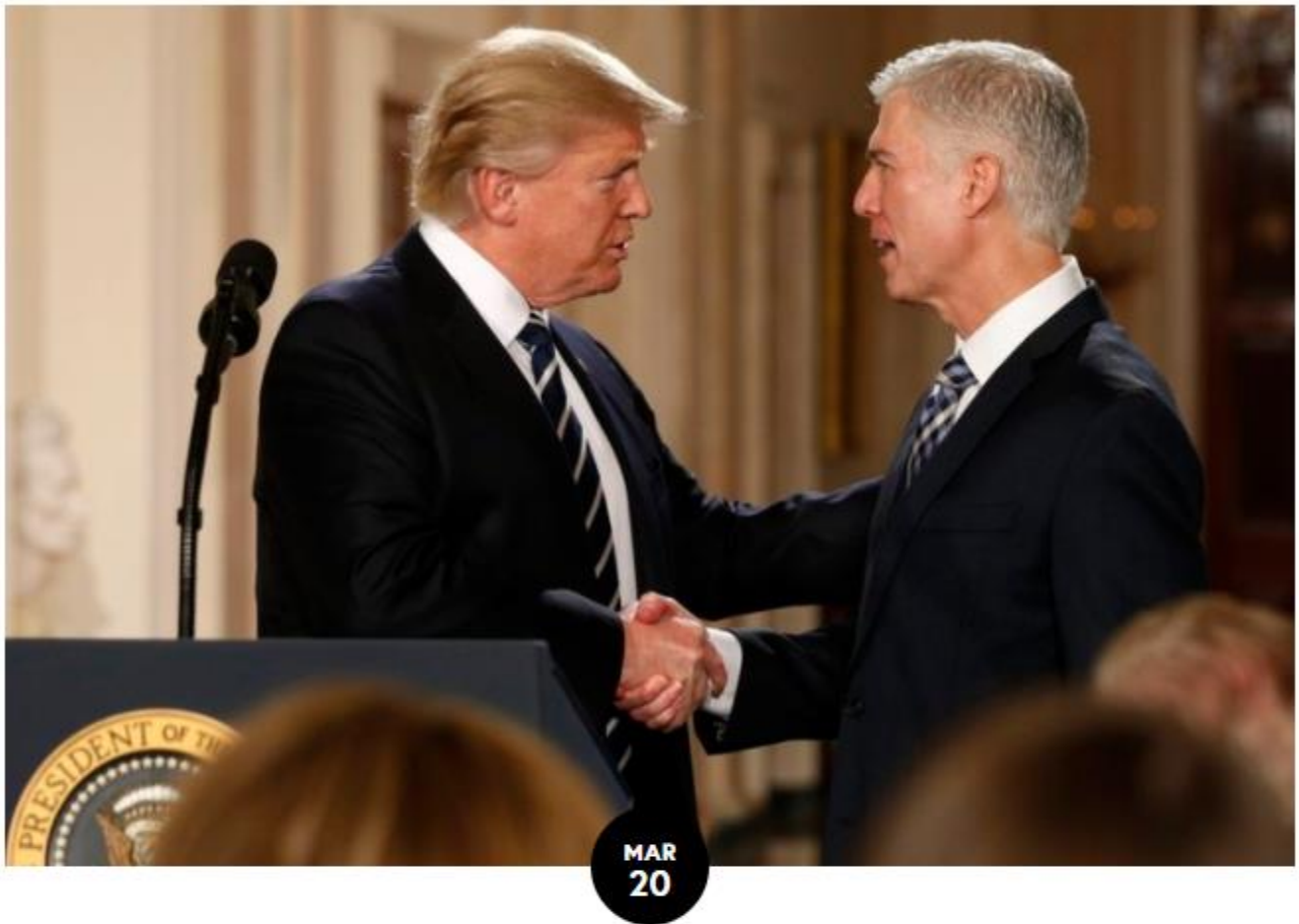
Only two attorneys will remain after the mass dismissal: Rod Rosenstein, Trump's nomination for deputy attorney general, and Dana Boente, who currently holds the position for acting deputy general. Both are the top prosecutors in their districts and will remain in their position after a phone call from Trump that informed each their resignations would not be accepted.

The resignation order from the Trump administration has received attention for its curt nature, as opposed to a gradual transition that would minimize disruption, and the dismissal of Bharara, who many assumed would be kept as an inherited and credited prosecutor. The reversals on decisions like Bharara's are an inconvenience on an order that already asks some attorneys to clear out within a business day but furthermore appears to mark a disputed or disordered transition process.

***Marirose Bernal Staff Reporter***

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# OP-ED: Don't Sweat About Gorsuch

POLITICS

*(Photo: Kevin Lamarque/Reuters)*

After just over a year without a full bench, the Supreme Court may soon be restored to its full panel of nine justices. Earlier today, the Senate Judiciary Committee began confirmation hearings for Judge Neil Gorsuch of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, who was nominated by President Trump in January to fill the seat of the late Justice Antonin Scalia.

Gorsuch, a conservative and Colorado native, has garnered frequent praise from legal experts on both sides for his impartiality and incisive commentary. He is also frequently hailed as one of the leading proponents of originalism, an approach to interpreting constitutional language that emphasizes the original meaning and intent behind a given legal provision. This was the preferred method of the Justice Scalia, who served as a mentor to Judge Gorsuch following his confirmation to the Tenth Circuit in 2006, and the two were of like mind on many judicial issues, especially on issues of gun control and freedom of religious expression.

Clearly, Judge Gorsuch would be a natural choice for any Republican president and an easy confirmation for a GOP-led Senate. However, the potential appointment is not without its controversies. Following the death of Justice Scalia last February, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ken.) announced that Senate Republicans would not even consider Judge Merrick Garland, then-President Obama's pick for the job. The move drew harsh criticism from both liberals and moderates, who viewed it as a partisan power grab and dangerous affront to tradition.

Then there is the question of Gorsuch's judicial record, which has many progressive Democrats worried. For instance, while the appellate jurist has not yet had a chance to rule on abortion rights, several activists have pointed to his book – "The Future of Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia," in which he argues against the practice of assisted suicide on moral and legal grounds – as proof of strong pro-life convictions. Progressives and liberals may also find Gorsuch's history on capital punishment troubling: [according to a profile published on SCOTUSblog](#), he has rarely voted in favor of death row inmates seeking judicial relief.

However, some of this worry may be premature. Gorsuch's originalist proclivities have led him to take positions which could prove amicable to liberal causes. When it comes to interpreting criminal statute, the potential justice seems to have adopted [a similar approach to his late mentor](#), who frequently voted alongside his more liberal colleagues in favor of more constrained readings of criminal laws. Gorsuch has also been highly critical of laws restricting public religious expression and of executive overreach. Somewhat counter-intuitively, if he is confirmed, these principles may sometimes put Gorsuch at odds with President Trump's harsh stances on crime and Islam.

In the end, however, Judge Gorsuch's confirmation would do little to shift the balance of the court from where it was a year ago. Due to its exceptionally balanced composition of four liberals, four conservatives, and one centrist, the Roberts Court has been decidedly measured in its rulings, having both expanded civil rights for minorities and putting checks on legislative and executive overreach. Replacing Justice Scalia with another conservative originalist will, for the most part, keep things as they are. But, Justices Ginsburg, Breyer, and Kennedy are all approaching the age where retirement or deaths are increasingly probable. If one of them vacates their seat while the GOP retains control of the Senate and White House, the healthy balance of the Roberts Court could be in jeopardy.

**Ford Mulligan Staff Reporter**

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# Life of Service - OPUS Prize Foundation Partners With Regis University

CAMPUS LIFE

*(Photo courtesy of Regis University)*

In 2004, the Opus Construction Group founded a grant organization that awards \$1.2 million dollars to faith driven non-profits every year. Their commitment to elevating impactful service around the world led them to create the Opus Prize Foundation. Opus looks for nominees who embody their values of social entrepreneurship, transformational leadership, life of service, sustainable change, faith, and unsung heroes. Every year, Opus partners with different Catholic universities to host the prize while faculty members and students are directly involved in the finalist selection process.

Regis is the partner university for the 2017 award ceremony, thanks to the networking efforts of President John Fitzgibbons S.J. The award ceremony will be on October 11, 2017. The foundation and award aligns closely with Regis' mission and according to Fr. Fitzgibbons, "This is in our DNA." Opus fits with Regis because it celebrates transformational humanitarian work and inspires others to lives of service, as do Regis' values.

Each year, the partner university plays a critical role in the nomination and selection process. Regis solicits nominations and anyone can nominate a faith based, non-profit organization. Once nominations are submitted, a report of each organization is drafted and the entire report is

sent to the Opus jury. The jury consists of community members, Regis faculty, and one Regis student. This year, Chief Justice Senior Mikaela Meyers served on the Opus jury. The jury collaboratively selects three nominees, including a domestic organization.

Students and faculty members are then invited to apply to participate in the “due diligence” site visits. Opus Prize Coordinator in University Advancement, Connie Bennett, interviewed students and selected six to participate in the site visits. Faculty members selected one professor for each trip. The “due diligence” trips are for a week at a time; over spring break and the first two weeks of summer in May.

Graduate student Chris Lew, undergraduate Marley Weaver-Gabel, and professor and Assistant Dean of Physical Therapy Dr. Cheryl Footer attended the spring break trip. The early May trip team is graduate student Amy Bloomquist, undergraduate David Mooney, and Dr. Geoffrey Bateman. In the second May trip, undergraduates Bailey Gent and Katie Skowronski will be traveling with Dr. Meghan Sobel for the final observational site visit.

Visiting teams also include two Opus Prize Foundation board members, a photographer, and the Foundation Director Don Neureuther. Neureuther has been working for Opus since the beginning of the award and has completed over 40 trips on site visits. Don remarks, “It has been the greatest thing I’ve been involved in.”

At Regis, we ask the question, “How ought we to live?” in regards to our day-to-day interactions as well as our long-term pursuits. It may take us a lifetime, but the University education brings us one step closer to an answer everyday. Not only do we look to ourselves to answer, we look to others to observe their response. The Opus introduces us to incredible individuals as evidence of living in the path of faith and service.

According to 2012 recipient Father Richard Frechette, “Opus is Glory and the Light of God” because of the great work we can do together. Regis is a community full of this light and the award is really an opportunity for our campus to share that with the glory of selfless, compassionate leaders.

The Highlander will provide you with frontline coverage for this award, so stay tuned for on-campus updates and press releases about the finalists!

For more information about Opus visit <http://www.opusprize.org/students>. To learn more about Regis’ involvement, read about Mikaela Meyers experience as a OPUS Juror here <http://www.regis.edu/News-Events-Media/Signature-Story-Directory/Honoring-Unsung-Heroes.aspx>.

**Marley Weaver-Gabel *Editor-In-Chief***

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# Uber's President Quits After Just Six Months

NEWS

*(Photo: Brittany Herbert/Mashable)*

Uber riders have thought twice about hailing cars via the popular transportation networking company in the past six months and as a result, new president Jeff Jones is seeing his way out of the executive position. From sexual harassment allegations to a movement to delete the app as political protest, there is no doubt that the company has taken heat in recent months.

The former Target CMO gave a press conference with Uber's drivers in attempts to get feedback and better company policies, but it did not go as smoothly as planned. In fact, drivers were overwhelmingly angry at their president because they felt his answers addressing compensation were inadequate and that in general, the company does not value its workers.

Reportedly, Jones' resignation is tied to the sexual harassment allegations made against the company. Uber's head of engineering, as well as its head of product design, were fired after the uncovering of inappropriate behavior on both men's behalf.

Scandal upon scandal, Uber was highly criticized in January when it was understood to be capitalizing profit during the airport protests following President Trump's executive order which called to ban immigrants and refugees. As a result, the #DeleteUber movement caused 200,000 users to delete their accounts with the company.

In response to the news on March 18, the company released a statement, "We want to thank Jeff for his six months at the company and wish him all the best." For now, CEO Travis Kalanick is on the hunt for the right COO to help restore Uber's public image.

***Alanna Shingler Staff Reporter***

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## New Kid On the Block: Sesame Street's First Character with Autism

NEWS

*(Photo: Zach Hyman/Sesame Workshop)*

Sesame Street is bringing a new muppet on board. This April the show will debut Julia, their first ever character with Autism, a chronic disorder that impacts roughly 1 in 68 children in the United States.

The voice of Julia, Stacey Gordon is ready for the change. She notes, “As the parent of a child with Autism, I wish that [Julia] had come out years before, when my own child was at the Sesame Street age.”

The newest addition to the show, however, is not brand new to the Sesame Street franchise. Julia was featured in a digital storybook called “Sesame Street and Autism: See the Amazing in All Children” in 2015 as a friend of Elmo and Abby.

Writers of the show have since contemplated making Julia an official character. One writer recognizes the complexity of Julia by saying, “It’s tricky because Autism is not one thing . . . it is different for every single person who has it.” To navigate the creation of Julia, creators of the show consulted with Autism organizations and experts within the field.

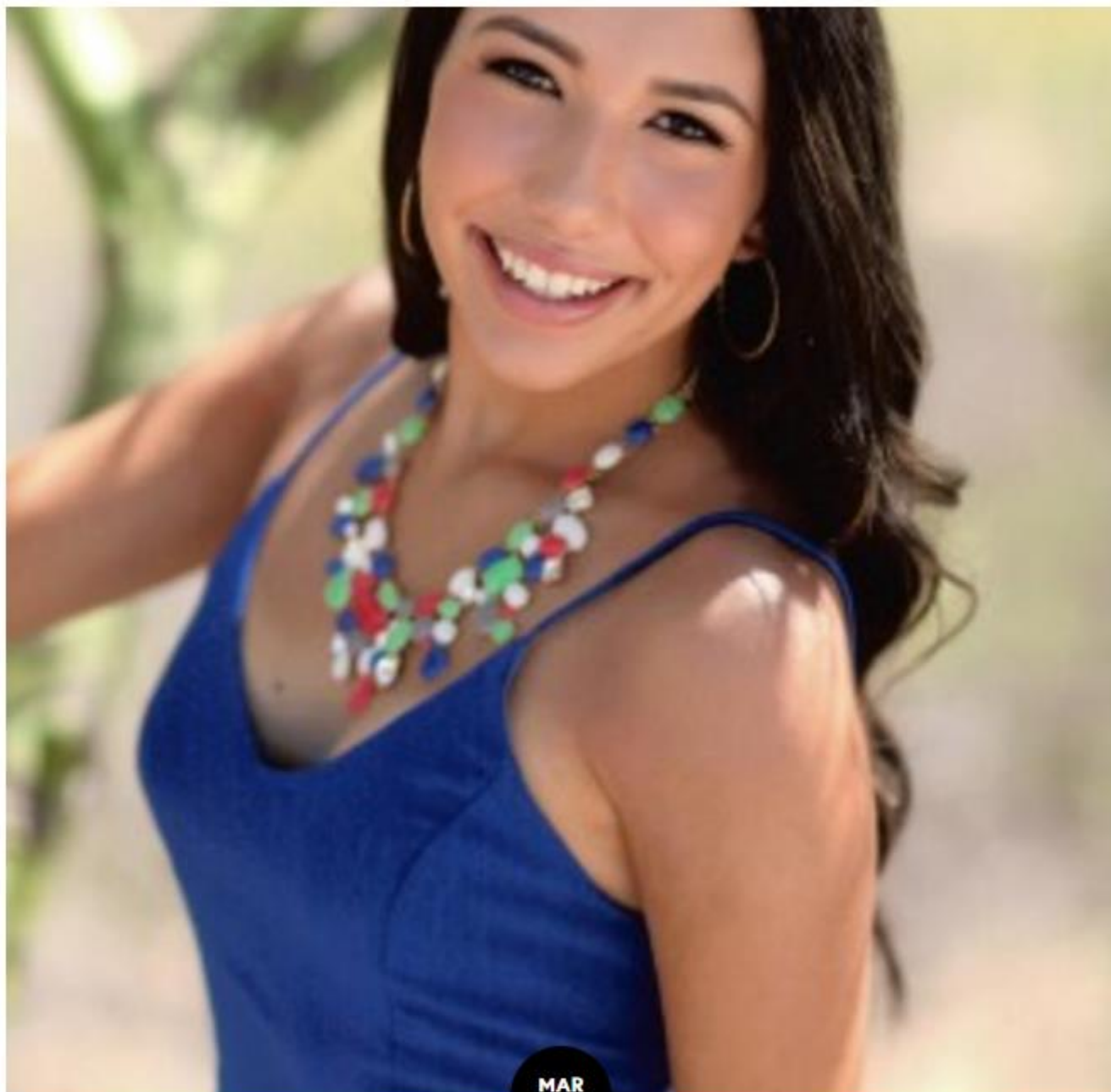
The show’s aim is to present a character who realistically portrays a child with Autism while at the same time reducing the stigma associated with the condition. Additionally, Sesame Street purposefully created Julia as a girl because Autism is thought to be underdiagnosed in women.

Optimistic about their approach to normalizing Autism, Sesame Street will be introducing Julia to their 47th season on April 10.

***Alanna Shingler Staff Reporter***

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## Humans of Regis: Gabbie Ramirez

HUMANS OF REGIS

*(Photo courtesy of Gabby Ramirez)*

***What brought you to Regis?***

I went to private catholic schools my whole life. When I was considering my options for college, I wanted to attend a college with a strong faith. I love how Regis doesn't push religion onto you, but



welcomes everyone in. I love the small community and perfect sized classes. I love walking to class every day saying hi to everyone and even my professors! We are like a family here at Regis.

***What is your favorite Jesuit Value? Why?***

My favorite value is Magis because it means striving for the better. I always want to strive for excellence and do more for the community and around campus. Magis embodies the act of doing more for the better. However, more must mean more for YOU not others. Do what you love and have passion in everything you do.

***What is your involvement in the Regis community?***

I am the Marketing Director for the Regis Business and Entrepreneurship Club, Vice President of Events for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, an ambassador for the Student Philanthropy Ambassadors, a part of the RUSGA Marketing and Media Committee, and a volunteer for the Campus Relations Committee.

***Why did you choose your major?***

I love the art of business. Marketing is the art and psychology of business. It's so interesting how and why people buy certain brands or even enter certain stores. There is an art and science to it. I love learning about Marketing every day and how to be a better marketer for the Regis Business and Entrepreneurship Club.

***What has been your fondest memory at Regis?***

I have a lot of wonderful memories here at Regis. I've met my best friends here and my soulmate. I love being a part of the community and waking up every day at this beautiful school.

***Is there anything else you would like the Regis community to know?***

If you want to be more involved at Regis, support your clubs and club sports! Do what you love and remember to focus on what YOU want to do for your future. Appreciate the simple things because college years fly! Enjoy your classes and learn as much as possible, even if they aren't associated with your major. Be open to try new things and step outside your comfort zone. Remember to be thankful and grateful for your family, friends that are there for you every step of the way.

***Samantha Jewell Social Media Editor***

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## Highlander News Report Week of 3.20.17

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***Danny Rolander Staff Reporter***

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# Here's What We Know About the FBI's Investigation on Trump

NEWS

*(Photo: Eric Thayer/New York Times)*

Earlier this week, James Comey announced for the first time that the FBI is investigating Russian influence on the Trump campaign for the 2016 election. Suspicions about the Trump campaign's involvement with Russia's government arose in 2016 and the FBI began a counterintelligence investigation in late July of last year.

The intelligence team has concluded that Russia interfered in the election in a number of ways, including the hacking and releasing of emails to undermine the Democratic party.

So what does this mean? By the nature of counterintelligence investigations, the FBI will likely not go after Russia's officials, rather, it will continue to watch the meddlers to learn as much as possible from them. However, legal action may be taken, if it is discovered that Trump's campaign members were involved with Russian interferers.

When will we know? It is not unusual for investigations like these to take up to a few years. As of now though, there is no proof of collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia.

And what about wiretapping? President Trump has written a number of tweets accusing Obama of wiretapping, such as “How low has President Obama gone to tap my phones during the very sacred election process. This is Nixon/Watergate. Bad (or sick) guy!” tweeted on March 4. In his testimony, Comey declared that there is no evidence of the spying Trump’s tweets insist upon.

Instead of wiretapping accusations, what is higher on the FBI’s list of priorities for now is investigating possible ties between Trump and Russia.

***Alanna Shingler Staff Reporter***

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## Bracket Busting Performances

SPORTS

(Photo: VOA News)

During the spring college basketball season, performances have been nothing less than spectacular throughout the entire tournament. With upsets all over the place and millions of brackets already busted, it is fair to say that we are anticipating an even better finish during the rest of the month.



On the East, two of the biggest upsets in the tournament occurred: seventh seed South Carolina beating the second seed Duke, reaching their first Sweet Sixteen in school history, and the eighth seed Wisconsin beating the first seed and defending national champions, Villanova.

Duke had been favored in winning the tournament in 2.3 million brackets, via ESPN. Michigan, ranked as a seventh seed team, have been on a hot streak after winning the Big 10 tournament and they knocked off second seed Louisville on Sunday to keep their hot streak going.

It has been such an eventful couple of weeks and many viewers are on the edge of their seats as they watch their bracket boom or bust. The Sweet Sixteen games fall on Thursday, March 23 and Friday, March 24. Best of luck to everyone's bracket, and Happy March Madness!

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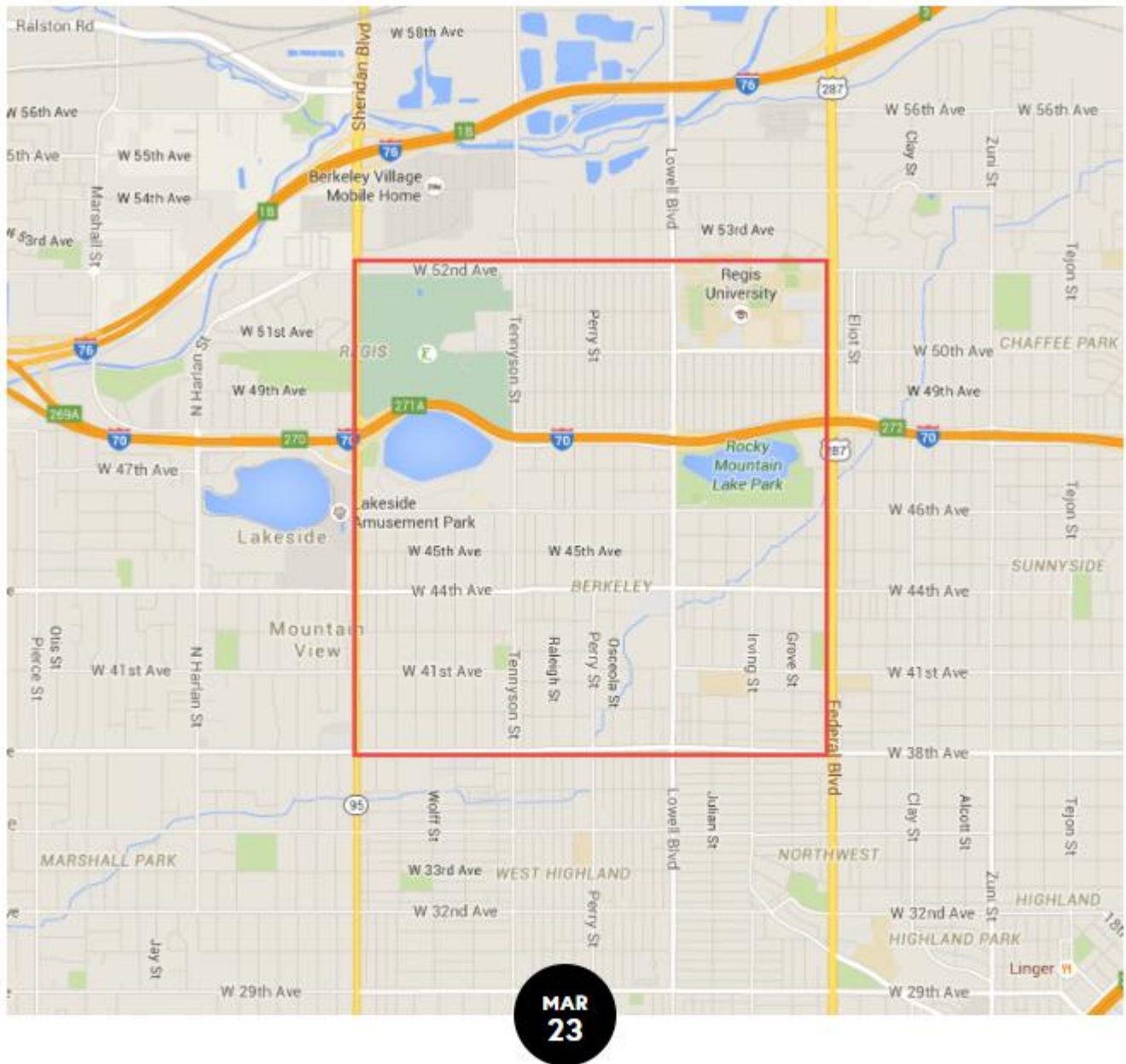
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# Berkeley Regis United Neighbors Hold March Meeting

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“Think globally, act locally.” This phrase encourages individuals who care for global issues to first make a change in their communities. As Regis students, our community involves not only our campus but the wider Berkeley-Regis neighborhood. The Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO) of the Berkeley-Regis neighborhood is the Berkeley Regis United Neighbors or BRUN. On Tuesday, March 21, twenty community residents gathered at Holy Family Church for the monthly Berkeley Regis United Neighbors (BRUN) meeting.

The meeting opened with a message from the office of City Councilman Rafael Espinoza, our District 1 representative. Currently, the Denver City Council is considering a measure that would allow for extended hours for marijuana dispensaries. Espinoza's representative encouraged all neighborhood members to take a 4 question survey to express whether they would like dispensaries to retain their 7:00 p.m. closing time, or extend their hours to 10:00 p.m., or remain open until midnight. The survey is accessible via a community e-newsletter, or on Rafael Espinoza's Facebook page.

Some residents expressed concern over extending business hours for marijuana dispensaries, as it could affect parking in the area as well as noise levels later into the night. Additionally, residents pointed out that the neighborhood isn't directly impacted by revenues. However, others for extending hours believed dispensaries should be treated in the same way as liquor stores, and the extended hours would benefit the dispensaries' business.

The BRUN board members also raised the issue of businesses seeking liquor licenses to serve alcohol in the neighborhood. Currently, when a business applies for a liquor license, BRUN is notified and offers the proprietor the chance to sign a Good Neighbor Agreement. The purpose of the agreement is to ensure businesses respect the community and its expectations. The four conditions expressed in the community agreement are establishment closing time, patio closing time, trash expectations and dumping times, and noise level. If the proprietor chooses to sign the community agreement, BRUN will offer support at the liquor license hearings, while if they do not, BRUN will voice their concerns and opposition at the hearings.

Other announcements included the formation of a new group, Historic Berkeley Regis, which is a group of residents interested in studying the history of the neighborhood's architecture. The annual Easter egg hunt was announced for Saturday, April 15th at 10:00 am. at Berkeley Lake Park, just east of Smiley Library on 46th and Tennyson.

BRUN holds meetings every 3rd Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is April 18th at 6:00pm at Holy Family Church (4377 Utica St.).

If you'd like more information on BRUN visit: <http://www.berkeleyregisneighbors.org/>

If you'd like to contact District 1 Councilman Rafael Espinoza, he can be reached at

[DistrictOne@denvergov.org](mailto:DistrictOne@denvergov.org)

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# The Neighborhood-Level Effect

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

For years, law enforcement officials have bemoaned the presence of violence in neighborhoods, but few have condemned the segregation of American cities for playing a part of this violence.

Studies have shown that out of the six American cities with the highest violent crime rate, three also top the list of most segregated. These three cities are Milwaukee, Detroit, and St. Louis. In these cities, not only are communities geographically separated, but there are entirely different opportunities based on where citizens live.

Sociologists call this occurrence the Neighborhood-Level Effect. Essentially, the neighborhood you live in determines how your life takes shape. Because segregation isolates communities, certain behaviors must be adapted by those in the communities. These actions include pressures too, be prepared to use violence, travel in groups, and fit into the street culture. While these may help young people fit in with their neighborhoods, these behaviors decrease success in academics and the labor force.

Sociologists have also discovered that systemic segregation keeps certain aspects inside and others outside. They use the metaphor of a network, saying that things like violence or gang activity are abundant in isolated systems, while things like public transportation and professional networks are kept outside.

Naturally, this creates a much more difficult path to success in employment, academics, or even health for people who live within this shut-off, segregated, networks. Through exploration of the topics, researchers have determined that segregation systemically creates the pockets of high violence and low social mobility that we deem the “inner-cities.”

The creation of these segregated areas was not an accident. In fact, until 1948 African Americans could be denied housing simply because of their race and this pushed them into pockets of cities where real estate companies would allow them to access leases. In fact, until 1968, when the Fair Housing Act was first passed, real estate companies and banks could still discriminate based on, “race, color, religion, or national origin.”

Turning toward crime, criminologists have come up with several theories as to why offenders commit crimes. There are six basic theories:

1. Routine Activity Theory premises that criminals commit crimes within their daily routine, such as going to and from work, and that people do not go out of their way to commit crimes.
2. Situational Crime Prevention Theory premises that crime can be reduced through public policy actions such as providing streetlights in dimly lit areas prone to criminal activity.
3. Broken Windows Theory premises that violent crime occurs when crimes like petty theft or graffiti are not taken seriously. Thus, people learn to ignore the law over time.
4. Crime Opportunity Theory premises that offenders look for a practical target. For example, a store they know has a weak security system.
5. Social Disorganization Theory premises that crime is more likely to occur when community relationships and local institutions are not strong in an area.
6. Crime Pattern Theory premises that geography, and the neighborhoods people live in, dictate their criminal behavior. For example, suburban areas without consistent security tend to have more burglaries.

These theories all indicate that neighborhood determines crime. None of these theories speculate that crime occurs between neighborhoods, but rather, they attempt to explain why some areas experience different types of crimes at higher rates than others.

If we live in communities disproportionately made up of those of our race, and commit crimes based on the opportunities and standards of those neighborhoods, it follows that crimes are committed intra-racially. This pattern of behavior and structure is where the concept of black-on-black crime is derived.

Between the years of 1976 to 2005, 94 percent of black murder victims were killed by black perpetrators. In that same period, 86 percent white perpetrators murdered white murder victims. This data is consistent with the crime theories presented, and the data about neighborhood segregation. People commit crimes based on where they live, and people live with those who are the same race as them.

Statistically, it is accurate that black-on-black crime exists, just as it is statistically accurate that white-on-white crime exists. So why have we heard so much about the first and so little about the second?





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# Terror in London: Armed Man Crashes Vehicle and Kills 3 Near U.K. Parliament

NEWS

*(Photo: Andrew Testa/New York Times)*

British parliament calls terror on the man armed with a knife who crashed his car near the Westminster Bridge, ran onto parliament territory, stabbed a policeman, and was then shot by security on March 22 around 2:40 pm. The policeman, the attacker, and two people hit by the attacker's car have died, and twenty more people are injured. The injured include three police officers and a group of visiting French students.

The police have begun a counter-terrorism investigation. It is understood that there was only one attacker present during the incident. London is taking the event seriously and has had the area outside Parliament evacuated, plus extra police are on duty in response to the attack. The

police ask the public to continue to stay away from the parliament building and to report any suspicious activity around the city.

One passer-by reports, “I didn’t see the impact, I heard it, it sounded like a car hitting a sheet of metal . . . I saw people lying on the tarmac . . . The taxi driver rang the emergency services, and people rushed to help.”

France’s President François Hollande extends support during a press conference by stating, “Terrorism affects us all, and France knows the pain the British people is enduring today.”

**Alanna Shingler** *Staff Reporter*

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## What We Know About The Parliament Attack So Far

NEWS

*(Photo: Stefan Wermuth/Reuters)*

In a chaotic churning of violence, lone attacker Khalid Masood drove a sports utility vehicle through a crowd of people in London last Wednesday, killing four and injuring more than forty. After crashing the car through pedestrians, Masood proceeded to stab a nearby police officer to death at the scene, before he was fatally shot by police.

The murdered police officer was 48-year-old Keith Palmer, a member of the Parliamentary and Diplomatic Protection Command with more than a decade of experience. A minister from the foreign office, Tobias Elwood, attempted to save Palmer with resuscitation, but the officer's injuries were fatal.

The attack unfolded on the one year anniversary of the suicide bombings in Brussels, which happened on March 22, 2016, and killed 32 people, not including the attackers themselves. The attack is also hauntingly reminiscent of last year's assault in Nice, France, where a man drove a cargo truck through crowds celebrating Bastille Day, killing 86 and injuring nearly five hundred. ISIL, the [Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant](#), claimed responsibility for both those attacks.

Until now, London itself has been free of these types of terrorist onslaughts since the city's subway bombings over a decade ago; it appears London will now be joining Brussels, Berlin, Nice, Paris, and other major cities as a target.

The attack took place on Westminster Bridge, near the Parliament, where lawmakers inside the House of Commons were told to remain where they were while officers searched the area, office by office. Outside the building, turmoil and disorder ensued – a woman was pulled alive from the River Thames, and pedestrians crowded around the wounded, many lying bleeding or unconscious on the ground, and attempted to help.

Among those injured were people from ten different nations, from Italy and Romania to Greek and China. Three police officers were killed and three schoolchildren on a trip from France were injured; those wounded also included five South Korean tourists overwhelmed by the crowds trying to escape the scene.

Khalid Masood is British-born, speculated to have been radicalized to violent extremism and jihadism during his time in prison. He died not while shot by police officers, but while receiving medical treatment for those wounds.

Multiple countries have offered their condolences and full support, from Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. United States President Donald Trump offered full cooperation and support in responding to the attack, and in Paris, the lights of the Eiffel Tower switched off.

Investigators suspect the attacker was "inspired by international terrorism," and Prime Minister Theresa May said in her statement that she will never allow "voices of hate and evil to drive us apart."

**Marirose Bernal Staff Reporter**

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# Denver On The Rise

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

*(Photo: Denver.org)*

Back in 1858, a group of prospectors came across the land that is now called Denver. At the time, their reference points of the location of Denver were the South Platte River and Cherry Creek. When the prospectors arrived, a group of indians named the Arapaho occupied the land and made a living trapping animals for fur. Shortly after, the native people were forced to move out of the land and most of them ended up in what is now Wyoming and Oklahoma.

It was during the gold rush that Denver got its name from the governor at that time, James W. Denver. During this time it was discovered that the surrounding areas of Denver were extremely rich in gold and silver. Though gold is more sought after now, silver was actually the more profitable precious metal back then. It did not take long before the gold and silver market crashed and Denver needed a new industry in order to stay afloat.

Thanks to the Pacific Railroad, Denver started to become a hub for food distribution in the West. This marked the first economic boom in Denver and resulted in nearly a 1000% increase in population from 1870 to 1890. As time went by, most of the country saw a massive decline in economic activity, but Denver was able to thrive on its own. Through both of the world wars, many

military activities and defense contractors were stationed in Denver which allowed for a prosperous economy.

Through the 90's Denver began to expand into the foothills west of the city, and into the hilly plains that surrounded it in the other three directions. Being the largest city between the Missouri River and the pacific states, Denver had become a hub for transportation, industrial goods, and the commercial industry.

Due to the booming industries in Denver, it has become a spectacular place to live, albeit the extremely high living costs. Over the past decade, the cost of living in Denver has risen by more than 70% and that number is not getting any smaller. More and more people are moving to here, and the population is skyrocketing. In the year 2016, more than 100,000 people moved to the state of Colorado, many of which reside in Denver.

In terms of what we should expect in the future, things are not going to change too quickly. Many people are projecting that the population will steadily increase, along with the cost of living. Many people that have lived in Denver all of their life are now being forced to move because they can no longer afford it. It is safe to say that if you'd like to stick around in the beautiful city of Denver, you best be prepared to pay a high cost to live here.

***Luke Cahill Staff Reporter***

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# Trump's Health Care Ultimatum

NEWS

*(Photo: Getty Images)*

His way or the highway: President Trump is making Republicans choose between his proposed health care bill and Obama's Affordable Care Act. When Trump and Paul Ryan became doubtful the bill would pass, the G.O.P. decided to cancel the scheduled vote.

Struggling to gain support from his own party, Trump moved the date of the big vote to Friday March 24. Ryan refuses comment on whether or not he thinks the vote will pass, but it is reported that Republicans concern about the bill is its costliness.

Essentially, President Trump is now making it so that either his bill passes on March 24 or ObamaCare stays and Trump moves on with his agenda.

Not coincidentally, the vote was initially scheduled to take place on March 23, the 7 year anniversary of ObamaCare. But, as speculated by New York Times writer Julie Hirschfeld Davis, failure to pass Trump's health care would result in a "humiliating loss on the first significant legislative push of his presidency."

In defense of the Affordable Care Act, Obama chimed in by writing, “I’ve always said we should build on this law . . . if Republicans are serious about lowering costs while expanding coverage to those who need it, and if they’re prepared to work with Democrats and objective evaluators in finding solutions that accomplish those goals — that’s something we all should welcome.” Any outcome of the vote will offer significant insight on the country’s health care for years to come.

**Alanna Shingler** *Staff Reporter*

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## Rehearsaltown: A Look Into the Regis Rambler's Production of Urinetown

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

*(Photo: Allison Upchurch)*

Have you noticed all the signs and posters around campus with a toilet plunger on them advertising something called Urinetown? Rest assured, it is not an actual place. It is actually a musical put on by the Regis Ramblers, Regis' musical theater club.

The first question that is probably coming to mind is why Urinetown, and who decided to do this musical? "The students vote every year on what musical we do," Rich Cadwallader, the director of the show explains. "It was the consensus of the group, and this was the one they wanted to do."

According to the licensing agency Music Theater International, the inspiration for Urinetown came from the show's writer and co-lyricist Greg Kotis when he was a student traveling in Europe and encountered a pay to use toilet. Urinetown opened on Broadway on September 20, 2001 and ran until January 18, 2004. The show is about a city heavily affected by a water shortage resulting in the outlaw of private toilets, and the people who want to challenge the corporation that charges them a fee to use public toilets. Urinetown has been produced many times throughout the years both professionally and in communities across the country, and now it is Regis' turn to take the plunge(r).

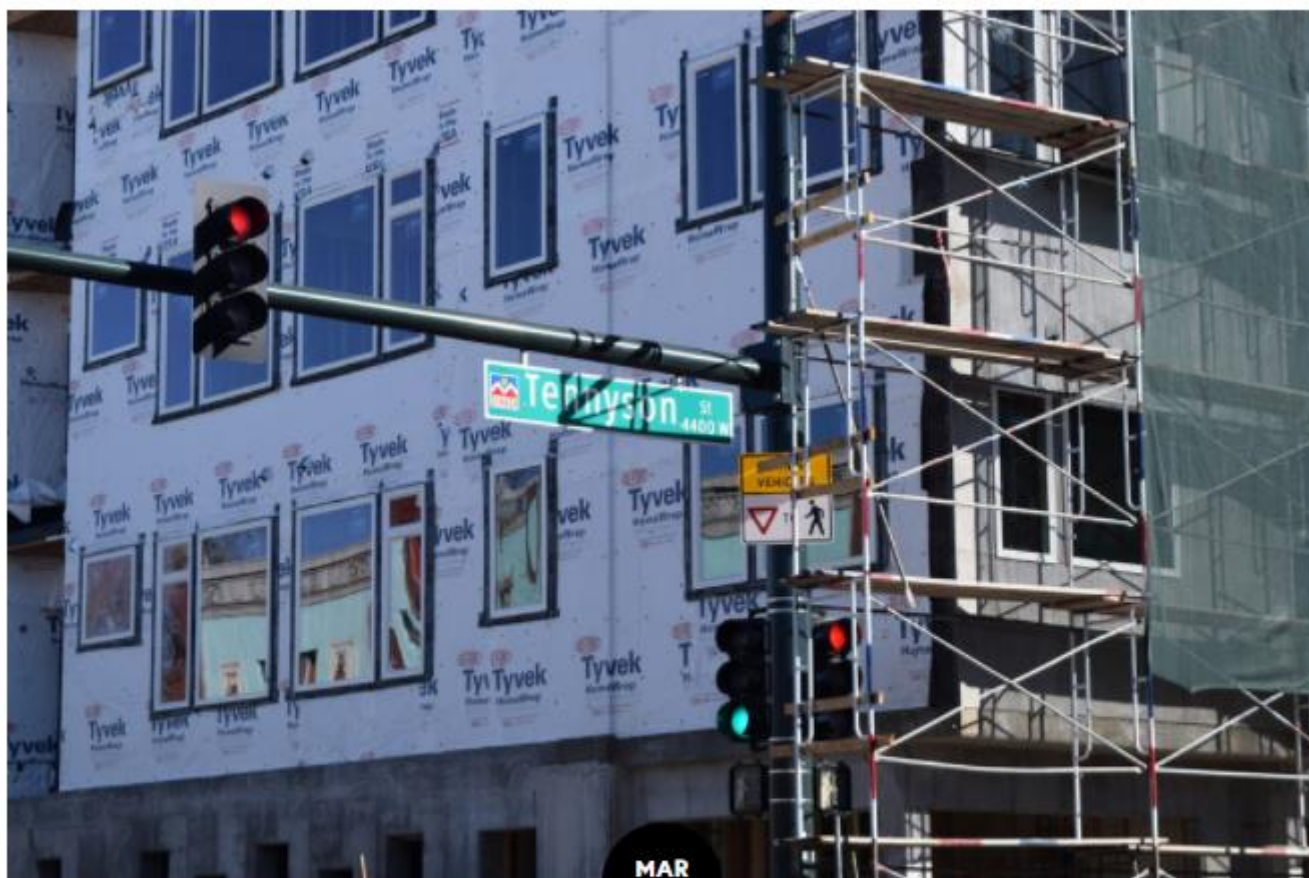
Auditions and casting took place in October, and ever since January the Ramblers have been in the rehearsal stage of the production, counting down the days until opening night. During rehearsals, the cast of 26 students from all different majors, ranging from politics to health and exercise sciences, work together to run lines, plan the staging, practice songs and choreography, and develop characters. With so many things to accomplish, the Ramblers organize it all by keeping an open channel of communication between each other. "It's a lot of communication between us and the students," assistant choreographer Emily Elliott explains. "Just really a lot of outside planning to make sure that we are using rehearsal time efficiently because we do recognize that students have a lot going on."

In addition to their time in rehearsal, the Ramblers split off into groups to market and advertise the show, construct the set, and gather the props and costumes. By taking part in all aspects of the production, each member of the Ramblers exhibits an interest in musical theater and wants to make the show successful. As choreographer Lisa Cadwallader points out, "It just so happens that there is this product that comes from everybody coming together and having a good time [and] having an outlet for creativity."

With Urinetown less than a week away, the Ramblers are ready to share this production with the Regis community, hopefully inspiring current Regis students to join the club next year! "You don't have to be a theater major or a music major to love theater and want to be involved in theater and to be a part of this club," Elliott exclaims, "At the end of the day it's not a club so much as it is a family that puts on a show and has fun."

Urinetown will be performed in the Mountain View Room on March 30 and March 31 at 8:00pm, April 1 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm, and April 2 at 2:00 pm. For more information and to purchase tickets visit [www.regis.edu/ramblers](http://www.regis.edu/ramblers). To find out how to join the Regis Ramblers email [regisramblers@gmail.com](mailto:regisramblers@gmail.com).





# Tennyson Treats!

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*Photo Essay: Addison Callahan*



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### *Tenn Street Coffee, 4418 Tennyson St:*

Tenn Street Coffee is a fun retro tea house that hosts book and music events. This coffee shop sells books in addition to caffeinated beverages. They also often host signing events with local authors. If you are looking for a down to earth homey coffee house this is the one for you!



### *Parisi, 4401 Tennyson St:*

Parisi is an amazing Italian restaurant which serves incredibly authentic food. Not only does it have wonderful main courses, it also boasts a coffee shop and gelato bar. If you're on Tennyson make sure to stop by to pick up an espresso shot and some delicious double chocolate gelato.



*Cozy Cottage, 4363 Tennyson St:*

The Cozy Cottage is a 5280 top brunch location and has earned the title ten times over. With incredible lattes served in mismatched mugs their whimsy and charm can help but shine through. Their french toast is one of the best I have ever tasted and their staff is always happy to make any accommodations. I highly recommend it for any breakfast meeting or get together.





***Children's Books, 4353 Tennyson St:***

This children's store brings magic and inspiration to a whole new level. With book readings and other special events, it draws families with small children like a magnet. They are always helpful when suggesting gifts for little ones and make you feel right at home.



***Bookbar, 4280 Tennyson St:***

The Bookbar is a combination of my two favorite things: caffeine and reading. The bookstore walls are lined with the staffs favorite picks. You are always welcome to speak with the staff and they will give you wonderful recommendations about which book to read next. Their full coffee bar leaves nothing to be desired and they boast an amazing happy hour. With a menu reflecting literary references one cannot help but be transported back in time when people read paperbacks instead of computer screens.





***Tea For Ewe, 4234 Tennyson St:***

This location prides itself on having over 30 teas on its shelves and all kinds of tea dispensers. In addition to their large variety of tea the store carries a wide range of yarn for all of your knitting needs. If you are a tea lover or knitter this store is your paradise. This is a great place to sip tea and talk with fellow crafters.





*Tootsie the Nail Shoppe, 4230 Tennyson St:*

Tennyson street is home to the very popular nail salon chain, Tootsie. If you need a places to go relax after a challenging exam, this is the place. Incredibly welcoming and very clean they will give you the most relaxing pedicure of your life!



*Monkey Fist Tattoo, 4345 W 41st Ave:*

Monkey Fist Tattoo studio employs many talented artists who are always willing to work with their customer to create the perfect tattoo design. They are reasonable priced for their quality of work and will do touch ups for free. If you are looking to get ink close to Regis, this is the studio for you!





*Vital Yoga, 3955 Tennyson St:*

Vital has been my yoga studio for almost 9 months now. It is a warm and welcoming environment that puts you at ease when you first walk in the door. They practice bowspring yoga, a challenging but rewarding style. When you sign up for classes, they perform a posture and alignment assessment to give you a starting point. After three months of classes they will reassess and show you how you have improved. The instructors are amazing and always willing to work with you if you have any specific needs or concerns.



*Vital Root, 3915 Tennyson St:*

Vital Root is the brainchild of Vital Yoga and Root Down restaurant. It combines the culinary mastery of Root Down but the relaxed feel of a yoga studio. They use organic foods sourced from local farms and work closely with the local grocers. They also have specific gluten free, vegetarian, and vegan meals on their menu.





*Allegro, 4040 Tennyson St:*

Allegro is new to Tennyson street, having only opened a few months ago. They have incredible fair trade coffee drinks and delicious pastries. They also have coffee brews that put a new spin on alcoholic beverages. The layout of the shop is open with a large amount of seating and windows.

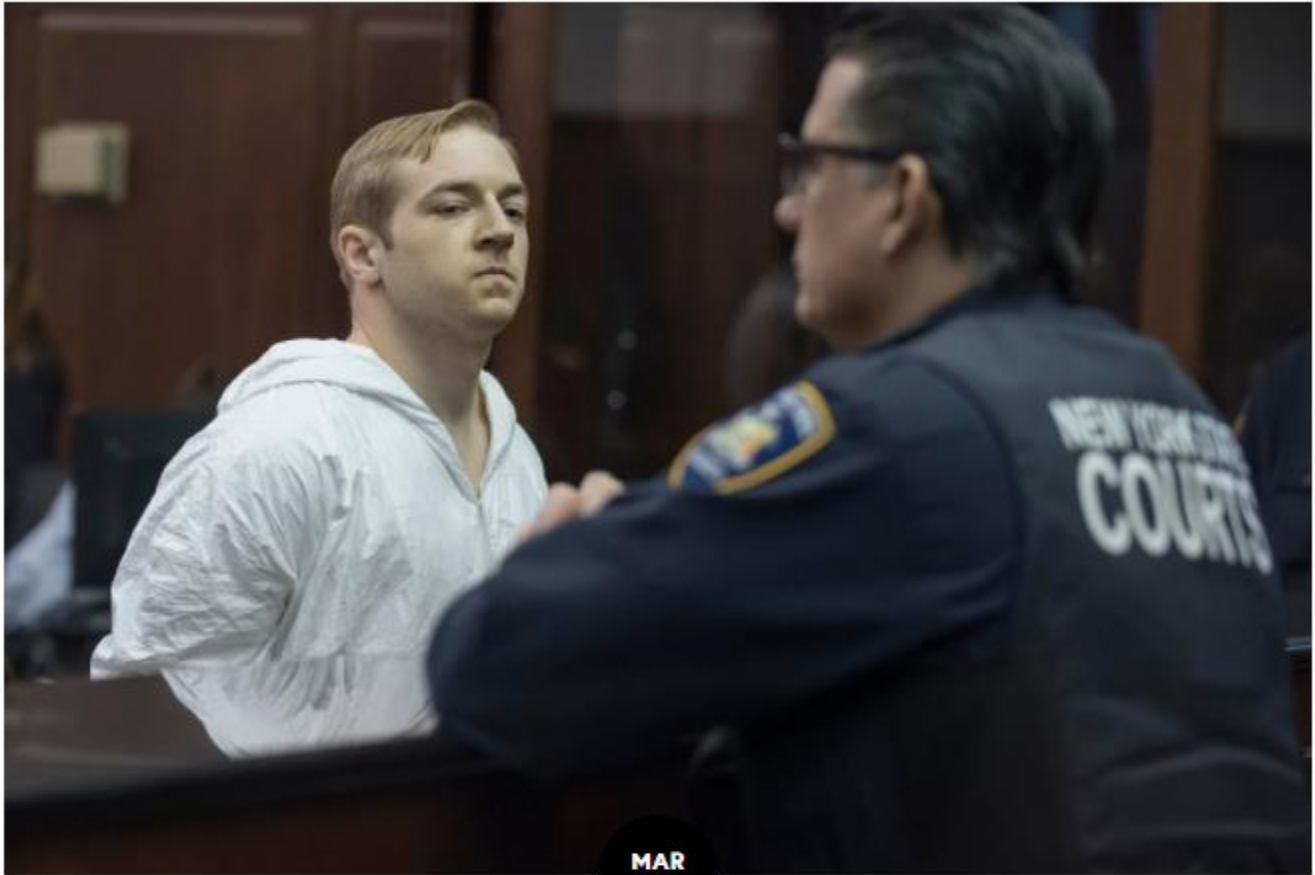




*Hops and Pie, 3920 Tennyson St:*

As the name suggests, this restaurant is most known for their beer selection and inventive pizza. With a rotating brew menu you are always bound to find a new and amazing beers! Their IPA mac and cheese is out of this world! A must have with every meal no matter what! The staff is always great with beer suggestions and will allow you to anything from tasters to pints. They also have great deals, like their Tuesday two slice and two pint night.

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# Fatal Hate Crime: The Murder of Timothy Caughman

NEWS

*(Photo: Steven Hirsch/New York Times)*

James Harris Jackson hates black men. The 28-year old white man hates black men so much that on Monday March 20, he killed one. Headed to New York City from Baltimore with the intention of murder, Jackson was unnerved by the number of black men he saw, but chose New York because he knew his homicide would gain most media attention in the city. His weapon of choice was a sword and his victim was 66-year old Timothy Caughman.

After surrendering to the police, Jackson was charged with second degree murder as a hate crime. He did not plead guilty and shows no remorse for his actions - at the arraignment, Jackson actually appeared bored as his charges were read. His lawyer argues that Jackson is suffering “obvious psychological issues”.

Confirming his motive for the killing, Jackson told law enforcement, “I’ve hated black men since I was a kid. I’ve had these feelings since I was a young person. I hate black men” He also told detective that this was only supposed to be his first murder of many, that he had intentions to continue killing. Security footage from Jackson’s hotel shows Jackson following a black man. Jackson admits that he was targeting that man, but did not attempt to kill him because there were so many people around.

Americans are mourning the death of Caughman, as hate crime frequency is increasing across the country. In Queens, Timothy Caughman led the Neighborhood Youth Corps and in his retirement loved reading and giving advice to younger people about how to excel in business. As innocent as one man can be, Caughman’s death is yet another example of how it remains unsafe to be black in America.

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# How To Fact Check Your News

NEWS

*(Photo: Roosevelt Institute)*



The American healthcare system is sick. Everyone, from bleeding-heart progressives to staunch supporters of the Freedom Caucus, agrees on this – and how could they not? One only needs to give a cursory glance at the statistics, or spend five minutes in a crowded emergency room, to realize that there is something deeply broken about how we go about ministering the health of our nation. [According to a meta-analysis by the Commonwealth Fund](#) of healthcare data from thirteen high-income countries, despite the fact that the United States spends the most per capita on healthcare, Americans have the lowest life expectancy and the highest infant mortality rate. The real question, then, is, “What is to blame?”

The Democrats’ answer is that an unscrupulous health insurance industry is the root cause of our dysfunction, a thesis deeply embedded in the provisions of the Affordable Care Act. On the other hand, Republicans claim that Medicare and Medicaid are distorting the market, and providers are raising prices for the privately insured to compensate; thus, the draconian cuts proscribed in the failed American Health Care Act.

In a certain sense, both sides touch on real issues. Yes, before the Obamacare regulations, the feedback loop between uninsured patients being unable to pay their bills and the rising costs of health services and coverage was growing out of control; and yes, Medicare and Medicaid are poorly designed, inefficient programs which distort the market and consume more than their fair share of the federal budget.

However, both approaches to healthcare reform are fatally flawed, in that they assign a single cause to a mind-bogglingly complex phenomenon. It’s not even the case, as many centrists like to believe, that an effective solution lies somewhere in the middle of the two policies because, outside of a handful of experts, everyone misses the real causes of rising healthcare costs. Now, it would be impossible for me to give a complete account of everything which ails us in a single column, but here are the two most significant factors, based on what I’ve gathered from the data:

## **1. America is the least healthy developed nation.**

According to the Commonwealth Fund study, a significant portion of our healthcare costs come from the general poor health of the U.S. population. Despite the fact that, as of 2013, we had the third lowest incidence of daily smokers from the countries included in the study, we came first in both obesity (at 35.3% of the population) and the percentage of seniors with two or more chronic conditions. (68%) Treatment of chronic health problems is far more expensive than treating acute conditions, such that [a 2012 investigation by PBS](#) found that the 50% of the American population with one or more chronic condition accounted for 84% of all healthcare expenditures in 2010.

## **2. Consolidation is stifling competition.**

While patients on government programs have the advantage of consistent pricing set by federal regulators, [a study from the Health Care Pricing Project](#) found that the privately insured are subjected to wide variations in price. For instance, the authors found that nationwide, the price of a lower-limb MRI can vary by a factor of twelve – that is, the most expensive hospital charges twelve times as much as the least expensive one.

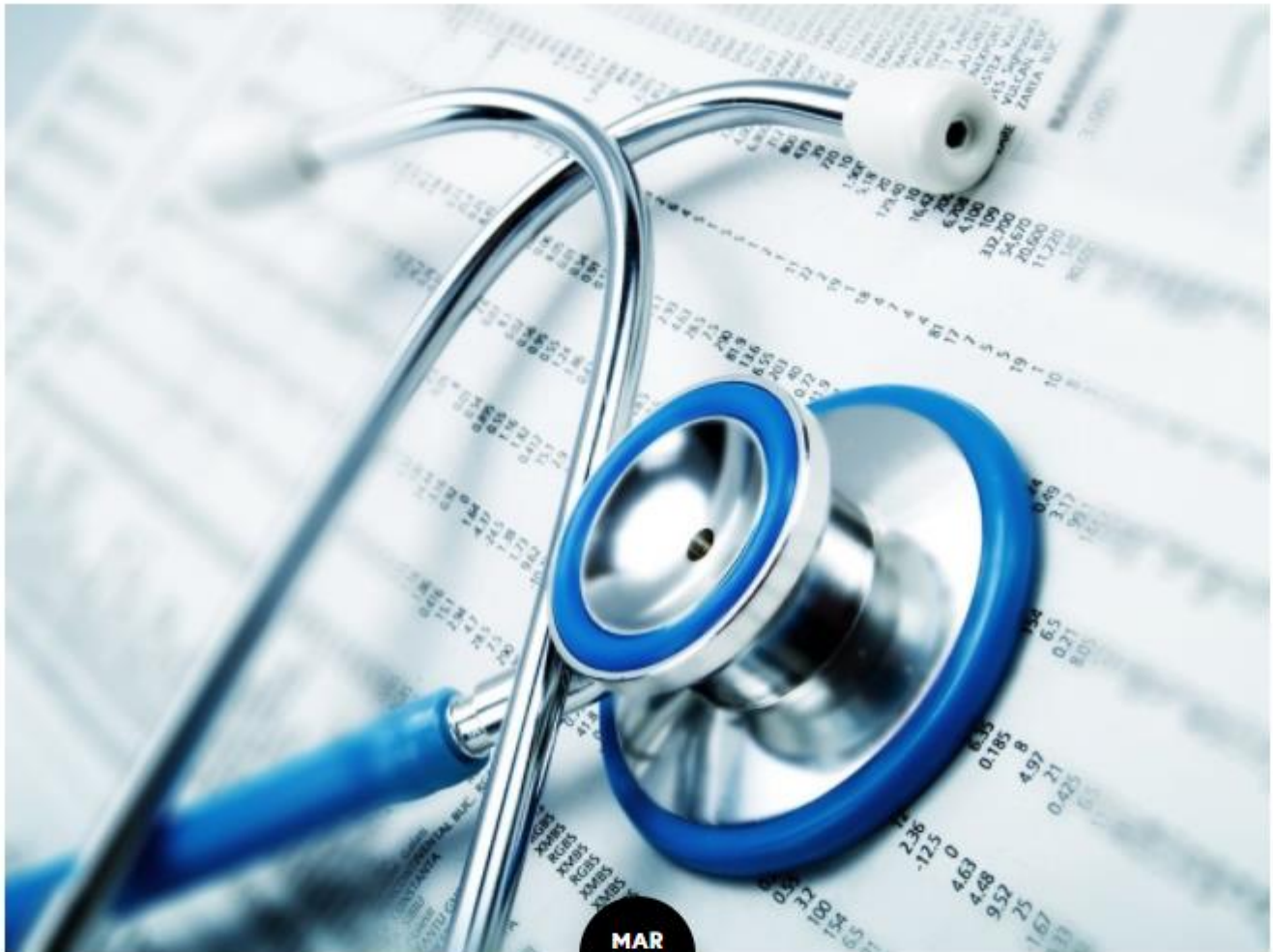


This, the study claims, can largely be attributed to the recent trend of hospital mergers and provider consolidation, which has led to the formation of healthcare monopolies in many areas, allowing providers to charge much more for basic services than the market would otherwise allow.

Until we can solve these problems, any effort at reform, be it conservative or progressive, is doomed to failure. My advice? Eat your vegetables and stay healthy. We may be waiting for a while.

**Ford Mulligan** *Staff Reporter*

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# OP-ED: What Everyone Gets Wrong About Healthcare

POLITICS

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## 2017 Matteo Ricci Award Presentations

CAMPUS LIFE

*(Photos: Addison Callahan)*

On March 23, the Office of Global Education hosted the second annual Global Engagement Colloquium in conjunction with Travel Learning, Service Learning, Student Activities, and Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions Global Health Committee. The colloquium was designed to allow students to reflect and share on their abroad experience, while also educating peers and community members about their travels. Each year, this event is made up of a collection of students all with unique and engaging abroad experiences.

For the 2017 colloquium, Dr. Amy Bell started the night off with opening remarks to set the tone for the evening. Following Dr. Bell's remarks were 12 Regis student presentations. Presentations were organized into three categories: Academics in an Immersive Context, Discovering Inspiration Abroad and Shifting Perspectives on Place, Perception, Pace, and Privilege. The evening was concluded with a poem presentation delivered by Junior Elsa Meyners, who shared about her semester in Thailand.

In each category, students spoke to their study experiences, sharing both the heartfelt, transformational moments, as well as the humorous memories they'd created. Presentations covered a wide variety of topics and each made an impressionable mark on colloquium guests. Students reflected on their travels all over the world, from the Czech Republic to Ghana, Cambodia to Cuba, France to Japan. Regis students have taken the globe by storm and their presentations reflected the immense individual growth and heightened awareness of global respect and unity.

Student presentations were judged and one global scholar was selected as the recipient for the \$100 Matteo Ricci Award for Best Global Colloquium Engagement Presentation. Selecting a winner for the award was no easy task, given the incredibly depth of student presentations. After much deliberation, Senior Brittany Truong was named the 2017 Matteo Ricci Award Recipient for her presentation titled From the Genetics Lab to the Rainforest!

Brittany has worked intensively in the bio labs at Regis, observing and quantifying genetic traits in Costa Rican monkeys. To be hands on in the research process, she traveled to Costa Rica to collect fecal samples which she was able to bring back and analyze in the lab. According to the judges - Stephanie Colunga-Montoya, Matthew Daly, Bobbi Ewelt, Jason Taylor, Kellan Souraf, and Michael Ennis - Brittany delivered a "well-polished presentation that touched on how her experience solidified her vocational goals and impacted her world views."

An Honorable Mention was also given to Nicholas Broncucia for his reflective and inspirational presentation, Encounter as Revolutionary Travel: Experiencing Cuba and the Cuban People.

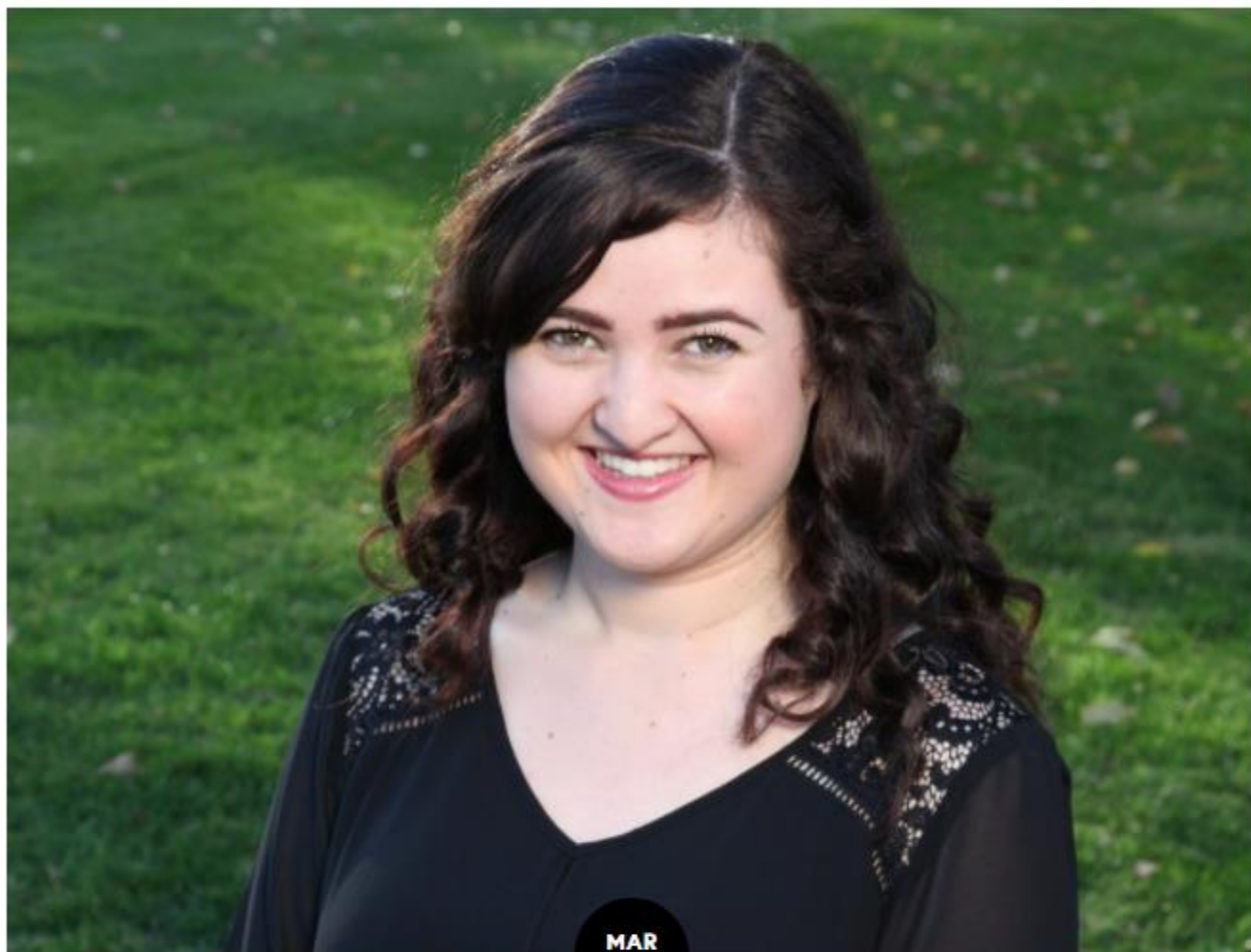
Learn more about the featured student Brittany Truong on the Humans of Regis page!

**Marley Weaver-Gabel** *Editor-In-Chief*





Marley Weaver-Gabel, Matteo Ricci Award, Global Engagement Colloquium



## Humans of Regis: Celia Salazar

HUMANS OF REGIS

(Photo courtesy of Celia Salazar)

### *What brought you to Regis University?*

I was looking for a school that carried the same Jesuit values and small-community atmosphere that my high school had. While I was open to it, I honestly never had any intention of leaving California (where I'm from.) So ending up in Colorado was an enormous adjustment/opportunity of growth for me. You never know where you'll end up. I've learned a ton and experienced a lot in my short three years here.

### *What is your favorite Jesuit Value? Why?*

Out of all of the Jesuit Values, my favorite would have to be Cura Personalis (caring for the whole person.) Growing up, I've both had and needed some important mentors to guide me through my many life experiences. I've come to understand how truly wonderful it is to have loving people accept you for who you are and support everything that makes you unique; your past, your struggles, your dreams. My ultimate goal is to be this for as many people as I can. To meet people where they are and help them to grow. I think the world needs more love, understanding, compassion and patience. Humans are complex individuals with different needs, hopes, and paths. And we need to help each other figure out what those things are to bring them forth and make our troubled world a brighter place.

***What has been your fondest memory of Regis?***

It's a no-brainer, but most of my fondest memories at Regis have occurred with all of my friends during choir and Ramblers. We're all this disgustingly wonderful tight-knit group of people who love each other, and it's, the best. My friends are the reason I come back to school every single year. I would be nothing without them.

***What has been your fondest memory on the Regis University Ramblers?***

Part of the reason why theatre is so awesome is because no single show is ever the same, and mishaps are bound to happen. And when encountering this, you just have to cling on for dear life and get through it like it's part of the show. The first that comes to mind happened during Bye Bye Birdie last year when one of our leads bit into a fake donut only to discover (on stage, mind you) that it was actually a squeaky toy. Everyone was crying. No one on stage (or in the audience) was able to quell their laughter. It was great.

***What are you most looking forward to about this year's show, Urinetown?***

I'm most looking forward to FINALLY SINGING WITH AN ORCHESTRA. My high school theatre department was tiny and we always sang with tracks. So as a Music Major and musical theatre lover, I'm looking forward to finally experiencing what it feels like to perform with a live band for the first time ever.

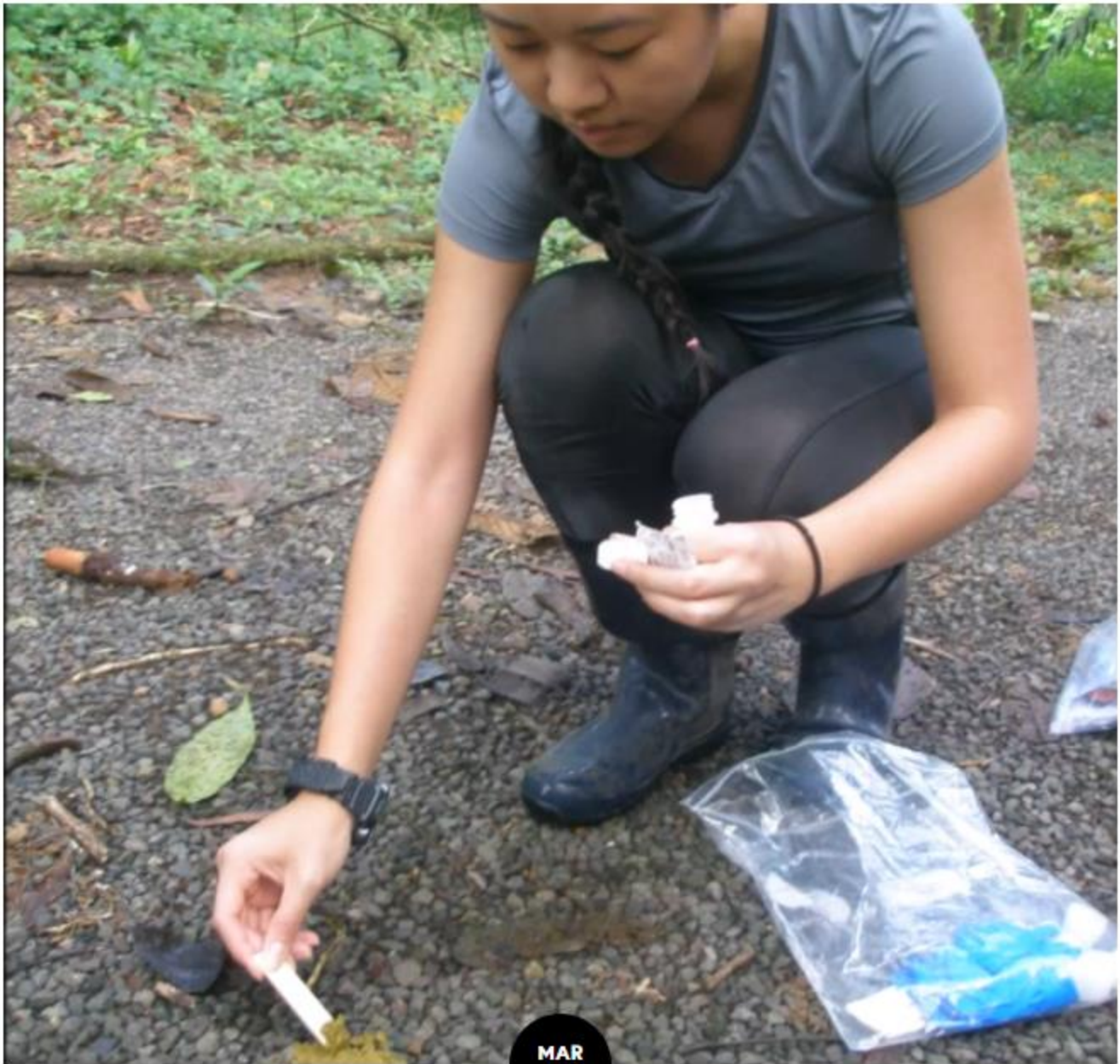
***Is there anything else you would like the Regis community to know?***

You are loved and you are extraordinary! When it comes down to it, life and people matter. Remember this when things get hard. And remind yourself why you're doing whatever it is you are doing.

***Samantha Jewell Social Media Editor***

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## Humans of Regis: Brittany Truong

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*(Photo courtesy of Naomi Olson)*

***What brought you to Regis University?***

When I visited Regis University's campus for the first time during my junior year of high school, I fell in love with the campus. I knew that this was where I wanted to be for my undergrad. I loved



how small Regis was and the way it felt like “home.” Regis was actually the only school I applied to, and I was fortunate enough to receive a full-tuition scholarship to study biology. It was perfect.

***What is your favorite Jesuit Value? Why?***

My favorite Jesuit value is “Magis.” To me, embodying the value of “Magis” means always doing more. In other words, we should never settle for what is easiest or where we feel most comfortable. We must step out of our comfort zone and wholeheartedly embrace the next chapter in our lives.

***What has been your fondest memory of Regis?***

One of my fondest memories will be the relationships that I’ve developed with some of my professors. There are a few professors that have watched me grow as a student and a person throughout my time at Regis. I love that they were always there to encourage and guide me along the way, especially when I was feeling most lost. I’ll never forget the many hours I spent in professors’ office hours talking about anything from homework problems to the meaning of life.

***Why did you choose your study abroad location?***

During my junior year at Regis University, I began conducting research with two biology professors, Dr. Marie Dominique Franco and Dr. Amy Schreier. I am genetically analyzing the diversity of mantled howler and white-faced capuchin monkeys from La Suerte Biological Research Station in Costa Rica using fecal samples. I was quite fond of the monkey feces – countless hours in the lab will have that effect on you. Even so, I always felt like something was missing. In the summer of 2016, I decided to travel to La Suerte to observe the monkeys and collect vials of their feces myself.

***What was the inspiration behind the 2017 Matteo Ricci Award for the Best Global Engagement Colloquium Presentation?***

My time abroad is somewhat unusual compared to typical study abroad programs. I spent a month at a research station in the middle of the rainforest. In my presentation, I wanted to highlight the fact that my time in Costa Rica truly changed my life, not because of the people I met, but rather the monkeys. I developed such a deep connection to the monkeys after living with them for a month and observing them in their natural habitat.

***What impact did your field work have on you during your time in Costa Rica?***

My experience in the rainforest instilled in me a deeper connection to my research project, the monkeys, and the beautiful rainforest; however, it also showed me that I was not meant for field research or primate ecology. I am a geneticist at heart. I preferred to collect feces over watching the monkeys, and throughout the trip, I was eager to leave the rainforest and begin analysis in my home in the genetics laboratory. Nevertheless, I could now say that I was involved with every step of the

research process – from the sample collection in Costa Rica to the genetic analysis in Denver, CO. It made my research project so much more meaningful.

*Is there anything else you would like the Regis community to know?*

I feel truly blessed to have spent four years at Regis. In the fall, I will be attending graduate school at the University of Colorado Anschutz to pursue a PhD in Human Medical Genetics and Genomics. I know that this has only been possible because of the fantastic people that I met and the amazing opportunities that Regis has provided me. I'm anxious for the future, but I know that my education at Regis has prepared me well.

**Samantha Jewell Social Media Editor**

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## Humans of Regis: Mary Kate Willden

HUMANS OF REGIS

*(Photo courtesy of Mary Kate Willden)*

***What brought you to Regis University?***

I was drawn to Regis due to the small class size, what I had heard about the education program, and probably most of all the fact that there was a religious component to it.

***What is your favorite Jesuit Value? Why?***

Cura Personalis, because I'm going to be a teacher and as a teacher you truly care not only for the child's education, but also individualized attention to the needs of each child, with respect for their individual circumstances and concerns, and an appreciation for his or her particular talents and thoughts. This really is important to me and guides my outlook on being a teacher.

***What has been your fondest memory of Regis?***

One of my fondest memories of Regis is the day I had finished finals for my sophomore year and I was walking around campus and it was so beautiful and peaceful. The grass was so green, there were flowers everywhere and I just remember thinking that I couldn't believe I was half done with my college experience, but was quite sure I had made the right choice.

***What has been your fondest memory with the Regis University Ramblers?***

One of my fondest memories was our closing night two years ago for The Drowsy Chaperone and our lead had a big monologue at the end where he talked about how much he loved the play. His line was "I love this show so much" but on closing night he was close to tears and he said "I love this show and this cast so much" and probably no one except the cast knew that that wasn't the line but a lot of us were backstage crying right before the big ending number. You get close to a cast and it's a special and difficult thing to say goodbye to at the end of a run.

***What are you most looking forward to about this year's show, Urinetown?***

I'm looking forward to sharing what we have worked so hard on for the past semester. I love the feeling you get opening night when you're listening to the overture music and you're dancing around with people who have worked hard to do their best and who you trust to do their best and it all comes together. The lights go up and you hear the first line and your nervous energy sort of just melts away and it's show time!

***Is there anything else you would like the Regis community to know?***

I have enjoyed my experience at Regis immensely. One of the deciding factors for me to attend this university was because a club like Ramblers existed and I think it was the best choice for me to make. I am grateful for my education both curricular and extracurricular.

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## March Madness Final Four

SPORTS

*(VOA News)*

It is the moment we have all been waiting for, the Final Four teams in the tournament are set to battle it out in the National Championship.

North Carolina, who is making a back-to-back appearance to the final, is now about to be in their 20th Final Four in program history. That is more than the other three teams combined. There might be favorites in this year's Final Four, but anything is possible in the NCAA tournament, as we have seen this year with the 7th seed South Carolina, being in their first Final Four in program history.

The Gamecocks have been incredibly hot this tournament, beating an incredibly talented Duke team and crushing Baylor by twenty points in the Sweet Sixteen. The other two teams are Gonzaga and Oregon, who have displayed very strong performances throughout the whole tournament.

The madness continues this Saturday, April 1st. South Carolina takes on Gonzaga while North Carolina is set to play Oregon. Be sure to watch these high energy basketball games to get ready for the anticipated championship game.





## Jay Z's Tribute to Trayvon Martin

NEWS

*(Photo: Dave Kotinsky/Getty Images)*

Trayvon Martin's name is one that will not soon be forgotten and Jay Z has plans to ensure that Martin's story will go down in history. The Weinstein Company and Jay Z have confirmed that will join forces to produce a six-part documentary television series and a film about Martin's life.

Trayvon Martin, an unarmed 17-year old, was famously killed by a neighborhood volunteer named George Zimmerman in 2012. Following the court's ruling to acquit Zimmerman of second degree murder charges and manslaughter, the public was overwhelmed with feelings of racial injustice and took to the streets in protest. The case provoked a larger national debate and opened discussions about racial profiling and police brutality.

The adaptations of Martin's life will be heavily based on two books, "Suspicion Nation: The Inside Story of the Trayvon Martin Injustice and Why We Continue to Repeat It" and "Rest in

Power: The Enduring Life of Trayvon Martin,” both of which Jay Z has recently required the rights to use.

This is not Jay Z’s first contribution to social justice regarding racial equality. Both he and his wife Beyonce participated in a rally for Trayvon Martin in New York and his music streaming company Tidal donated \$1.5 million to Black Lives Matter related causes. On his new project, Jay Z says, "His death is here to teach us to save a generation of kids . . . It's hard to watch, but important to see."

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## Trump's Environmental Policies Put Into Action

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*(Photo: Stephen Crowley/New York Times)*

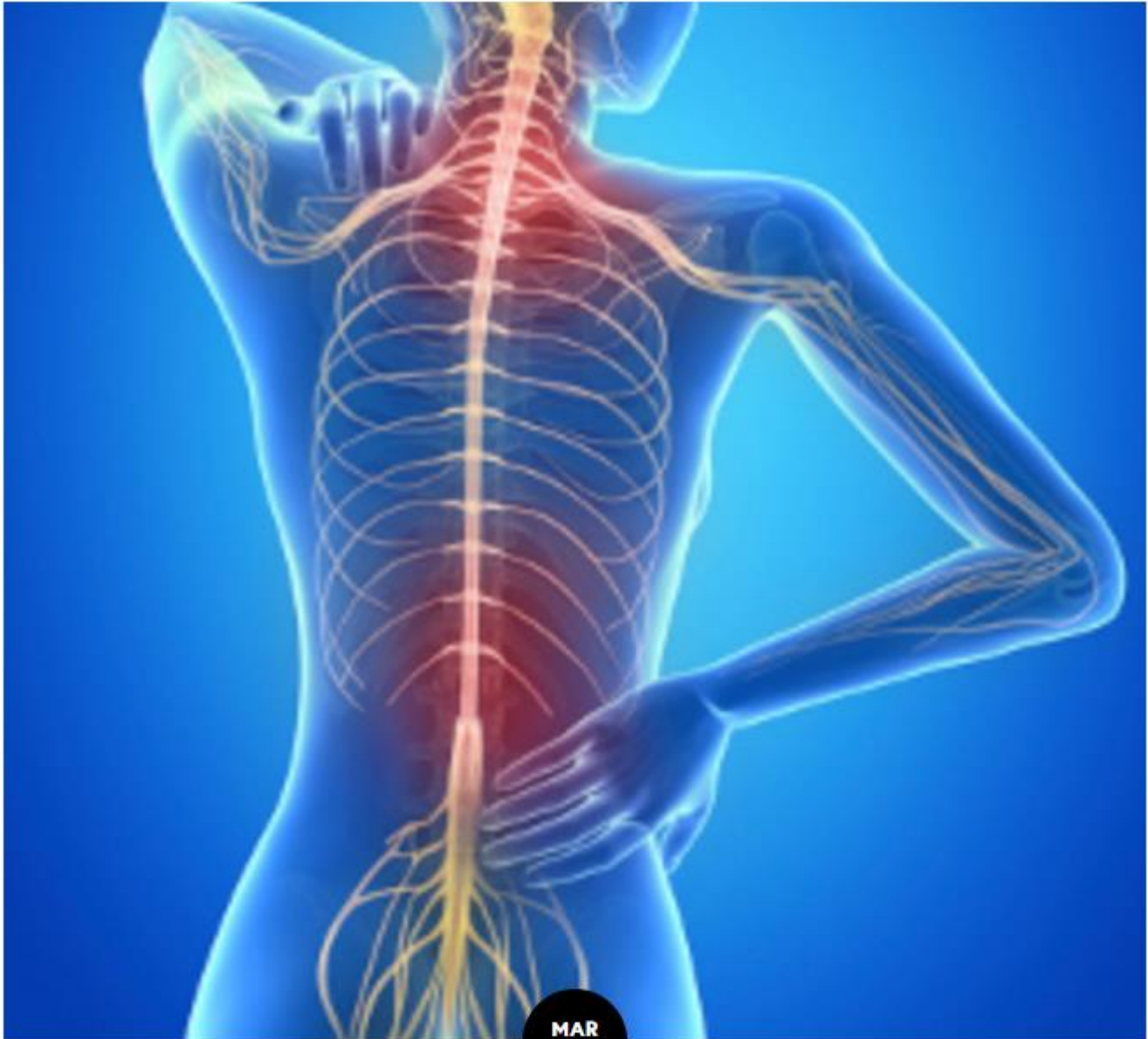
Following failure to pass his healthcare plan, President Trump made a power move on Tuesday March 28 by issuing an executive order to nullify President Obama's Clean Power Plan. Obama's plans to protect the environment included closing hundreds of coal-fired power plants and moves to replace harmful energy-producing sources with wind and solar energy. Further, Obama vowed that from 2005 to 2025, he would reduce emissions by 26 percent.

Trump's move counters the Paris Agreement, which was signed by the United States with the ultimate goal of preventing the the planet's temperature from rising more than 3.6 degrees, which scientists warn will be the point of no return. Trump has yet to decide whether or not he will back out of the formal agreement. Erik Solheim, director of the United Nations Environment Program expresses disapproval by saying, "This is not the time for any country to change course on the very serious and very real threat of climate change . . . the science tells us that we need bolder, more ambitious commitments." Harvard environmental economics professor adds, "One of the greatest concerns is what other key countries including China, India, and Brazil will do when the U.S. reneges on the Paris agreement."

Trump justifies his decision by claiming he is saving jobs for large numbers of people, but supporters of Obama's climate change efforts are highly concerned about the challenges global warming presents for future generations.

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# FDA Approves New Multiple Sclerosis Drug

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(Photo: Buzzle)

One of Dr. Stephen Houser's first ever patients was a Harvard Law graduate with multiple sclerosis, an autoimmune disease commonly referred to as MS. As it often does in severe cases, MS took the patient's ability to speak, swallow, and breathe and restricted her to a wheelchair. Having



no way to treat her, Houser decided then that he would dedicate his career to MS research, which is what he has done for the past forty years.

On Tuesday March 28, the Food and Drug Association announced approval of a new drug called ocrelizumab. As opposed to many other MS drugs which target T cells in the immune system, ocrelizumab blocks the immune system's B cells. This drug aims to treat primary progressive MS, which means it is the first ever FDA approved drugs to treat the most aggressive form of multiple sclerosis.

Of an estimated 400,000 Americans who live with the disease, the new drugs just might prove to be very beneficial to the 10-15% who suffer from the disease in its most severe form. It also has been cleared for relapse-remitting form of MS. Hause comments, "We've never had a treatment so successful against new lesions," and goes on to say that it essentially "stops MS in its tracks."

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## Regis University Story Slam Preview

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On Thursday, April 6 the Student Disability Services and University Testing will be holding an Autism Awareness Story Slam. It will be at Regis University in Walker's Pub and begins at 6:00 pm. They invite you to either come and enjoy the show or share a story, poem or song that follows the theme of "A Different World." The stories should be no more than 10 minutes long. Coordinator Grace Herbison wants people to feel free to join and let go of the thought that disability awareness entitles something somber.

Herbison shares, “when many of us think about the barriers that impact people with disabilities, we often focus on diagnoses and impairments, and we sometimes overlook the social barriers such as stereotypes and discrimination...I believe that this event will help challenge stereotypes of disabled people because I think real stories allow others to see each person as an individual with unique experiences and perspectives which can help dispel any general assumptions there are about people with disabilities.”

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## Movie Review: Beauty and the Beast

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*(Photo: Walt Disney Studios)*

It's time once again for an adventure in the great, wide somewhere. And by somewhere, I mean “the hidden heart of France” because that is where this tale as old as time is being told by Disney once more on the big screen. Disney's story of Beauty and the Beast was first released as an animated movie in 1991. Twenty-five years later, it is now a live-action film retelling with all the classic characters and charming storytelling told through music and magic.

Once again, we follow the tale of a young woman named Belle, played by Emma Watson, who longs for adventure outside her little town and away from the unwanted courting of the town's hero Gaston, played by Luke Evans. Through a series of unexpected circumstances, Belle finds herself a resident of an enchanted castle that is ruled by the Beast, played by Dan Stevens, and staffed by a group of enchanted objects, who need to break a curse put on them by an enchantress.

In this live-action retelling, there is much more story for us to explore. Some of the characters get more exposition and backstory, compared to the original animated movie, and the characters themselves are portrayed by an all-star cast, including Ewan McGregor as Lumière, Sir Ian McKellen as Cogsworth, and Emma Thompson as Mrs. Potts.

Another element that is also making a return to the big screen is the music numbers that made *Beauty and the Beast* a Disney classic. Originally composed and written by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman, songs like "Be Our Guest" and "Beauty and the Beast" return and are beautifully composed and performed with more excitement and enriching choreography than what was possible with 2D animation in the original movie. This version of *Beauty and the Beast* features new songs like "How Does a Moment Last Forever" and "Evermore" composed specifically for the more tender moments in the movie and end credit songs are sung by Céline Dion and Josh Groban.

With so much more to experience in *Beauty and the Beast*, how does a Jesuit value fit into this story? Well, that's just it. Since there is more to the story, the characters experience the Magis, or "more," in their specific situations. Because Magis is striving for the better or discerning the greater good, this movie shows how some of the main characters are trying to be the best version of themselves. Take for example, the Beast. At first, the Beast is in despair and has a low tolerance for anyone with whom he interacts, but as the movie goes on he strives to be the best version of himself by showing he is more than a monstrous face, showing compassion for Belle and the staff, and by not defining himself because of his actions in the past. Through the Beast's character, we see how the value of Magis means to strive to be the best person possible by recognizing personal strengths and acting upon them with dignity and self-worth.

Not so provincial anymore, huh?

**Allison Upchurch** *Staff Reporter*

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# Good News for Elephants

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*(Photo: Alanna Shingler)*

As targets for poaching, logging, tourism, and more, elephants endure mistreatment and death excessively around the world. China, the world's biggest market for elephant tusks, officially banned the trading of ivory in an attempt to save elephants who fall victim to poachers at the end of 2016. Many were skeptical that China's efforts would fail to actually benefit the elephants, but the fact that the market for ivory has sunk suggests that the ban has made a positive impact. By the end of 2017, China plans to shut down all of its ivory factories and close all ivory retail outlets.

The numbers are coming from report conducted by a well-respected Kenyan wildlife group and indicate that the price of ivory has dropped by about 50 percent in the last three years. At its peak, an elephant tusk could be worth over more than \$100,000, but last month, it dropped to only \$730 per kilogram. Because ivory is a valued status symbol in China, it seems unlikely that black market poaching will cease completely. Ivory is more of a want than a need for China's

middle class who treasure items such as bracelets, combs, and statues made at the cost of elephant's lives.

Regardless, leader of Save the Elephants, Iain Douglas-Hamilton feels optimistic about the numbers and explains, "We must give credit to China for having done the right thing. There is still a long way to go to end the excessive killing of elephants for ivory, but there is now greater hope for the species."

***Alanna Shingler Staff Reporter***

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## Regis Homeless Outreach

SOCIAL JUSTICE

*(Photo courtesy of David Mooney)*

Homeless Outreach is a new event that happens every Sunday from 1pm-5pm. This organization was inspired by and named after the Saint, Benedict Joseph Labre, Ministry to the Homeless. Labre is the Patron Saint of Homelessness, and this new organization at Regis University was started by sophomore David Mooney with the help of sophomore Zach Martinez. Every Sunday they invite Regis students to make lunches and go downtown to start conversations with the marginalized and hear their stories. Please take the time to read this interview with David Mooney and Zach Martinez.

### ***Why did you start Homeless Outreach?***

**Mooney:** We have begun this with Regis's Jesuit values in mind. Specifically, the values of Cura Personalis, men and women in service of others, and unity of mind and heart. For myself, I was inspired by my experiences with meeting those on the margins during my high school years. When I came to Denver, I couldn't help but notice the many people who are ostracized and I couldn't help but feel a strong pull towards trying to help these people and get to know who they are as people. And I was reminded of the beautiful, joyful friendships I made with those on the margins back on the streets of Cleveland and I wanted to bring that opportunity for joy to my fellow peers at Regis.

**Martinez:** David told me about a class he had in high school where they would go downtown with his class and they would feed and talk with the homeless. I think, for me, it is important to have a world perspective where I don't just hear one side, but I listen to all the people in my community. It feels good to give. When you give, you are receiving a lot more.

### ***What do you do?***

**Mooney:** We make food packages which consist of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, a water bottle, a granola bar, and or a small bag of chips or vegetables. From Regis, we take the bus down to 16th street mall and civic center park. We make these packages in order to use to initiate conversation. It's not about efficiency of how fast we hand out food or how much, but it is about conversations and friendships. We have something to offer in return. We ask their name, we get to know them deeper than a superficial level.

### ***What has homeless outreach meant to you?***

**Martinez:** It has meant seeing the realities of the world we live in. It has made me examine how blessed I am to be where I am.

### ***What has been your most meaningful experience?***

**Mooney:** Broadly speaking, it is always pretty amazing to see the transformation that Regis students go through as they realize stereotypical perceptions are inconsistent in that those who are experiencing homelessness are human beings just as much as they are. Every experience is different. Some homeless people may not say a word, but that doesn't happen too often. Many of the people we meet have lots to say. One particular experience was with an elderly man who was probably in his 60s, whose name is Ron, and as we approached him and said, "Hello would you like something to eat?" He looked at us with a face of irritation and snapped back, "who are you what are you trying to sell?" To which we replied, "Oh no we are not trying to sell anything. We are just students from Regis University wants to help you out." We engaged in conversation starting with small talk but quickly progressing to much more personal topics. He told us about his three kids, how they don't know he is homeless, which for us, in a very real way, transcended the notion that homeless people are just shallow or lazy; we don't think of these people as having families or kids. As we saw with Ron, and with many others, pride and independence constitute the majority of what little they have. Our hope is to unshroud their dignity that is inherited in every

human being. At the end of our conversation with Ron, he smiled, looked at us, and asked, “Are you guys Christians?” To which we replied, “yes, we are.” To which he said, “keep doing what you are doing. We need more good Christians in the world.”

**Martinez:** Last time we went, a homeless woman who had been homeless for quite some time played us a song on her guitar. Also, recognizing in some of the people I meet that mental health is such a big issue here that people do not understand. Not just in a marginalized setting, even an excellent university like Regis people are struggling with mental health. On the street, people do what they can to survive.

*What do you hope that the people who participate get out of this?*

**Mooney:** Homeless people are everywhere, no matter where we go, we will always find those on the margins. But, while the homeless are seen, I found it quite difficult to find those who would be willing to commit to a program such as Labre. Over and over I have heard the same responses of “I have a test,” “I am busy, sorry,” or “no, I am not going” to our invitations of the opportunity to befriend those on the margins. I think that what makes it so hard for people (myself included) to follow through on helping the homeless is that a relationship such as that is one that is not a necessity, but rather, it is one that is formed through pure, selfless love.

**Martinez:** Compassion. When you begin to do downtown more frequently, you make connections with people. It brings a lot of joy in their day to see you, especially being youth. The fact that youth is leading something like this gives people hope.

**Frances Meng-Frecker Staff Reporter**

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