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Massive Mudslide Kills At Least 230 In Columbia

NEWS

(Photo: Luis Robayo/Agence France-Presse)

Near midnight on Saturday April 1, Colombia's city of Mocoa was shaken by a destructive mudslide which killed over 230 people, many of whom were asleep in their beds at the time. Later that day, President Juan Manuel Santos declared a state of emergency and the National Unit for Disaster Risk Management searched through the mud to find victims and survivors. In addition to the 234 found dead, 200 others were injured and large numbers remain missing.

President Santos tweeted about the disaster, "The tragedy of Mocoa hurts me as a president and as a human being. My heartfelt condolences to each family of the

victims.” It is reported that doctors in Mocoa were overwhelmed by the number of patients and that hospitals were running low on blood supplies.

The Colombian Red Cross has deployed workers to help locate the remaining missing people. Its spokesman, Oscar Forero remarks, “In this moment, it’s chaos. There are many people missing.” He blames climate change for the mudslide, reasoning that the amount of rainfall Mocoa received that night was nearly 50 percent of the amount the city would normally get in a month.

Houses are buried under mud and the slide was so strong that it was able to rapidly carry trucks downstream. Currently, there is no electricity, clean water, or gasoline. “There’s not a single drop of drinkable water — we need water, that’s what’s urgent — and there’s nothing to eat,” Marisol González said to the newspaper El Tiempo.

Alanna Shingler Staff Reporter



Humans of Regis: Alex Gallegos

HUMANS OF REGIS

(Photo courtesy of Alex Gallegos)

What brought you to Regis?

That's an interesting question. My parents met at Creighton University in Nebraska, so they were heavily pushing that. I wanted to go to a college in Colorado. When I got accepted to Regis, my parents were happy that it was Jesuit. I visited Regis to follow up, and when I arrived for my advising meeting, my admissions counselor and I were talking, and he brought up some information I had mentioned in my application essay. Even though it's his job to make Regis look super caring, he foreshadowed what I would learn here, and that is the fact that the staff cares. I was very excited about the

community here and liked the idea of being able to be part of it. I visited a few other colleges that were massive, and I didn't feel the same thing. So here I am.

What is your favorite Jesuit Value? Why?

I love the idea of men and women for and with others; it's a call to action. It mitigates the ability to be an absent supporter of something, meaning you can't sit back and simply say you wish things were better. The "and with" part of that statement emphasizes acting on the intentions you have.

What is your involvement in the Regis community?

I work in University Ministry. It's a great office to work for. The other work-studies and the pro staff there make it a super welcoming space and very supportive. I'm also in Regis Ramblers and couldn't be happier there. It's a group of super different people coming together and making a piece of art because they love the art. We don't get class credit; we don't get paid, we put in 9+ hours a week. So you know everyone that is there truly wants to be there.

Why did you choose your major?

My major is psychology. I chose it because I want to be a therapist. An issue I am passionate about is eliminating the stigma of mental illness. We live in a society where someone will readily go the doctor with the flu or broken bone but will try to hide things like depression or anxiety. I don't see that as their fault. We as a society need to understand that mental illnesses are just that: illnesses. And illnesses require treatment. If we keep portraying mental illnesses as some character flaw, people will not seek treatment. If I want to advocate for that, I need to be educated on that topic.

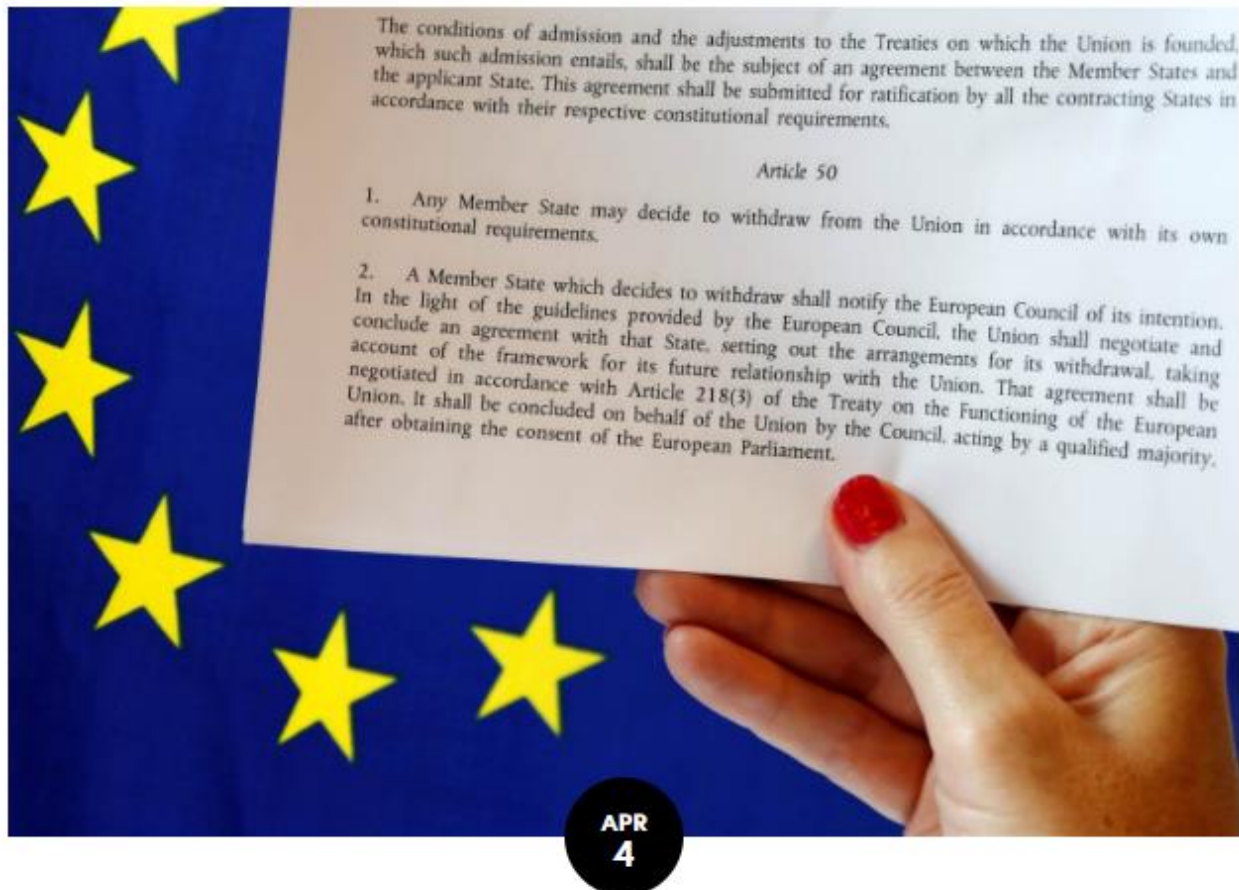
What has been your fondest memory at Regis?

At the end of each show, the Ramblers have what's called a candlelight ceremony. It's used to give closure to the show and say bye to the graduating seniors. We sit around a candle, and people have the option to talk about the year. That was probably my first time at Regis that I saw extremely different people all saying how they came together in such a beautiful environment.

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

This university is an amazing place, but we still have so much work to do. Let's work together to make it an inclusive community for all groups. Promote equality and understanding for all the groups that face injustice.

Samantha Jewell Social Media Editor



OP-ED: Article 50, Now What?

POLITICS

(Photo: Francois Lenoir/Reuters)

As many readers of this column have probably guessed by now, I really like talking about the latest goings on in Washington. I'm serious. It consumes about 90 percent of my waking life, and even sneaks into my dreams every now and again. But, as both the House Intelligence Committee investigation and the Supreme Court nomination battle descend into nauseatingly partisan bickering, I just cannot

bring myself to do it this week. Instead, dear readers, why don't we take a nice, relaxing trip across the Atlantic to a quaint little island with a legislature that actually, you know, legislates and they definitely don't have any prob-

Wait, what's that? Theresa May finally put her money where her mouth is and delivered the Article 50 papers to Brussels? Holy crap, those crazy Nigels are actually doing it. Well, there goes my dream of writing about something that doesn't fill me with a deep sense of frustration and despair. All right folks, here it is – my completely unsolicited and barely qualified thoughts on Brexit.

First off, let's make one thing absolutely clear. If I were a Briton, I probably would have voted Remain, though that's kind of a trite position for me to take, sitting half a continent and an entire ocean removed from the situation. Now, that being said, can we really blame the people who voted Leave for wanting to get the hell out?

Just look at the current state of the European Union. On the one hand, you've got major social unrest in Germany, France, and other countries impacted by the migrant crisis, which has caused the long-dormant dragon of far-right reactionism, not seen in Europe since the end of World War II, to stir from its slumber. On the other, financial uncertainty in the Eurozone makes remaining as a part of the larger trading bloc a dicey proposition; although Spain and Ireland appear to be finally turning the corner from their respective debt crises, a second Greek default seems likely and Italy is by all accounts a ticking time-bomb of toxic debt.

Oh, and let's not forget the structure of the EU itself, with its byzantine rules created, for the most part, by unelected bureaucrats and obscure legislators you've never heard of; rules, designed to protect the interests of export-oriented members, which are less than ideal for the increasingly import-focused UK. Take oranges as an example. Last year, the EU Customs Union increased the tariffs on oranges imported from outside Europe to 16 percent in an attempt to buoy the profits of Spanish growers against competition from South Africa, without consulting anyone or giving significant notice of the change. Now, it should go without saying that this change hurts consumers in the UK, where they can grow no oranges and have to rely on imports to feed their citrus-y urges. (Much like retirees from the Northeast, oranges seem to prefer warmer, brighter climates.)

Leaving the Common Market behind would allow Britain to set its own trade policies for the benefit of its own consumers, without having to worry about the effect that might have on producers a thousand miles away. However, being free to set an independent trade policy cuts both ways. By exiting the Union, the UK may find

itself with a severely diminished bargaining position in trade negotiations. Already, rising trade powers like Indonesia have indicated that they will expect more concessions from Britain than when it was part of the Common Market.

Trade is not the only area where Britons may lose out from Brexit. Under the EU treaties, all citizens of member states enjoy unrestricted movement within the Union, which has allowed for the one of the most mobile workforces in history, less complicated vacations, and more cooperative science research. There are also there are also matters of security, defense, pension funding, and relocation of EU agencies headquartered in the UK which will all have to be negotiated under a relatively short timeframe.

In the end, however, complaining too much is like crying over spilled milk. The British people made their decision back in June, and now that the initial paperwork has been filed, there is no going back.

Ford Mulligan Staff Reporter



Pruitt Rejects His Own Agency's Recommendation To Ban Pesticide

POLITICS

(Photo: Jim Watson/Agence France-Presse)

Scott Pruitt, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, opposed scientists on Wednesday to rejected the scientific conclusion from the experts: that chlorpyrifos – a harmful insecticide—should be banned from being used on farms across the nation.

Chlorpyrifos was banned in almost all households at the turn of the millennia but is still used on tens of thousands of farms. At the end of last year, scientists concluded that chlorpyrifos was potentially causing memory decline and other

significant health consequences as a result of exposure in workers and children. Although they revised their initial study after raised questions about the finality of the results, the research panel still concluded that the chemical should be banned.

Due to observed negative effects on farmworkers and on children, EPA scientists recommended a permanent ban under the Obama administration. Pruitt claims that the agency needs to study the science more, referring to the recommendation as “predetermined results.”

Pruitt has greenlighted a pesticide that his own agency recommended to ban. Unless he decides to bring up the question once more, it will almost certainly not be reviewed until the next time the EPA is formally required to re-evaluate the safety of the pesticide, in six years.

The Trump Era has been marked with appointments that seem contradictory to the position: Ben Carson for Secretary of Housing and Urban development after he has no experience in either area and recently scoffed at the idea of heading a government agency and Betsy DeVos for Secretary of Education, after she has never worked in nor had a child in public education.

Scott Pruitt is no exception. He spent years opposing the EPA, and while serving as Oklahoma’s attorney general, he attempted to sue the agency for its efforts to regulate smog, mercury, and other forms of pollution. Then he was appointed to be the head of EPA. In many ways, his decision not to ban insecticide is no surprise.

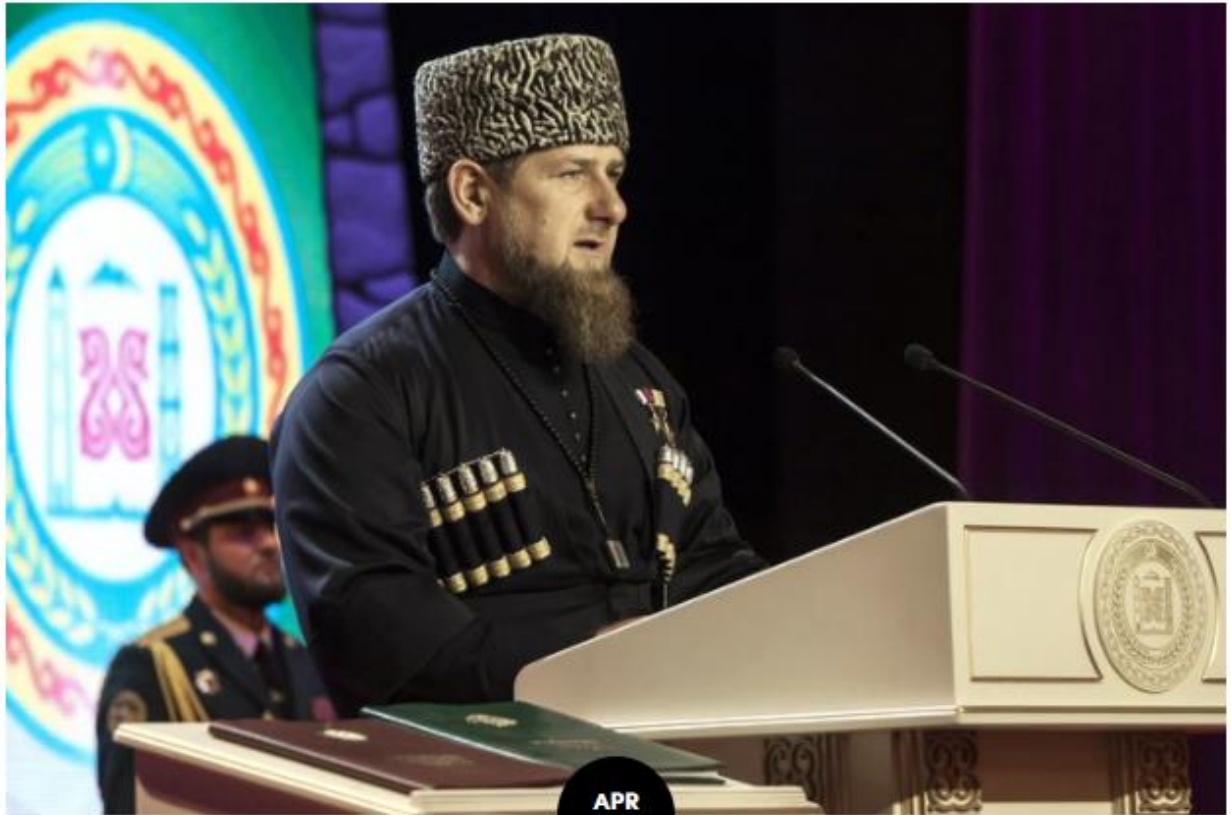
Pruitt’s decision is to be part of a larger movement in the new administration. Recently, Trump began an order to roll back Obama administration rules related to coal-burning power plants and climate change. The anger of many environmental actions groups at both this small-scale decision and the large situation is brimming. The decision will likely not be revisited until 2022, as Pruitt took what is called “final agency action” on the issue.

Groups have accused Trump of valuing corporate opinion over the earth and environment, like Dow Chemical, which sells the product and claims that the science is inconclusive, despite scientist like Jim Jones saying that “They are ignoring the science that is pretty solid.” Jones has worked at the EPA for more than two decades.

Public anger is understandable from a broad scale environmentalist perspective; after all, Pruitt doesn’t believe humans are a primary cause of climate change, a belief which contradicts the EPA’s official scientific findings on their

website. His attempt to sow scientific doubt where little exists – stating that continuous review and analysis is needed – alarmed scientists across the nation and the globe.

Marirose Bernal *Staff Reporter*



What's Happening to Gay Men in Russia?

NEWS

(Photo: Getty Images)

Men have been apparently vanishing from the region of Chechnya over the past week and a Russian newspaper Novaya Gazeta knows why. On April 1, the publication confirmed that Chechen officials have been arresting and killing gay men. The report shows that over 100 gay men have been detained and at least three have

been murdered. The newspaper writes that the men are detained “in connection with their nontraditional sexual orientation or suspicion of such”.

Leader of Chechnya’ spokesman, Alvi Karimov completely denied the allegations and accused Novaya Gazeta of lying. “You cannot arrest or repress people who just don’t exist in the republic,” he says, “If such people existed in Chechnya, law enforcement would not have to worry about them, as their own relatives would have sent them to where they could never return.”

The government is often at odds with citizens who partake in activism. A Moscow-based gay-rights group tried to acquire permits to hold gay pride parades in a Muslim regions of Russia, but were denied. In response Vladimir Putin has told local leaders to push traditional Muslim values and Chechnya took his suggestion to heart. The region has chosen to take preventative measures to arrest closeted gay men. One employed tactic is for the government to pose as gay men on social networking sites, according to the Novaya Gazeta report.

Chechnya’s gay men now are moving to different regions and deleting all social media accounts in search of safety.

Alanna Shingler Staff Reporter



Marvel is Giving Diversity A Try and Fans Don't Love It, Apparently

NEWS

(Photo: Marvel Comics)

In attempts to diversify its white male leads, Marvel has introduced a number of comic reboots in 2016 which feature a more inclusive set of superheroes. This includes a female Thor, Ms. Marvel as a Muslim woman, a black teenaged girl as Iron Man, and a black and Latino boy as Spider-Man. Concurrently, Marvel's comic

book sales have dropped and according to them, their efforts to diversify are the cause for the company's setback. Spoiler alert: others feel differently.

David Gabriel of Marvel writes, "We saw the sales of any character that was new, our female characters, anything that was not a core Marvel character, people were turning their nose up against it." Marvel believes that their audience has little interest in characters of different races, genders, ethnicities, and sexual orientations and that they would rather read about the traditional white male hero.

Kelly Kamaya, writer for The Independent criticises Marvel's explanation for their readers' rejection of newer characters by accusing them of phony diversity. In an Op-Ed, she points out that in 2016 a Pakistani American Muslim Ms. Marvel was on a New York Times bestseller list and that an African Black Panther was the top selling comic of the year - and these comics were written by a Muslim woman and an African American man. Less successful storylines, Kamaya argues, are "superficial to the point of insult." In her view, diversity is not responsible for the drop in sales, rather, white male writers' portrayals of women and heroes of color are weak.

Regardless of any drop in sales, Marvel is continuing with the relaunches of old characters and it is even adding new ones such as Moon Girl, a 9-year old black girl who is the smartest person in the universe.

Alanna Shingler Staff Reporter



NCAA Championship

SPORTS

(Photo: David J. Phillip/Associated Press)

What a month it was! This month of March was filled with exciting basketball, unbelievable finishes, and one team that was on top of them all. With the national championship over, there is now only one team that can define themselves as the best, and that team is the University of North Carolina Tar Heels.

With the matchup between Gonzaga and North Carolina, you couldn't expect anything better than two 1 seeds battling it out for the official number one spot. This was the first national championship the Gonzaga Bulldogs had ever been in in school history, and they came out like they had something to prove. North Carolina also had a chip on their shoulder after being defeated the previous year off a buzzer beater against Villanova.

It was such an incredible performance by both teams, with many lead changes and two teams competing to the best of their ability to make a name for themselves. North Carolina ended with a 5-0 run to seal the win 71-65 and to win its 6th NCAA championship, third all time.

With players declaring for the draft and seniors graduating to pursue bigger things, we can expect a much different year next year, something we believe will happen every year but in reality, March Madness will always be madness.

Danny Rolander *Staff Reporter*



Bannon Removed from the NSC - Trump Unmaking His Mind

NEWS

(Photo: Damon Winter/The New York Times)

Trump has made decisions that disoriented Washington, and then just as promptly, unmade them, leaving disorder and questioning in his wake. Nine weeks after appointing Steve Bannon to the National Security Council, one of his most controversial selections, Trump removed his chief adviser.

The initial appointment of Steve Bannon, who ran Breitbart news and oversaw the publication's transformation into a far-right, antiestablishment, and purportedly white-nationalist outlet, was marked by controversy and widespread disapproval. Opposed groups called attention to his self-professed commitment to providing a platform for the alt-right, and it's hard to forget the words he uttered in his interview with Hollywood Reporter: "Darkness is good...Dick Cheney, Darth Vader, Satan. That's power."

This is also the man who framed much of his agenda with vowing to fight for "the deconstruction of the administrative state," and proclaimed his pride in Trump's refusal to veer toward moderation.

After all this, Bannon's dismissal comes as a surprise, only two months after his installation. With his language of "economic nationalism," his intense dislike of mainstream media, and his focus and commitment to hardline issues, he ostensibly fit in with Trumps' administration.

Initially, Trump was criticized for taking the unusual step of allowing Bannon to attend all National Security Council meetings, giving him unusual influence over key military and intelligence decisions. Now, although he has been released, Bannon still retains the highest level of security clearance that one can have in the West Wing.

One given explanation shares that Bannon acted as a counterforce to check National Security Adviser Michael Flynn, but this explanation seems odds for multiple reasons. Flynn was chosen specifically by Trump to be adviser, and left the National Security Council nearly a month ago. Why the wait, and why an opposing "check" for an already hand-picked official?

Furthermore, the changes to the White House staff extend beyond Bannon. Two officials were added back to the National Security Council's Principal's Committee: the Director of National Intelligence, Dan Coats, and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Joseph Dunford. Bannon's removal perhaps decrease the threat of politicizing the security council, and these additional changes in some way restore traditional structure to the White House Security system.



Pepsi Removes Ad After Accusations of Belittling BLM

NEWS

(Photo: Pepsi Global)

Martin Luther King Jr.'s Daughter, Bernice King tweeted on Tuesday April 5, "If only Daddy would have known about the power of #Pepsi." Her tweet was in response to the release of Pepsi's latest ad which portrays what many interpret to be a mockery of the Black Lives Matter movement.

The ad shows a number of young people smiling, laughing, and high fiving in the street while holding signs which read "Join the conversation". It then reveals a line of white policemen standing facing the crowd disapprovingly. Model Kendall Jenner walks airily up to a policeman and hands him a can of Pepsi. The policemen then appear more friendly and the entire crowd begins to fist-pump and become impossibly happy about the success of Jenner's gesture.

The image of a mega-rich young thin white woman easing racial tension between protesters and police was, unsurprisingly, not warmly accepted by many. Immediately, people were offended by the ad because it minimized the reality of activism and the seriousness of not only Black Lives Matter, but also past protests and the civil rights movement. Former organizer for BLM, Elle Hearn said the ad “plays down the sacrifices people have historically taken in utilizing protests. That’s just not the reality of our lives. That’s not what it looks like to take bold action.”

Pepsi took down the ad within 24 hours of posting and released the statement, “Pepsi was trying to project a global message of unity, peace and understanding. Clearly, we missed the mark and apologize.”

Alanna Shingler Staff Reporter



A Conversation on Our Changing Community

SOCIAL JUSTICE

(Photo: Will Tracey)

“What we want to do tonight is take a conversation that’s happening outside of our campus but also inside our classrooms. We also know it is affecting the daily lives, everyday experiences and work experiences of many people as well. Some of us call this gentrification, some of this call this community change, some of us call this the status quo. Whatever the case is, there is a changing nature in our community; there are changing buildings and changing experiences.”

These were the opening remarks of debate coach and Jon Denzler during “Our Changing Community,” a conversation on gentrification sponsored by The Institute of the Common Good, The Regis University Debate Team, and the Regis University Communications Department on April 4th in the Mountain View Room. Over fifty gathered to hear the reflections of five panelists made of up Berkeley-Regis neighborhood residents. The panelists were Stephanie Navarette, Kristen Barnes, Klaus Holzapfel, Niya Gingrich and Dennis Gallagher.

The first questions posed to the panel were, “What have been the most visible changes you’ve seen in the community, and what have been the most invisible changes?”

Stephanie Navarette, a local renter, and mother of one stated, “I think the most visible change for anyone and everyone in the neighborhood would probably be the buildings and the homes on the blocks. You see a lot of them that are not like the others. My grandparents’ business is gone. That’s the most visible change, I feel.”

As for an invisible change in the neighborhood, Niya Gingrich, the owner of Local 46 Bar on Tennyson Street stated, “I think this may be invisible to a lot of people, but there’s this push-pull relationship between the growth of the business community and the residential. As a business association, that’s one of the main things we’ve been focusing on, on how we can be delicate with that. And how we can be respectful of a small business community to the residents, and how we can work together.”

Next, the conversation opened up to a question and answer portion with the audience. Questions ranged from, “What are perceptions about the community that are an issue here?” to “How should people impacted by gentrification support the local business that has been damaging to the culture of the community?”

When one student posed the question, “Do any of you worry that you may be displaced?” one panelist shared, “I wake up every day worried that I won’t be able to stay in the school district that my son is in. Every day. For my landlord, it’s not an if, it’s a when is she going to raise my rent so that I can’t afford it by myself because I’m a single parent. It’s a when she’s going to sell her property and have new landlords take it over [. . .] I look at rents, and you can’t get a one bedroom for less than a thousand dollars in this neighborhood. So it’s definitely an everyday fear.”

Overall, much of the evening’s discussion centered on how our community can break down barriers with one another through interaction, and how we can navigate the complex questions that community change brings with it.

For more information on neighborhood issues, visit:

<http://www.berkeleyregisneighbors.org/>

Maggie Lacey Staff Reporter



DACA: How Can We Better Understand?

SOCIAL JUSTICE

(Photo: Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

*Name changed for privacy

Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, also known as DACA, is the "use of prosecutorial discretion to defer removal action against an individual for a period of time." This period is two years, along with an opportunity to renew it. Many immigrants came to the US as children fall under this, and are known as Dreamers. This name references a failed Congress bill, called the DREAM Act, which sought to allow illegal immigrants brought to the US as children to become US citizens eventually. While the bill failed, the name stuck, and the people who fall under DACA (between the ages of 16-35), are called Dreamers.

However, there are still many misconceptions as well as misinformation about DACA and who has it, as well as how it works. I spoke with a DACA student named Adrian* to get more information. One misconception is that DACA gives deferred status to anyone and everyone. That is not true. Firstly, you have to have come to the US as a child, remained continuously in the US for seven years, and must be between 16 and 31. However, even if you meet all that criteria, DACA is not guaranteed. The government asks for every single record in your life, according to the student. This includes things as menial as elementary school grades, really anything to prove that you were in the US continuously. DACA students must reapply every two years. Even when reapplying, there is no guarantee that you will be granted deferred action. Every time you reapply there is a \$450 fee along with a mandate for new fingerprints and new photos.

Another misconception is that those who have DACA are given government aid. According to Adrian, that is not true. While DACA allows one to have a legal job, pay taxes, a work Social Security Number (which allows you to apply for everything that requires an SSN), and a driver's license, it does not give financial aid to anyone under DACA. That means no FAFSA, no public student loan, no food stamps, welfare, or any government assistance. As a result, for Adrian, he takes out private loans and pays \$15,000 out of pocket each school year. Even so, he has worked for many years, and says he cannot remember a weekend in college he went without working.

People claim that those who have DACA have a more propensity to commit a crime, or are criminals. In fact, perhaps only a few individuals have a felony who are given DACA status. Other times, if you have a misdemeanor, you go through the justice system; however, if you have a DUI, your DACA status is revoked, and you are deported. Still others say DACA paves the way for undocumented immigrants to gain citizenship. According to Adrian, that is incorrect. If you apply for citizenship, you have to have sponsors and it takes 5+ years to be accepted without a guarantee. During this time, you do not have papers or anything else permitting you to work.

The lives of undocumented immigrants, as well as kids who are under DACA, tends to be difficult. Adrian said that during high school, his entire family, five total, were living on \$18,000 a year. He did not know about the financial struggles until he was old enough but it has taught him humility. Many parents and undocumented immigrants in general take whatever job that they can get. As Adrian put it, "Your rough time was very different than my rough time because my parents didn't have choices." When it comes down to it, DACA is about giving more choices to undocumented citizens.

While DACA allows quite a few things, it does not give as many rights as you would think. The system is setup to allow immigrants to come to the US; it isn't setup to maintain them legally. All the money that Adrian's family makes is reported to the government, however, they are not allowed to have financial help from the government. Moreover, those who come to the US may have all the credentials they need, but cannot get into the job sector that they are trained for; as a result, many of them are forced to take jobs that others normally wouldn't. This is out of necessity, not desire.

So what can Regis students do? The answer is, well, not much. Sadly, as Adrian said, those who are undocumented, or grew up in a family where the parents are undocumented are taught to be unseen. At this point, kids who have DACA are more afraid for their families than themselves, because if they tell someone, that gives that person the power to destroy lives. As a result, as Adrian said, "We're the people that have been taught not to take up space." The best thing to do, Adrian said, is to respect and understand that others are going through what you cannot fully comprehend. The general student body needs to understand that right now, DACA students feel the need to be quiet, to continue working, and to keep struggling, because it is not necessarily the time to speak out, says Adrian. DACA students are here, but they are not visible because they risk losing their family; and if your friend tells you that they have DACA, then it is important to understand that they are giving a huge piece of themselves to you. They are not only giving part themselves, they are making their entire family vulnerable. Respect it.

Margaret Gentry Staff Reporter



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Gallery Talk: Sandra C. Fernández

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

(Photo: Frances Meng-Frecker)

Sandra C. Fernández is a printmaker born in Queens, NY and raised in Quito, Ecuador. She moved back to the United States when she was 22 to get her master's degree. She was not always an artist, but she became one when she moved to the United States. She has instructed various art classes, including photography and printmaking at several universities in the United States for over 20 years. When Sandra Fernández moved to the US, she had a difficult time. During her "Artist Talk" opening reception on March 23, she reflects, "It took me awhile to find myself." Her struggles are represented in her art. These struggles are not just the ones she faced as she discovered herself, but the struggles she faced culturally and politically. Fernández later said, "You are who you are and sooner or later that will come out."

The art pieces displayed in the O’Sullivan Art Gallery are all prints. These beautiful prints are related to Fernández’s background and culture. They have a cultural relevance and Fernández says, “Every print has a story behind it and corresponds to a time in my life.” There are many themes that are represented throughout the collection including; divorce, trauma, culture, borders, immigration, women, politics, and cells. Her collection is full of beautiful pieces that tell a meaningful story.

Sandra Fernández is now a full-time artist who loves what she does. Go to the O’Sullivan Art Gallery before April 14 to learn about her story and witness the influences in Fernández’s life. To learn more about Sandra C. Fernández visit her website at <http://sandrafernandez.info/home.html> .

Frances Meng-Frecker *Staff Reporter*



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Florida Apologizes for Abusive Boys' School

NEWS

(Photo: Meggan Haller/New York Times)

In 2011, reform institution Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys in Florida closed down following revelations that it had physically and sexually abused hundreds of boys. More than 100 boys are thought to have died there, about 55 of whom were buried on grounds.

On Tuesday April 4, The Senate Judiciary Committee passed a bill and apologized to the victims and their families. Florida's speaker of the house, Richard Corcoran said in a news conference, "I cannot say with enough heartfelt remorse that

it's taken this long for a legislature, with all the evidence that is before us, to come forth and apologize for what has to be one of the blackest moments on our history."

Bill Price lived at Dozier School for Boys in the 60's and is now the vice president the victims group White House Boys, made up of about 450 members. Its name comes from a white building on campus, where beatings regularly occurred. To paint a picture of the horrid events which took place at Dozier, Price shares, "After I was beaten, they had to help me off the bed and wrapped me in a towel to hide the blood and sent me to the infirmary to be cleaned up and returned to my dorm." He feels the apology is overdue by ten years, but accepts it. The abuse which took place at Dozier is intensified by the fact that most of the victims were black.

On implications for the passing bill, Dr. Kimmerle writes, "There are children in great need throughout this state, and I think whatever state leaders and policy-makers can do to ensure that, not just that it doesn't happen again, but that everything is done to protect them."

Alanna Shingler Staff Reporter



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The Regis Ramblers' Production of Urinetown

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

(Photo: Allison Upchurch)

Last week, the Regis Ramblers took over the Mountain View room and brought laughter and entertainment with their musical production of Urinetown. With a live band of six led by one of Regis' Jesuits, Matt Stewart S.J., the cast of Urinetown brings to light the logic of a revolution in a dystopian society while also making fun of the entertainment format that is the stage musical.

During the opening scene of Urinetown, we meet the narrator and the town's police chief Officer Lockstock, portrayed by Luke Heter, as he and his co-narrator

and fellow townspeople Little Sally, portrayed by Joslyn Fellows, explain that their city has been plagued by a long drought and a corporation called the Urine Good Company has taken charge of the rationing of water. As a result, private toilets are banned and everyone must pay a fee to use a public amenity. When new fees cause the poor townspeople distress, Bobby Strong, depicted by Clyde Johnson, janitor of one of the public amenities, encourages the townspeople to go against the new price increases and speak up for better treatment. The rest of the show illustrates the townspeople's attempt to negotiate with the corporation which results in interesting circumstances and revelations for the characters.

Every cast member, no matter how big or small his or her role was, got to take a moment in the spotlight and show off their special dance skills, comedic facial expressions, or developed vocal range. Every Rambler brought his or her talents and passion for musical theater to the stage and those talents were received with much laughter and applause from the audience at every performance of the show.

At its heart, Urinetown is a comedy. The Ramblers played out that comedy by the script with great comedic timing and repetition, like the phrase "whaaaat?" being said in a dramatic but comedic tone when something unbelievable happened. The Ramblers even made this show their own by adding in their own jokes, like a change to a famous political slogan ("make this town great again") and a blunt recognition of the lack of male cast members in the ensemble ("Ladies and... ladies"). Even with these comedic elements, Urinetown also bring up serious issues of climate change, the responsibility of power, and how the interest of one person is not always the best interest of another person.

The Ramblers and their production of Urinetown bring up an important view of the Jesuit value of contemplatives in action. They do this by showing how Bobby and the townspeople recognize the injustice that has been placed upon them and they take action against the Urine Good Company to try to bring a change in their society. While the actions that the characters of Urinetown took to achieve their goal might have been questionable at times, the Ramblers did not hesitate to put full effort into portraying these actions in order to exhibit the show's lessons of social change to our community in a comedic and entertaining way.

Allison Upchurch Staff Reporter



Palm Sunday Church Bombings Kill 44 in Egypt

NEWS

(Photo: Nariman El-Mofty/Chicago Tribune)

Sunday April 9, 2017 is now considered the deadliest day for Christians in the past 30 years. Many in Egypt were celebrating Palm Sunday as Christian tradition when suicide bombers hit two Coptic churches during services. The attacks left 44 people dead and 126 wounded.

ISIS claimed responsibility for the attacks, which adds to fears that extremist groups are now targeting more civilians, such as Egypt's minority Christians which

make up about 10 percent of the country's population. In response, Egypt's President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi claimed a three-month state of emergency, but it is important to note that Egyptian law requires the parliament's vote to make the state of emergency official.

The first bombing was at St. George's Church in Tanta and the second was a few hours later at St. Mark's Cathedral in the city of Alexandria. Pope Tawadros, leader of the Coptic denomination of Christianity, had held services at St. Mark's earlier in the day which raised suspicions that the attack was an assassination attempt as well.

As for important leaders chiming in, Pope Francis expressed "deep condolences to my brother, Pope Tawadros II, the Coptic church and all of the dear Egyptian nation." President El-Sissi stated that the attacks would serve to strengthen Egypt's defense against "evil forces". And President Trump tweeted "So sad to hear of the terrorist attack in Egypt. U.S. strongly condemns. I have great . . . confidence that President Al Sisi will handle situation properly."

Alanna Shingler Staff Reporter



Humans of Regis: John Hickey

HUMANS OF REGIS

(Photo courtesy of KRCX)

What brought you to Regis?

I have been here since I started at Regis in 1989. I was just married to my wife who is from New York, her parents had moved out here when she was in college so we had come out a couple times and when we got married we knew we wanted to eventually move out to Colorado. So when we got married we figured that was the time to do it when everything was new. When I came out I didn't know that Regis existed. I worked in colleges back in New York and I looked at what colleges were around here.

Neither one of us had jobs when we came out here. I saw that Regis was here and that Regis was the only Catholic college in the entire region. In New York there are Catholic colleges everywhere so it was just like I have got to get in there. It took a year, but a year later I ended up getting the job.

What is your favorite Jesuit Value? Why?

I think that my favorite Jesuit Value would be Cura Personalis. I have always been a believer in sort of a holistic approach to life. You have to take care of your intellectual self, your emotional self and your spiritual self. So that has always just resonated with me and its also you know working with students it is a natural one. You get to know students in the classroom and outside of the classroom. That is the one that resonates with me the most.

Tell us about your position as Associate Dean.

I am one of two Associate Deans in the college; we have one Dean so we are a rather small office, which means we do everything. I liken it to keeping the wheels rolling. We have to make sure that we have classes, make sure we have faculty, and make sure the semester goes through. It is good. It is a busy job. In this office there is an awful lot of traffic. People are constantly coming in asking questions so I spend a lot of my time answering questions and solving problems, but again, we are a tight office. We have a great staff in the dean's office. It is a fun place to work.

What has been your best memory while at Regis?

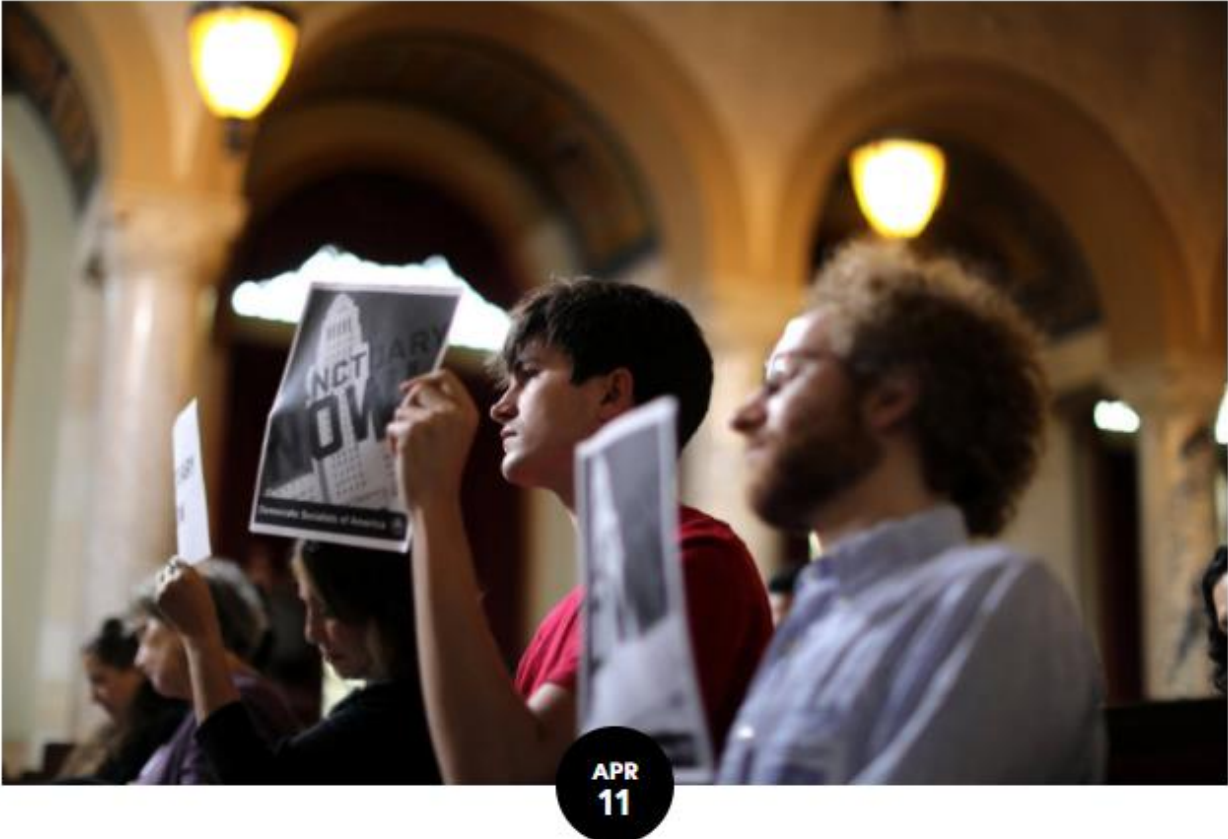
I think one of the things I am most proud of at my time here at Regis has been having KRCX's music playing outside of the student center. There is nothing better than walking across the quad and hearing a song that you particularly like. I have been KRCX's advisor for a bunch of years and when I first started here they did not have that music playing out on the quad so I think that is one of the things I am most proud of. It just feels right to hear music across the quad.

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

I think we have got a really special place here at Regis. It doesn't happen without a lot of people working. Especially in times like this where there is a lot of division. I think it is nice to recognize what we have here at Regis. We need to work to make it even better because I am not saying it is perfect. We have a lot of issues just like everywhere has issues. It goes back to that Cura Personalis. A lot of the people who

work here, faculty, staff, they really care about what happens. They care about their students so I think that's really nice to see and be a part of. And figuring out, alright how do we work through it as a community. How do we work through our challenging difficult times as a community?

Samantha Jewell *Social Media Editor*



California Makes Move to Become First Sanctuary State

NEWS

(Photo: Lucy Nicholson/Reuters)

As the current administration increases threats of deportation to immigrants, California lawmakers feel it is necessary to regulate communication between the federal government and local law enforcement. Last week, the California State Senate approved a bill to increase protections for immigrants by prohibiting local law

enforcement agencies from using resources to investigate, report, or arrest people for immigration violations.

If the bill is approved it could help prevent the deportation of immigrants who have no criminal charges. The passed bill would not only counter the federal commands, but it would also make California the country's first ever sanctuary state. Though the golden state is spearheading the directive, it is not the only one taking action. Illinois, Maryland, Nevada, and New York have also made efforts to restrain cooperation with immigration officials. Under federal law it is currently acceptable for police officers to look up anyone they pull over in a national database and notify ICE. The law would prohibit this action, making a significant impact on the lives of immigrants living in the U.S.

Opposers to the bill are taking opposite action. Texas Governor Greg Abbott is pushing a law that would require police to comply with ICE. In his view, he "will not tolerate sanctuary city policies that put the citizens of Texas at risk . . . Elected officials do not get to pick and choose which laws they will obey."

On the other hand, President of the California Senate, Kevin de León feels, "It's the absolute height of ridiculousness that ICE would come in and just deport somebody as opposed to that person having their day in immigration court."

Alanna Shingler Staff Reporter



Man Dragged Off United Airlines Plane

NEWS

(Photo: Richard Drew)

Videos of a United Airlines passenger Dr. David Dao being bloodied and forcefully dragged and from his seat off of a full flight due to overbooking were all over the internet this week. An official statement from United's chief executive Oscar Munoz read that he apologized for having to "re-accommodate these customers." His words were ill-received by the public who feel that he minimized the severity incident.

Once the videos of Dao gained attention on the internet, customers boycotted United by posting pictures of their United loyalty cards cut into pieces. Many, especially Chinese, social media users accused the company of racism because Dr. Dao appears to be Asian. Social media has served as a platform for a flood of

complaints directed at the airline, such as one woman's tweet which read, "Nice to know 're-accomodate' on United now means 'drag you violently out of your seat.'"

But social media activists are not the only ones unhappy with the company's misjudgement. Leaders of the Senate commerce committee wrote a letter to Munoz which stated "The last thing a paying airline passenger should expect is a physical altercation with law enforcement personnel after boarding, especially one that could likely have been avoided."

After backlash about his initial statement, Munoz release another in which he says, "We recognize that our response yesterday did not reflect the gravity of the situation. And for that we also apologize. Our focus now is looking ahead and making this right."

Alanna Shingler Staff Reporter



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Courageous Conversations Review and Upcoming Dates

CAMPUS LIFE

(Photo: Regis University)

On Wednesday, April 5, students, faculty and administration gathered in Claver Hall for “Courageous Conversations: Race at Regis,” a discussion of racial tensions on campus and nationwide. The dialogue was scheduled to take place in Claver 410, but participants quickly outgrew the space and migrated to the higher capacity Mountain View Room. As community members filled up the space with chairs around the perimeter of the room, Dan Justin, interim director of the Institute

on the Common Good, started the dialogue by saying “This is a good thing to run out of space, handouts and name tags; basically everything besides cookies.”

The attendance surpassed the event coordinators’ expectations and a rough estimate suggests 150-160 people joined the conversation. At the beginning of the night, Justin asked students to decide if they wanted administrators to join the conversation as participants, not administrators. The overwhelming consensus of yes brought a group of administrators, including Regis President Father Fitzgibbons into room.

Justin led the room in an Examen and called us to remember the Jesuit supposition of charity: the practice of suspending judgment to trust in good intentions of others. This introduction set a tone for constructive dialogue and transitioned into an introduction of the conversation facilitator, Leilani Henry. The conversation started with an open question: “What does conflict look like with unity of heart and mind?” In each small group, this was posed to one person and after they answered, they presented a different question to the person next to them. After 30 minutes, the room joined back together and each group shared the last open question their group shared.

Questions ranged in content and depth, all equally worthy of consideration and discussion. One student shared her disappointment in the conversation; she had come to the dialogue to talk about race and felt the question beat around the bush. Shortly after, another student courteously asked for clarification of the “All Lives Matter” statement and this ignited the room in conversation.

Across the room, students answered this question with unique metaphors and firm declarations. This distinction was echoed across the room, which really clarified the offense that the “All Lives Matter” statement invokes.

Members of the College Republicans club shared a sentiment of their desire to join together with the Black Student Alliance to improve the campus community. Other members of the conservative student organization spoke out to defend the controversial Social Justice Bake Sale that was recently held on campus. Toward the end of his statement, one student reflected on his surprise that he had not been shouted down. The room was itching to respond to him, but he was right; no one shouted and he was able to finish his entire statement. This was testament to the ability of the community to listen. And, while disagreements are rampant, respect comes above that. Dan Justin shared, “conversations can only happen when we come together as equals,” and this dialogue was proof of the desire to do so.

Toward the end of the evening, students asked for the administrators to speak on the actions they will take in the wake of recent conflicts on campus. President Father Fitzgibbons shared lessons he would take away from the discussion, but failed to provide tangible actions to answer to the demands of the students. Of course, administration must be mindful of what they share due to legal red tape; however, the call from students to administration was clear: be accountable to the students and take action on blatant injustices on campus. It is no longer acceptable to turn a blind eye or to sweep things under the rug, and students made sure their call to action was heard.

The evening concluded, but students continued to discuss in small groups and personally address some of the faculty in attendance, including President Father Fitzgibbons and Dean of Students Diane McSheehy. A lot of questions remained unanswered and no “solution” concluded the conversation. Racial tension on our campus and in our country isn’t going to be repaired with a quick fix, so the only way to start is through dialogue that brings us together.

Showing up, listening, learning and sharing are all just the beginning of building a better community. Courageous Conversations is a series of dialogues with six upcoming discussions on the calendar. Please attend, if not to speak, then to listen and learn from your fellow Regis students, as this is the first step to uniting a divided campus and country.

Discussion Schedule:

Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Modular 185

Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Claver 210

Thursday, April 20, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Modular 185

Tuesday, April 25, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Main Hall 333

Thursday, April 27, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Claver 210

Marley Weaver-Gabel *Editor-In-Chief*



RUBOS: Connecting Students to the Business of Sports

SPORTS

(Photo: Frances Meng-Frecker)

On April 11 in the Mountain View Room, the Regis University Business of Sports Club, led by Ethan Beaudoin and Marco Burciaga, held an event from 6-8 pm. They hosted three incredibly qualified individuals to discuss the logistics behind sports and production. With the right mindset and work ethic, they explain that you can succeed in the competitive and time-consuming fields of sports journalism, event operations and display systems.

Casey Light, who is the general manager of Mile High Sports, discussed how he ended up in the occupation he is in. He played one year of college baseball

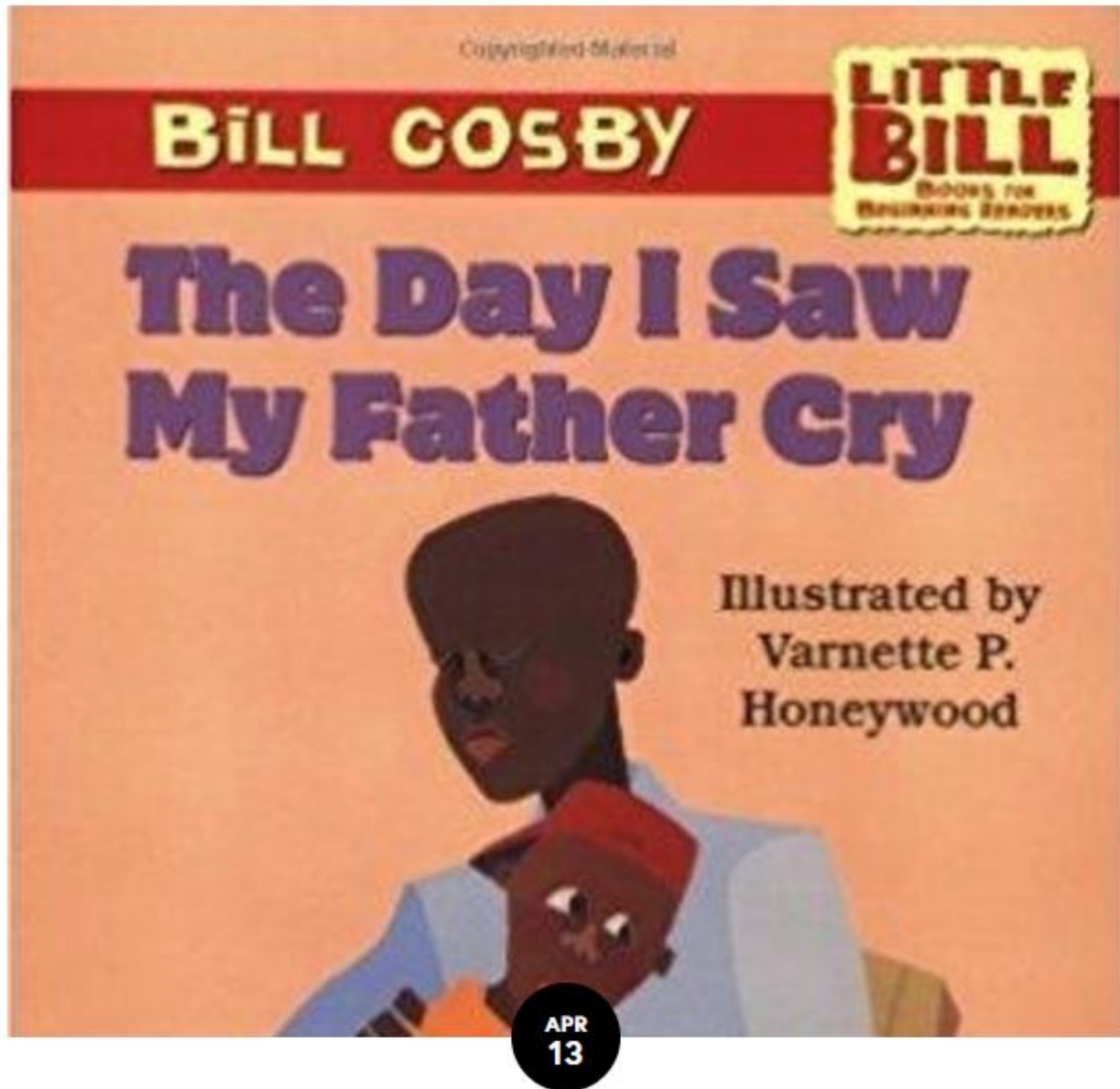
before realizing that he wasn't getting what he wanted out of it and transferred to receive his degree in English. He wanted to be an English teacher, but in searching for a career, he landed in sports radio. He said that he "listened to sports talk radio" while in the car and found an internship, which is what let him to where he is today.

Eli Madden is the Director of Ticket Sales and Services for the Colorado Mammoth Lacrosse team. Madden went to the University of Minnesota and after graduating, he started an internship organizing snowmobile and ATV races. That internship gave him enough experiences to grow into event operations, which is how he partnered with the Colorado Mammoth and says he, "loves the business side of sports."

Tabor Chapman of Kroenke Sports and Entertainment played soccer for 18 years, and was very interested in sports and production. He dj'd for the Denver Nuggets before switching to display systems. Chapman explained that, "Everything I did growing up prepared me for this job."

The event an amazing opportunity for those who attended to get some important insight in the sports world and to get it firsthand from those who are most apart of that system! The Regis University Business of Sports Club hosts networking events throughout the school year to connect students to sports and business. Students who are interested in getting involved can contact Ethan Beaudoin at wbeaudoin@regis.edu.

Danny Rolander *Staff Reporter*



Little Bill Make the Most Challenged List

NEWS

(Photo: Scholastic)

Bill Cosby's children book series was recently named one of the top ten most challenged books by the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual

Freedom. Little Bill making the list is remarkable because it is the first time that a book is being widely challenged for its author, rather than its content. People began protesting the books most likely due to the sexual allegations made against actor, comedian, and author Bill Cosby. For a book to be challenged, someone must try to get it removed from a public library or school curriculum. Many might also remember the animated television show, which was an extension of the Little Bill series.

Director of American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom, James LaRue defends the books remaining in libraries and schools. He said, "I would say we try to purchase books that appeal to a certain age group, that the books themselves were well reviewed and that they have positive message. I would also say that you may disagree with him as a person, but these books aren't about that."

LaRue also defends other highly challenged books such as the Harry Potter Series, Fight Club, To Kill A Mockingbird, and I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, by saying, "One of the real issues is that fewer schools have librarians so they don't know there's a thoughtful way to respond to complaints. You also have school librarians saying upfront that they won't want profanity or sex in the books they acquire." Undoubtedly, Bill Cosby is a topic of controversy, but does that have to mean 5 year old Little Bill from Philadelphia must suffer as well?

Alanna Shingler Staff Reporter



An invitation from the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusive Excellence

SOCIAL JUSTICE

(Photo: Regis University)

On the evening of April 5th the Institute on the Common Good hosted more than 170 members of the Regis University community for an honest – and at times difficult – dialogue about race and inclusivity on campus. This was only the beginning of a much larger process. That evening, small groups surfaced a number of questions that provide structure to an ongoing series of dialogues. All members of the Regis community are invited and encouraged to attend the dialogue sessions and to be a part of this important and ongoing work.

Because space is limited, please RSVP to Fredricka Brown (fbrown@regis.edu).

Upper Administration has pledged to attend

How do you tell someone that they are racist?

Tuesday, April 18th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Claver Hall 210

How do we as students, faculty, staff, and administrators better practice Jesuit values?

Thursday, April 20th, 3:00 -5:00 p.m. Modular 185

What is our way forward?

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Courtesy of Bemar Martinez Hernandez

Graduate Assistant / Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusive Excellence



**Student Submission: Colorado
Youth Score Legal Victory Against
Fracking**

SOCIAL JUSTICE

April 11, 2017 – A three-judge appeals court ruled in favor of the Boulder-based youth activist group, Earth Guardians, determining that the health of Colorado citizens and the environment takes precedent over oil and gas interests. The petition requests for the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) suspend fracking permits “until it can be done without adversely impacting human health and safety and without impairing Colorado’s atmospheric resource and climate system, water, soil, wildlife, and other biological resources.” The plaintiffs were all members of the youth activist group ages between 13 and 16.

The ruling came after voters passed State Constitution Amendment 71 in the November elections, making the Colorado constitution harder for citizens to amend. Known as ‘Raise the Bar,’ the campaign to approve this amendment raised five times more funding than its opposition, including millions from energy interests.

This part of the country has a long history of disasters resulting from fossil fuel extraction, but these incidents are increasing in scale and frequency at an alarming rate. Judges Terry Fox and JoAnn Vogt ruled to bring the case back to the district court to reconsider the petition.

The state commission that controls new extraction permits, COGCC, has close ties to the fossil fuel industry. Actually, that’s an understatement – Five of the nine commissioners own drilling companies, and two of them are sitting officers of oil and gas companies. Supporters say that it is best to have technical experts in those positions; critics say it is a recipe for abuse of power.

The latest legal battle demonstrates that many Coloradans value the natural beauty of their state more than the economic benefits that may come with oil and gas drilling. The following is an open letter to Commissioner Larry Wolk, MD, Executive Director of Department of Public Health and Environment:

Dear Dr. Larry Wolk:

Following the Court of Appeals decision ruling that the health of citizens and the environment take precedent over oil and gas interests; I implore you to consider the mounting evidence that large-scale geologic disturbances are caused by petroleum extraction.

Firstly, citizens living near multiplying hydraulic fracturing operations across this state deserve to know what the ingredients of this chemical mixture are, so that we can be prepared for the health defects that may result. Some volatile organic

compounds such as benzene, xylene, and toluene have been detected, all of which are known to adversely affect human health. The so-called “Haliburton Loophole” allows oil companies to keep the list of over 600 different chemicals used in national fracking operations a secret from the public. This list of ingredients may be vital to understanding the long-term effects of gas extraction in our communities. The Commission has the authority to pressure major gas companies to reveal what is being pumped into our land.

Secondly, in our state perhaps the more urgent mystery is the alarming uptick in seismic activity over the last 10 years. Earthquake swarms up to 4.5 on the Richter scale have struck southern Colorado and the Four Corners in the last few years, and increasing incidents from Oklahoma to Front Range have been linked to methods of wastewater injection. Colorado-based National Earthquake Information Center confirmed that Oklahoma had a “millennium’s worth of earthquakes in two years,” and the rate of nearly one trillion barrels of water being injected into wells every year is to blame. Our state has been thus far spared from damaging earthquake swarm events, but the US Geologic Survey estimates that we are at 100X greater risk of large earthquake compared to just 10 years ago. Can we afford to continue with the same policies in light of these findings?

The US Geological Survey has concluded beyond the shadow of a doubt that wastewater injection – when at high enough pressure and in large enough volumes – causes small seismic shifts between rock layers miles below the surface, which can cascade into catastrophic earthquakes and landslides. Not all wastewater injection wells cause earthquakes. However, to restrict current and future fluid injection for oil extraction, comprehensive limits on the amount of wastewater injection allowed in a given area is necessary.

With the growth of the oil and gas extraction industry has come an economic boom. But what if the earthquakes keep growing like they have in Oklahoma? Pollution and property damage from earthquakes are bad for the economy.

The petition by Earth Guardians indicates the rising desire Coloradans have to prevent local bans on extraction and property right lawsuits. What will Colorado look like decades from now if this exploitation continues at its current rate?

In short, the people of this state, especially those looking forward to inheriting it, are much less concerned with the health of the petroleum industry than the health of their families. I bid this commission to take heed of this recent decision, and to do the utmost to uphold the spirit of its call.

Sincerely, Concerned Colorado Youth:

Jay Belmonarch, Brenda Barron, Mait Baldwin, Albert Travaglini

If you would like to encourage the COGCC to protect our communities and our environment contact them: <http://cogcc.state.co.us/about.html#/contacts>



Student Submission: Exercise Your Voice On Campus

SOCIAL JUSTICE

(Photo: Jason Freedman)

In 2015 students saw the defunding of the Diversity Office at Regis. Resources for international students and students from diverse backgrounds were not seen as a priority. Since then students have fought tooth and nail for change and have

seen very little. With the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusive Excellence Office reinstated and one extra professional hired, they are overworked and underfunded. Not to mention the diversity office, a crucial part of student life at any legitimate University, has been moved from the student center to the fitness center. The office currently supports LGBTQ, international, students of color, students who are veterans, and creates programming essential to our calling as a Jesuit institution.

Regis students are black, brown and white, Muslim, Christian and atheist, women, men and genderqueer. But the Regis narrative is historically written by white, Catholic, straight men. Everyday Regis students are on campus, some are finding community and some are being marginalized. As Americans, we are all called to treat people with dignity regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or religion. As Jesuit educated students we are called to stand with vulnerable communities, and not only expand our notion of community but actually shift the dominant narrative to center voices on the margins. Students of color, LGBTQ students, immigrant students, and their allies have led campus initiatives that bring attention to the most important social issues of our time, and ultimately work to write their own stories into the center of Regis history. Keep in mind, this is not to be conflated with the popular phrase “all lives matter,” which cannot be detached from its contemporary political context that functions to discredit the Black Lives Matter movement and divert attention from the voices of marginalized people.

These dialogues give issues of race and inclusivity center stage, as we seek to name and dismantle the oppression in our own communities. While “safe spaces” can be productive in their own ways they will never produce the goal of a free and just community that we all desire--where individuals are free to express themselves, develop their strengths, and flourish to the best of their natural ability. In a divided world we are called to take a stand, and if we are silent or inactive on issues that matter then we have chosen the side of the oppressor. Our University recruits the student body based on the idea that diversity makes us stronger, so we must provide students institutional support once they arrive.

President Father John P. Fitzgibbons, S.J. explicitly upholds in his “Invocation Delivered at Denver’s State of the City Address July 11, 2016” that Regis University affirms that “Black Lives Matter.” And the the President, along with presidents from 28 other Jesuit colleges, signed onto a letter expressing solidarity with undocumented students and students of diverse faiths:

We see our work of teaching, scholarship and the formation of minds and spirits as a sacred trust. That trust prompts us to labor for solidarity among all people, and especially with and for the poor and marginalized of our society. That trust calls us to

embrace the entire human family, regardless of their immigration status or religious allegiance. And experience has shown us that our communities are immeasurably enriched by the presence, intelligence, and committed contributions of undocumented students, as well as of faculty and staff of every color and from every faith tradition.

Students from diverse marginalized backgrounds belong in our community, and more than that they deserve to have a voice in the creation of a campus that serves the needs of every student. Regis individuals have worked tirelessly to influence the culture at Regis, to expand our experience of community beyond the traditional Anglo-Christian mindset, and now we would like to see our institutional powers step into greater moral leadership. You can come to the talks scheduled on campus to learn more about the experience of students on campus. Administration pledges to attend these conversations, and listen to students about how they can better serve you. We want your voice!

For information about the conversation dates, [click here!](#)

Jack Flotte Director of Social Justice and Spirituality Committee



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US Drops Most Powerful Bomb Since Nagasaki

NEWS

(Photo: Department of Defense)

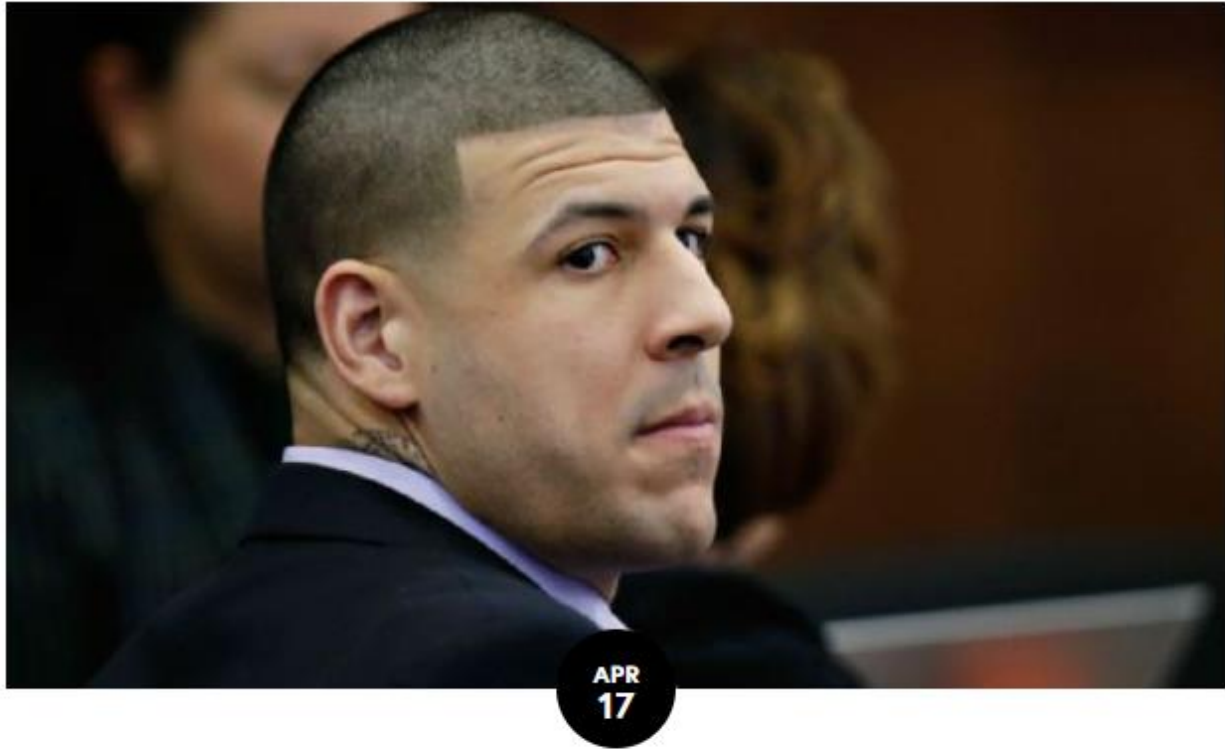
Trump was not joking in 2015 when he said he was going to “quickly and decisively bomb the hell out of ISIS.” On Thursday April 13, the United States struck Afghanistan with the most powerful non-nuclear bomb ever used in battle. With the nickname ‘mother of all bombs’, the GBU-43/B Massive Ordnance Air Blast Bomb (MOAB) is 21,600 pounds and 30 feet long. According to US officials, the target was an ISIS cave in the Achin district of the Nangarhar province.

Press secretary Sean Spicer said about the bomb, “The United States takes the fight against ISIS very seriously and in order to defeat the group we must deny them operational space, which we did.” President Trump is satisfied with the strike, but refused to say whether or not he approved the strike and commented, “Everybody knows exactly what happens. So, what I do is authorize our military.”

The MOAB was first developed in 2003 in attempts to intimidate Saddam Hussein, but it was never actually used in Iraq. One of these bombs costs about \$16 million and the military has spent an estimated \$314 million on them so far.

While Trump and Spicer feel confident in Thursday’s move, California representative Jackie Speier feels differently about increased involvement in Afghanistan. She voices, “We are escalating in an area I think we should be de-escalating in. Coupled with what happened in Yemen, what happened in Syria, these are efforts that are made to suggest that we will be engaging in wars in three different countries simultaneously.”

Alanna Shingler Staff Reporter



Aaron Hernandez is Acquitted in Double Murder Trial

NEWS

(Photo: Stephan Savoia)

Don't cry over spilled milk, unless you happen to be an NFL star, of course. On April 14 former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez was acquitted for double murder over what prosecutors are saying was a result of anger provoked by a spilled drink. The 27 year old is already serving a life sentence for a murder committed in 2013. Dodging the first-degree murder charges, Hernandez was charged only with unlawful possession of a gun, adding four to five years to his existing sentence.

The families of victims Daniel de Abreu and Safiro Furtado are crushed by the outcome of the trial, and feel especially upset with how the defense portrayed the deceased men as drug dealers and gang bangers. "These were two hardworking, humble, Cape Verdean immigrants," according to their lawyer, who feels, "It was unnecessary and it was wrong, and it shouldn't have been done."

From a different perspective, one of Hernandez's defense lawyers, Jose Baez remarked, "I wish he'd called me (for the first trial). I think there are plenty of flaws in that conviction. If they are exposed properly, he certainly can and should get a new trial." And this is not Baez's first time going to court for a famous case - he is known for representing Casey Anthony in the acquittal of the death of her daughter in 2008. Baez and his team of defense attorneys theorize that Hernandez's friend Alexander Bradley played an important role in the murders and that he was a negative influence in Hernandez's life.

Alanna Shingler Staff Reporter



Star Wars and the Power of Costume at the Denver Art Museum

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

(Photo: Allison Upchurch)

From November 13 to April 9, the Denver Art Museum hosted a special exhibit entitled Star Wars and the Power of Costume. From characters like Obi-Wan and Luke Skywalker, to Darth Vader and Bobba Fet, this exhibit showcased the intricate concept, design, and execution of each of the costumes that actors and actresses wore to become the characters in the Star Wars saga.

According to the introduction text when visitors first walked in the exhibit, Star Wars and the Power of Costume showcases how the costumes were “inspired by imagination, and an eclectic mix of culture, historical, and mythical sources” and how they “shaped identities and brought characters to life”.

Visitors to the exhibit had the opportunity to go through and get up close to various costumes, props, and concept art of the Star Wars characters from Episodes 1 through 7. All visitors were accompanied by a hand-held audio device that featured both adult and children’s audio. The adult audio walked visitors through the behind the scenes facts and costume designer testimonies of the pieces on display, while the children’s invited younger visitors to take part of a game show called “Galactic Getups and Gadgets” and vote on whether they like the costumes or the gadgets and props the best.

The costumes were displayed in sections according to which types of characters they belonged to. For example, the Stormtroopers, rebel pilots, and First Order officer costumes were featured together in one area because of how they all fit into the military character aspect of Star Wars. Along with the displays of the actual costumes, there were sections of the exhibit that took visitors into replicas of the costume design studios where the first drafts of costumes are thought up and drawn on paper. Later on, visitors would be lead into replicas of the costume manufacturing departments where costume designers searched and selected from thousands of fabric options to find the right one that would bring out the essence of the character on-screen and make it comfortable for the actor or actress to wear. These sections helped visitors get an idea of how much time and effort it takes to put together the most well-loved and iconic costumes in the Star Wars saga.

To all the costume designers who come together to make the costumes for this most cherished franchise and to those who will join in the future: May the fabrics be with you. Always.

Allison Upchurch Staff Reporter



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Humans of Regis: Ed Perez

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Trump Targets Planned Parenthood

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(Photo: Justin Lane/European Pressphoto Agency)

On April 13, President Trump signed legislation intending to undermine nonprofits such as Planned Parenthood because they perform abortions. The change nullifies President Obama's law that prohibited local and state governments from withholding federal funding for family planning. These services include screening for breast and cervical cancer, pregnancy care, fertility, sexually transmitted infections, contraception, and controversially, abortion services.

In the past, Trump has applauded Planned Parenthood for its services other than abortion, and has proposed a compromise wherein federal funding for the health-providing nonprofit is preserved so long as they stop performing abortions. Planned Parenthood, however, says it will never accept the deal and points out that

government funding for abortion (except under limited circumstances) is already prohibited under federal law.

Head of an anti-abortion group, Marjorie Dannenfelser feels, “Prioritizing funding away from Planned Parenthood to comprehensive health care alternatives is a winning issue. We expect to see congress continue its efforts to redirect additional taxpayer funding away from Planned Parenthood through pro-life health care reform after the spring recess.”

On the contrary, Heidi Williamson, senior policy analyst for a women’s right group disapproves of Trump’s legislation and said, “Despite repeated promises that he would protect and invest in women’s health, President Trump has once again shown that his words carry little weight. Trump’s actions are creating very real and damaging consequences for millions of women and their families, inflicting direct harm on already vulnerable communities.”

Alanna Shingler Staff Reporter



Chase for Facebook Killer Ends in Suicide

NEWS

(Photo: Greg Wohlford/Erie Times-News)

Earlier this week, Steve W. Stephens claimed to be so angry at his girlfriend that he killed a stranger in public and posted a video of the murder on Facebook. For two days police were searching for him until a McDonald's employee reported a sighting in Pennsylvania and Stephens ended his own life.

After the videos were posted in Cleveland, a number of sightings were reported around the country in areas including Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Indiana, Michigan, and Texas. Thirty-seven-year-old Stephens pulled into a McDonald's drive-thru 100 miles outside of Cleveland and ordered food when he was

recognized by an employee who tried to stall by taking an extra long time to give Stephens his fries. Instead of waiting, Stephens drove off without paying. The Pennsylvania police force chased him for about a mile before employing a PIT maneuver, a strategic technique to hit the suspect's car causing him to lose control. It was then that "Stephens pulled a pistol and shot himself in the head," as police report it.

Stephens had no criminal record prior to the incident and Cleveland police chief Calvin Williams explains, "We would like to have brought Steve in peacefully, and really talk to him and find out exactly why this happened because there might be other people out there in similar situations that we can help."

Daughter of Stephens' victim expressed, "We are not happy about the outcome because we would've preferred that he turned himself in and paid the penalty for taking my father's life. We forgave him, but even the Bible says the law is the law. Him dying serves us no purpose."

Alanna Shingler Staff Reporter



Fox News Drops Bill O'Reilly After Sexual Harassment Allegations

NEWS

(Photo: Drew Angerer/Getty Images)

After two decades as a highly influential news commentator, Bill O'Reilly has been forced out of his position as Fox News prime-time host following sexual harassment allegations. Fox News's parent 21st Century Fox issued a statement declaring, "After a thorough and careful review of the allegations, the company and Bill O'Reilly have agreed that Bill O'Reilly will not be returning to the Fox News Channel."

Fox has stood by O'Reilly throughout the allegations and even extended his contract with the knowledge of complaints about his behavior. Among a number of

allegations, O'Reilly settled harassment cases with five women, totalling about \$13 million. Following, women's rights groups demanded O'Reilly be fired and over 50 advertisers abandoned his show. This pressured Fox enough to finally drop him, even though O'Reilly denies all allegations.

Having anchored his show The O'Reilly Factor for the past twenty years, O'Reilly has proved to be among the most popular commentators on television. Subtracting O'Reilly from Fox News will certainly have an impact on the company, as his show reportedly brought in \$111 million over three years.

Among the companies that pulled ads from the O'Reilly Factor was Mercedes who stated, "The allegations are disturbing and, given the importance of women in every aspect of our business, we don't feel this is a good environment in which to advertise our products right now."

Alanna Shingler Staff Reporter



Holmquist and Sanders Lead Q & A Discussion on Syrian Conflict

CAMPUS LIFE

(Photo: Getty Images)

On Tuesday, April 18th senior Allie Holmquist and history and politics professor Dr. Ethan Sanders hosted a Q & A entitled “The Syrian Conflict—A Civil War?” in the Regis Room of Carroll Hall. This semester, Holmquist and Sanders researched the conflict in an independent study. Over twenty students and faculty were in attendance.

Dr. Sanders began with background on the conflict by responding to the question, “Is this a civil war?”

“The first and most obvious answer,” Sanders stated, “is yes. It is a civil war insofar as it is a war raging amongst the people of Syria to either topple the regime of

Bashar al-Assad or those who want to see that regime stay in place and keep its power.”

However, while numerous domestic issues led to the conflict, Sanders also stated that there are a variety of international players that have contributed as well. In this sense, according to Sanders, “it is not just a civil war but a conflict with regional and global dimensions.” The other foreign actors involved are Turkey, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Iran, the United States, and Russia. The interests and actions of these nations helped to shape the conflict into what it has become today.

Next, Allie Holmquist, a senior Peace and Justice and Sociology double major, gave background history information on how the Syrian conflict began and how it looks today.

“What has been most upsetting—and that word doesn’t capture what I’m trying to say—has been the use of chemical warfare against civilians in Syria.” The most recent chemical attack on civilians by the government occurred on April 4th, despite the fact that Syria is a signatory to the Chemical Weapons Convention, which is an international law stating that it is illegal to use chemical weapons in any war.

“I think what needs to happen is a shift in how we look at the conflict. We can’t look at it as ‘the U.S is participating because they want to be seen in this light in the Middle East’ or ‘Saudi Arabia is involved because they don’t want Iran to be the superpower.’ It needs to be a shift to what the Syrian people need and how to keep them alive.” Holmquist stated that often those who are in a position to bring change to the situation often shy away from taking action by claiming that the situation is too complex.

“If we shift the conversation to the Syrian people, we’ll start different conversations. With that, I think other steps that need to be taken immediately are refugee resettlement and trauma counseling for refugees.”

For the latter half of the event, Holmquist and Sanders answered questions from guests in attendance. To conclude, Dr. Sanders stated, “First, be willing to dig a little deeper, and then to think empathetically about why people do what they do because that’s the only way to understand any conflict.”

Maggie Lacy Staff Reporter



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Fighting for Facts: Science March on Earth Day

NEWS

(Photo: Hilary Swift/The New York Times)

Feeling increasingly threatened by President Trump's new policies, scientists around the world gathered in cities, including Denver, for the March for Science. Their goal was to encourage voters and politicians to make decisions based on empirically supported evidence. Their chants included "Save the E.P.A.", "Who runs the world? Nerds.", and "If you like beer, thank yeast and scientists!".

The organizers of the march were motivated by Trump who has voiced doubt in the safety of vaccinations and has undone Obama's efforts to protect the environment. Protesters were taken aback when Trump's administration proposed a budget which would cut 18 percent of the National Institute of Health's funding and

31 percent of the Environmental Protection Agency's. Trump claims he has made the destructive environmental policies in order to preserve jobs, but it is important to note that his cuts to the E.P.A. will result in unemployment for a quarter of the company.

Harvard professor of the history of science, Naomi Oreskes said, "I can't think of a time where scientists felt the enterprise of science was being threatened in the way scientists feel now."

Another protester and chemist Christine Negra explained, "In the U.S., we're lagging in our recognition about how important climate change is. These public events are meant to shake people out of their daily lives so that people see how urgent the problem really is."

Alanna Shingler Staff Reporter



Highlander News Report Week of 4.24.17

NEWS



Humans of Regis: Karyn White

HUMANS OF REGIS

(Photo courtesy of Marley Weaver-Gabel)

On April 14, six Regis students volunteered with There With Care. There With Care (TWC) is an organization that provides support to families with critical illness. Though centrally located in Boulder, they have expanded to a Denver office as well as an office in the Bay Area. Each office has a “store” type of set up that is stocked with snack bags for hospital trips, pre-cut and packaged ingredients for dinners, and dry/canned goods. Along with their food supplies, they have a variety of necessary toiletries for the families they service.

While their primary service is this store, they also support families by providing transportation to and from the hospital, childcare for other children in the family, and some basic errands like car repairs. Not only do they function as an extra hand for families, they offer a community, which emotionally supports the families as well. Often, families face critical illness with little to no support, so There With Care gives them a friend to help them in their darkest times.

The group of Regis volunteers helped prepare toiletry bags and write notes to families who would be the recipients of the packages. Visiting the facilities, students saw the inside of their operation, which illuminated the “behind the scenes” of TWC. While working, students spoke with the Volunteer Coordinator at the Denver office, Karyn White, who shares her story below:

What is your official position at TWC? How long have you been with TWC?

I am the Volunteer Coordinator for the Denver offices. I have worked for them for two years. We were under TWC for 18 months and about a year after I came back to do volunteer training to start working with them.

Tell me a little bit about how you got involved with There With Care.

My oldest son was diagnosed with cancer almost 4 years ago, so we became a There With Care family. Every family is assigned a program coordinator and I used to call her my phone friend. She would just call and ask what we needed every week. I didn't know what we needed most but she would have me walk her through the week to see what I need for her to help out with.

Was there a moment that inspired you to work for TWC after your experience with them?

Paula, the founder, came to my house during the holidays and brought a wreath. We have a wreath program where we give one live wreath to every family during the holidays. She came to my house to do a delivery and she brought her sons with her. She came into my home and introduced herself to me. She started asking Kaden [her son who was, at the time, battling with cancer] what he liked to do and what he was interested in. He told her he was interested in reading and movies and the Harry Potter series in particular. She shared that she used to work on the Harry Potter sets and stuck around for two hours just talking with us and getting to know our family. It really helped me see that this is all about care. It is just beautiful. When her and her sons left that evening, I told my husband: “I am going to work there.”

What they do is so amazing; not just for my family, but also for the other families we've met. The pediatric oncology family is so small, everyone knows who TWC is. After we were no longer a current TWC family, I attended a volunteer training session and I kept saying "when something opens up I want to work here." Originally the Denver office was just supposed to be a pantry space but then they finally needed someone staffed in the Denver office.

What was the best part about being a family of TWC (recipient of services)?

TWC didn't have an agenda for me. When they called and asked me what I needed, they just wanted to help me with what was heaviest on my plate. What my family needs in medical crisis is not the same as your family. They want to hear about what is going on in my life, whether I needed help with meals or help with siblings and supporting the other part of my family. They really want it to be centered on "what does this particular family need." That was the best part; I got to choose what was best for my family and me.

After we have been through what we have been through, we wanted to have meaningful careers. I came here and my husband switched to work in the medical industry. For me it is really awesome to be involved in helping families who face critical illness.

On the other side, what is your favorite part about working with families?

One thing that has been important to me is that I have continued to do family deliveries even though I work here. It is an important connection that helps remind us why we are doing what we do. The feedback I receive is that it is truly a time that they need to focus on their child and we take care of things so they are able to do that. Life doesn't stop because a diagnosis has happened. What sometimes seems like a pain in the rear in regular life becomes much harder. I love that I can be part of something that make a difference and I continue to see the difference it makes.

What is the most beneficial type of help people can provide to TWC?

One thing that is really important is that we want people to help in the ways that they really connect with. Some people connect with deliveries, some people just do events, and some people just do item drives. We have some kids who do lemonade stands or bake sales. It is hard to say one thing is the most important because there are so many things. If you make me choose I would say sharing our mission and helping us connect to the community. It is so amazing how we can connect and reach out. In the

end, people are talking about it. You share things you are passionate about. The more we can reach out to communities, the more resources we can tap into. We serve 122 families currently, that is about 500 people per week. Over the course of 2017, we are projected to serve 500 families, which requires a huge budget. The average cost to carry family through crisis is \$3,500.

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

We are volunteer based and we serve 450-500 people per week. We could not do that without our volunteers. We are not just taking care of the child, we are taking care of the whole family, mom, dad, sister, pet. It may be it is hard to see the impact once you've finished, but know that it is profound. It is important to remember the ripple effect.

For more information or to get involved, visit <http://therewithcare.org>.

Marley Weaver-Gabel *Editor-In-Chief*



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Florida Takes Measures to Fight Zika

NEWS

(Photo: Beth Ranson/AP)

Twenty-thousand bacteria carrying male mosquitoes were released in the Florida Keys earlier this week to counter the Zika virus, logic being that the increase in males will control the disease-carrying female *Aedes aegypti* mosquito. The release is the beginning of a twelve-week trial with non-biting mosquitoes that have been manually infected with *Wolbachia*, a bacteria found in the cells of many insects but not mosquitoes. When the infected male mosquitoes mate with females, the eggs she produces will not hatch, which hopefully will reduce the population of female *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes.

The mosquitoes will be released twice a week as part of this trial, but Florida is not the first place to try this technique. In 2011, a suburb of Cairns, Australia released the first Wolbachia-infected and had success in replacing disease-carrying mosquitoes with healthy ones.

According to the executive director for the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District Andrea Leal, “A successful trial with the Wolbachia-infected mosquitoes could mean the availability of a new tool in the fight against the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito for not only our district, but for Mosquito Control Districts around the country.”

Florida is also investing in a trial with a British company called Oxitec. This trial involves OX513A, a male *Aedes aegypti* mosquito that is genetically modified to pass a lethal gene to females causing death to their offspring.

Alanna Shingler Staff Reporter



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World Health Organization Set to Vaccinate 750,000 Toddlers Against Malaria

NEWS

(Photo: D. Poland/PATH)

Scientists finally have a vaccine for the 2,000-year old disease which currently kills about 429,000 people per year: Malaria. In 2018, the World Health Organization will launch a program to vaccinate 750,000 toddlers in Ghana, Kenya, and Malawi. After thirty years of work, scientists have developed the new vaccine by the name of RTS,S, which is to be administered in a series of four shots.

Much of the funding for the development vaccine came from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the PATH Malaria Initiative. The World Health Organization, GlaxoSmithKline, and nonprofits such as the Global Fund to Fight

AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria are covering \$49.2 million cost to distribute the vaccine through 2020.

Though news RTS,S is exciting, clinical trials indicate that it will only stop malaria in about 30 percent of infants and 40 percent of toddlers. Still, this is considered to be the best option as of now and the World Health Organization is confident that the vaccine will reduce the annual number of malaria deaths. The World Health Organization's regional director for Africa, Dr. Matshidiso offers, "The prospect of a malaria vaccine is great news. Information gathered in the pilot program will help us make decisions on the wider use of this vaccine. Combined with existing malaria interventions, such a vaccine would have the potential to save tens of thousands of lives in Africa."

Alanna Shingler *Staff Reporter*



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Social Justice, Race, and Regis

SOCIAL JUSTICE

(Photo: Frances Meng-Frecker)

“We should be ahead, but instead we’re behind,” said Jack Flotte, outgoing director of RUSGA’s Social Justice and Spirituality Committee. When Flotte made this remark, he was discussing the fact that, as a Jesuit University, Regis should logically be ahead of the curve when it comes to justice, and incorporating all races, but, for some reason, we aren’t.

Over the past month, Regis has undergone conversations of race, community, and issues that people of color face on our campus. Many people have left feeling as if there was no resolution, but Flotte sees hope in the fact that over 150 people showed up to the first talk, and people continued to attend subsequent ones.

Why do we need these conversations? Why do we have an office specifically for Diversity and Inclusion? Because our community is a fractured one that needs to be fixed, luckily we have the people to do that. Student Government and the Diversity Office give students a chance to have their voices heard, but it can still be hard to grasp what it means to be a person of color on Regis’ campus.

“It means that you are going to be uncomfortable a lot of the time,” said Awah Tilong, who works in the Diversity Office. “You either succumb to that and let that affect your experience or you use it to help create an environment that is more comfortable.” The latter is the reason that events like Anti-Oppression Week and Social Justice Week exist.

Anti-Oppression Week was meant to educate, inform, and was heavily organized by faculty members Brian Drwecki and Damien Thompson. It was during this week that Flotte infamously made remarks about dismantling the “myth” of black-on-black crime. He delivered these remarks during a presentation about White Guilt.

“The point of this talk was to normalize this conversation about race,” said Flotte. He believes that people are afraid to talk about race, and that we stigmatize these discussions in our society.

Many national news sources attacked Flotte, saying his statement was false, but no one gave him the chance to clarify. For Flotte, the remark emerged not because black people never commit crimes against other black people, but because people utilize this narrative to undermine the black community, and movements such as Black Lives Matter.

“We think it’s a social phenomenon and we believe it’s inherently different from when white people commit crimes,” said Flotte. His aim was to demonstrate that this is inherently untrue, but that’s not how many perceived it.

Flotte is not alone in his beliefs about how harmful the message of black-on-black crime is. In fact, others suggest it is another way for non-minorities to continue to believe that they have no role in the oppression of others.

“It’s just a way to dilute the fact that black people have experienced more violence, more oppression, and have had a more negative experience in America,” said Tilog. “No matter what you say, they will say ‘but you guys are doing it to yourselves.’ Even though there’s a system; it’s still our fault.”

Being able to ignore issues of race is another form of privilege. Reinforcing the black-on-black crime narrative is another way that people are forced to pick privilege over reform.

“It’s a rhetoric tool that is used to divide people,” said Flotte. “It tells us the problems in black communities are not your problems—that you don’t have a role in the problems or the solutions.”

Inter-group violence exists because of our segregated communities, and the fact that we live in a world where limited resources are controlled by institutions rather than communities. However, when people try to bring issues of justice, especially those of race, to light, they are often met with violent backlash.

“The minute people feel like they are being targeted they feel defensive or scared,” said Tilog. She remarks that it’s hard to create ally-ship because people tend to take any discussion of race as a personal insult, even though it is simply about creating spaces for stories other than the dominant ones to be heard.

Flotte, who comes from a family of military and police, says that he thinks people often interpret power for others as an attack on them. This is why he believes we have such difficulty creating reform in our world. Rather than being an attack on others, reform is about gaining agency for those who have had it stripped from them in the past, but it can be hard for people to grasp that. This tension is where we find push-back on justice reform in our society.

“Regis as an institution isn’t going to change, not because they don’t want to, but because they don’t have to,” said Tilog. “There isn’t enough of us others to

put influence on this school...to make this change happen quick and smooth. Students with this privilege and power need to put their privilege aside and stop taking things so personally. Don't combat change. Us making this community comfortable for us will make it comfortable for you too. We aren't trying to have a revolution we seek to make a community where we can all feel fine and comfortable."

Regis is a small place to start the reform that Flotte, Tilon, and many others believe our society needs. However, it has become clear that, even on our small campus, there are barriers to accessing this justice. In the future, there is hope that those restrictions can be lifted, and we can achieve change at our school.

Catie Cheshire Staff Reporter



Trump and Trudeau Promised Women CEOs... Where Are They?

NEWS

(Photo: Reuters/Kevin Lamarque)

Did someone say publicity stunt? On February 13, President Trump and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau held a white house meeting to discuss the advancement of business women in senior leadership roles. They announced a new task force dedicated to women in business. The meeting's attendees included Ivanka Trump and a table full of ten female business executives from both the United States and Canada.

While Trudeau is a self-proclaimed feminist, Trump has been repeatedly accused of sexual harassment and chauvinism, and a seemingly pro-women move may have been an effort to better his image. During the State of the Union the president boasted, "With the help of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, we have formed a council with our neighbors in Canada to help ensure that women entrepreneurs have access to the networks, markets, and capital they need to start a business and live out their financial dreams." Critics of the photo-op add that the meeting was only 35 minutes in length, suggesting that no real discussion could have taken place.

Superficially, the initiative seems honorable, but there appears to not be any sort of infrastructure or set plan for the Canada-United States Council for Advancement of Women Entrepreneurs and Business Leaders (CUSCFAOWEABL). When pressed for details about when the council would next meet, Canadian spokesmen replied with, "Nothing is scheduled at the moment," and "I couldn't give you a specific timing, but it is in the works." As journalists have reached out to the CEOs who attended the meeting, it appears that they have received no information about upcoming plans for CUSCFAOWEABL either.

Alanna Shingler Staff Reporter



Scientists Finding Ancient Human DNA in Cave Dirt

NEWS

(Photo: Sergei Zelensky/The Russian Academy of Sciences)

Until only recently, the only way to study the genes of ancient ancestors of humans, such as Neanderthals and Denisovans was through fossils. With new technological advancements, scientists are now able to study ancient genes from sediment. This is advantageous because fossils are so scarce and very difficult to discover. In the words of geneticist Adam Siepel, “It’s a bit like discovering that you can extract gold dust from thin air.”

On the lack of realistic ability to find fossils, evolutionary geneticist Henry Poinar, adds, “In a lot of cases, you can get bones but not enough. If you just have one small piece of bone from one site, curators do not want you to grind it up.” A group of

researchers in Colorado spent twenty years sifting through tons of dirt in uncovering bones, teeth, and skin of twenty animal species. A different group of scientists took one tablespoon of dirt from the same cave and within two weeks time, they were able to identify sixteen animal species who had lived there.

Knowing that DNA sticks to minerals and decayed plants in soil, scientists were unsure if it would be possible to gather genes from tens of thousands of years ago. Recently, a group of German researcher extracted between 5,000 and 8.2 million DNA fragments from dirt in caves of Eurasia, a fraction of which belong to prehistoric humans at least 14,000 years ago. With this new technology and information, scientists will be able to learn more about the lives of ancient humans than ever before. According Dr. Reich, these findings suggest a possibility of uncovering DNA in open air sites as well, and in his words, “That would be a magical thing to do.”



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Mr. Regis 2017

CAMPUS LIFE

(Photo: Frances Meng-Frecker)


Showcased in the Field House, the Mr. Regis event kicked off with the introduction of the MCs of the night, “Ethel” and “Ed”, respectively sophomore Marley Weaver-Gabel and senior John Mortiz. Throughout the night, “Ethel” and “Ed” led contests for the audience during transitions and made the audience laugh with a slew of jokes and riddles. They also introduced judges Matt Steward S.J., Jennifer Wink, and Trisha Litz.

The contestants of Mr. Regis were freshman Tim Smith, sophomore Noah Jones, junior Jorge Palacios, and sophomore Zach Martinez. To kick off the entertainment, the contestants did a group dance to various tunes as each person got to showcase their own freestyle moves. At the end, they encouraged the audience to join them onstage in a rendition of “The Cupid Shuffle”.

The talent portion was when each contestant got to show off their unique abilities. Tim was first with a slam poem based on the Black Lives Matter movement spoken in both English and Spanish. Next, Noah rapped an original piece, one he admitted he wrote that morning, called “Recognize”. Then, Jorge came onto the stage to play the cello accompanied by two of his friends who joined in on the drums and piano. Last, Zach sang and played the electric guitar to the song “Heartbeat” by José Gonzalez.

Next, each contestant answered a set of questions. Some notable answers include Tim saying his spirit animal is a puppy, Noah saying that if he was President of the United States his first policy would be to forgive all student debt, Jorge saying that if he could be any influential person for the day it would be Malala Yousafzai, and Zach saying that if he could be a pet and chose any owner he would want to be a cat and have his owner be Mahatma Gandhi.

The judges then went off to converse and decide on a winner. In an interesting turn of events, the judges actually had a tie so they needed to break the tie with one last question. At the end, the judges decided to give the title of Mr. Regis to Jorge Palacios and Tim Smith received the title of runner up. To cap off the night, the Regis community came together, donning thick jackets and wrapped in blankets, to watch a fireworks display with bright colors and canon fire beams shooting into the Colorado night sky.



Dealing with Stress at Regis University

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