A Statue in the Parque Del Buen Retiro (Madrid, Spain).

Color Photograph.

“This photo is of a statue in the Parque Del Buen Retiro, in Madrid, Spain. The statue is of a lion and the picture was taken by myself during a trip to visit a friend on a semester abroad who was living in the city. An interesting fact about this photo was that it was taken during the week of the devastating Metro bombings in March of 2004. I was lucky enough to be asleep at the time of the event. The photo was scanned from an actual print and edited for quality, contrast, and light level and the oval shape of the image is created by an effect on the Apple™ computer program iPhoto™.” – Paul Shea

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