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Attack Terrifies London

World

On 22 March 2017, at approximately 2:40 p.m., an attacker drove a car over Westminster Bridge, killing at least 2 pedestrians and injuring numerous others. The attacker drove a car into the railing outside of the Houses of Parliament.

The attacker was armed with a knife and killed unarmed officer P.C. Keith Palmer before being shot dead by armed forces.

London, along with the rest of the world, were sent into panic when news of the attack broke. Seven people were left in critical condition while twentynine others were taken and treated by a hospital.

Three of the injured were police officers who were pedestrians on the Westminster bridge at the time of the attack, two of whom were left in serious condition. Other victims were Britons as well as tourists and students from other



nations, including France, Romania, South Korea, Greece, Germany, Poland, the Irish Republic, China, Italy, and the United

The attacker was a British born

man and is thought to have acted alone. His name is yet to be released.

By Abigail Flannery

March Madness is a Win for Some and a Loss for Others

March Madness started on 14 March with the qualification round. The first round is generally considered less exciting as all the other rounds. It does not secure as many viewers as all the other rounds either.

The second round is when a lot of upsets happen. The round of 64 is where first seeds play sixteenth seeds, second seeds play fifteenth seeds, etc.

The first to sixteenth seeded matchup is almost a given for the first seed. Never in the history of March Madness has a first seed lost to a sixteenth seed. The second to fifteenth seed

games are different. It isn't too common for people saw Minnesota as over-ranked, so it the fifteenth seed to beat the second seed, but it does happen every once in awhile.

This year in the first round of the tournament, there weren't too many big upsets, but there were a fair amount. USC beating SMU was an upset that was not expected to happen by most people.

Middle Tennessee was a twelfth seed who upset the fifth seed, but most



wasn't that big of a surprise to most people when Minnesota lost.

South Carolina is the seventh seed. They beat Marquette in the first round. They went on to pull a huge upset and knock Duke out of the tournament, and now they continue on to the Final Four. Lavar Ball was telling all of the media about how UCLA was going to win the National

Championship, but they ended up losing in the Sweet 16 to Ken-

UNC's head coach Roy Williams is making another appearance in the Final Four, but every other head coach that's in the Final Four is there for the first time ever. Roy Williams has some experience over these coaches.

Last year, UNC lost to Villanova on a buzzer beater three-pointer in the National Championship game. This year, Villa-

nova was knocked out early against Wisconsin, and now UNC looks to win the whole

Gonzaga and North Carolina are the two number one seeds that remain in the tournament, Oregon is a three seed, and then South Carolina is being called the Cinderella team, and they are the seventh seed.

By McKenah Rapposelli



Pasta and Presto Deemed a Delicious Success

School

On March 4 2017, hundreds of students from grades 3-12 in the Fleetwood Area School District took part in the annual Fleetwood Area Music Association Pasta and Presto listening to them," junior Amelia Spanier said. Fundraiser. Families and community members

were welcomed to the school to enjoy performances from ensembles all across the district and eat a pasta dinner to benefit FAMA.

Students participating in the fundraiser had positive experiences and appreciated the support from the community.

These students spent months preparing music selections for their various groups in order to put on a great show for their friends and fami-

"Every music group did an excellent job. The band, chorus, and orchestra all put a gigantic amount of effort into perfecting the pieces. It turned out to be worth the hard work. The audience and the musicians both

seemed to be enjoying themselves. Audience members came for entertainment and got it. The students had the goal of impressing those Each audience member and perform

er had a personal favorite part of the evening, and the talent displayed by each group makes it difficult to choose according to both parties.

"I performed with the orchestra at Pasta and Presto. My favorite part is hard to decide,

but I thought that the combined piece with the middle school and high school orchestra was awesome," senior Tyler Manmiller said.

All participants who made the evening possible have been thanked numerous times by FAMA.

By Abigail Flanner

World Baseball Classic Captivates Audiences around the World

This year brought the fourth installment of the World Baseball Classic, an international tournament sanctioned by the World Baseball and Softball Confederation that pits the best players in the world against each other playing for their respective countries. The 2017 iteration set attendance and viewership records as it continues to grow in popularity.

The tournament consisted of sixteen teams divided into four pools. Pool A, played in Seoul, South Korea, was comprised of host South Korea, Chinese Taipei, Israel, and the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Upstart Israel started the tournament with a major upset of the Koreans, leading to a 3-0 record in the pool and a surprising advancement to the second round. The Dutch also advanced at 2-1. Pool B in the Tokyo Dome was dominated by host Japan at 3-0, with fellow international powerhouse Cuba also beating out Australia and China for a spot in round two.

Miami hosted Pool C, which was comprised of Colombia, Canada, the host United States, and defending champion Dominican Republic. Both the U.S. (2-1) and Dominicans (3-0) advanced to round 2. Pool D in Guadalajara, Mexico, was won by Puerto Rico at 3-0. Venezuela defeated Italy in a tiebreaker to move to round two as well. The host country Mexico finished last in the

Second round Pool E in Tokyo pitted the Pool A and B winners. Israel's surprise run ran out of energy, as they fell at the hands of eventual semifinalists Japan and the Netherlands. Pool F, comprised of Pool C and D winners, was played in San Diego. Puerto Rico continued its undefeated run through the second round. The final game of the pool came down to a win-or-go-home elimination game between the Dominicans and Americans, who were hoping to avenge an earlier tournament loss. The U.S. overcame an early deficit to take a 4-2 lead, led by a mammoth home run by Miami Marlin Giancarlo Stanton. The Dominicans threatened, but Baltimore Orioles outfielder Adam Jones thwarted a rally by robbing Oriole teammate Manny Machado of a potential home run. The U.S. held on to win 6-3 and advance to the semifinal round.

Los Angeles played host to the semifinals and finals. Game 1 featured undefeated Puerto Rico and the Netherlands. The score was already 2-2 after the first inning owing to long home runs by Dutch slugger Wladimir Balentein and Houston Astros phenom Carlos Correa for Puerto Rico. The game reached extra innings with the score tied at three, before a walkoff sacrifice fly by Minnesota's Eddie Rosario won the game for Puerto Rico.

The Puerto Ricans would face the winner of U.S and the undefeated powerhouse, two-time champion Japan. Playing under a light rain, USA starter Tanner Roark of the Washington Nationals and Japanese ace Tomoyuki Sugano dueled through the early innings, before an RBI single by Pittsburgh Pirates star Andrew McCutchen broke the tie in the fourth. In the sixth, Japanese second baseman Ryosuke Kikuchi tied the game with a solo home run. The tie was broken in the eighth, when a bobbled ground ball by Japanese third baseman Nobuhiro Matsuda allowed San Francisco's Brandon Crawford to score the go-ahead run. The Americans held on to win 2-1 and advance to their first championship game in tournament history.

Both Puerto Rico and the United States entered the final looking for their first tournament championship. Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Marcus Stroman started for the U.S. and turned in a clutch performance, nohitting the powerful Puerto Rican lineup through six innings. In the meantime, the U.S. built up a substantial lead.

A 2-run home run by Detroit Tiger Ian Kinsler started the scoring, and the Americans stretched the lead to 8-0 late in the game. Puerto Rico never threatened, and the United States of America won their first ever World Baseball Classic championship.

Stroman won tournament MVP after his dominant championship game performance and 2.35 ERA over the course of the tournament.

By Ben Schittler

Teen Beheads Mother

Cops and Courts

On Monday, 6 March, the police were called to a gruesome scene in a small North Carolina town. Thirty-five-year-old Yesenia Funez Beatriz Machado was found dead in her home, with her son Oliver holding her decapitated head in one hand and a large butcher knife in the oth-

"This whole area is a quiet area, and I didn't know what to expect when I came home and saw police cars and everything around," neighbor Ryan Reader said.

The crime was committed while two young children, aged two and four, were in the house. A third child was at school at the time of the murder. All three were unharmed during the

Oliver Funez was reportedly the one who called the police. His lawyer has stated that the youth is "profoundly disturbed," and Mike Waters, the district attorney, is seeking a mental evaluation of him. This evaluation is to commence on the fourteenth. He was passive upon

"He was sitting there like he didn't have a care in the world. He didn't appear to be upset. He didn't appear to be crying," neighbor Randy Mullins said.

Before beheading his mother, he stabbed her eight times and allegedly left the knife in her mouth.

The family had come to America illegally from Honduras. They settled in the North Carolina neighborhood last June. The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has become involved in the case as a result, issuing a detainer for him following his arrest. It is believed that he and his siblings are eligible for DACA status, making them a low priority for deportation. It is unclear what will happen to his father.

Funez has been officially charged with first degree murder. Officials say a motive is unclear, though mental illness is suspected to play a role in the killing. When asked by the 911 dispatcher why he had committed the crime, he responded that he "felt like it."

Neighbors and friends gathered at the house a few weeks after the crime to remember the woman at a vigil.

By Aubrey Reed

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Taylor Reed: Competing INBA All-Star Weekend Had a For a Cause

School

omore Taylor Reed competed in Berks Kids Got Mattress.' Talent. Berks Kids Got Talent is a competition

that doubles as a fundraiser to benefit the Dyslexia Center in Reading. Reed competed against kids all across the county who per-

formed a variety of different acts. Taylor showed off her skills by performing a comedy routine she crafted for the event.

"It was really cool to help children in need by doing something that I love," Reed said. Taylor's friends were not surprised by her comedic talents because, just two months prior to Berks Kids Got Talent, she was cast as the leading lady in Fleetwood Area High School's pro-

On January 19 2016, Fleetwood Soph- duction of the musical comedy "Once Upon a

Children's

Dyslexia

Center of

Reading

"As a person who has worked with

Taylor, I can attest to the fact that Taylor Reed is a phenomenal performer, leader, and hard-working individual," junior Maya Evans said.

"She is a heartwarming person, overall, who can brighten up the day of any person, no matter what

their age is," freshman Avery Millisock said. "Taylor is one of the most talented and well-rounded people I have ever had the pleasure of working with," said senior Josh Klopp.

By Abigail Flannery

Lot of Slam Dunks!

NBA All-Star Weekend took place 17-19 February 2017 in New Orleans, culminating in the 66th NBA All-Star Game. The entire weekend was comprised of the Rising Stars Challenge, Celebrity Game, Three-Point and Slam Dunk Contests, and ultimately the All-Star Game.

The Rising Stars Challenge is an exhibition for the top first and second year players in the NBA, pitting a

team of American players against top international talent. Team World won 150-141, with Canadian Jamal Murray of the Denver Nuggets winning MVP. Murray scored 36 points and had 11 assists.

Team West won the Celebrity Game 88 -59. Notable participants for both teams included businessman and Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, actor/rapper Nick Cannon, and musician Andy Grammer.

The Houston Rockets' Eric Gordon won the Three-Point Contest, beating Kyrie Irving of the Cleveland Cavaliers in a tiebreaker round. Kemba Walker of the Charlotte Hornets also reached the final round.

Glenn Robinson III of the Indiana Pacers won the Slam Dunk competition with a final round score of 94 (out of a possible 100).

The Phoenix Suns' Derrick Jones Jr. finished second, the LA Clippers' DeAndre Jordan finished third, and Aaron Gordon of the Orlando Magic was fourth.

The 66th NBA All-Star Game was also the highest scoring all-star game in history, with the Western Conference defeating the Eastern Conference 192-182. Anthony Davis of host New Orleans Pelicans won MVP after scoring a game record 52 points. Eight players scored at least 20 points, with Davis, the Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo, and the Oklahoma City Thunder's Russell Westbrook all having at least 30.

By Ben Schittler

Travel Ban in Racial Gray Area l

Opinion



The Muslim ban has been trending on social media for multiple days. But is that really what it is? Is it a Muslim ban?

No, it is not. Is it racist? No, it is not. I will not spend my precious time discussing this point at lenght. I will defend my stance in as few sentences as possible. Fact: Muslims are not banned from entering the United States. Fact: Islam is not a race.

Muslims are not banned from entering the country. What President Donald Trump executively enforced was a travel ban for seven countries that have had a high rate of migrating refugees who were deemed unsafe by the Obama

"Here's the deal: If you're coming in and out of one of those seven countries -- by the way, identified by the Obama administration as the seven most dangerous countries in the world in regard to harboring terrorists and affirmed by Congress multiple times -- then you're going to be subjected temporarily with more questioning until a better program is put in place over the next several months," Politifact.com said.

The seven countries were selected by the Obama administration and approved by Congress not because they were Islamic countries but because they were hotbeds for terrorism. The ban was perceived as racist only because the people want to see it this way. They will twist the facts and play with words to get you to believe what they are saying.

One example is the New York Times. On 28 January, they released an article titled 'Donald Trump's Muslim Ban is Cowardly and Dangerous." The article states the following: "The order's language makes clear that the xenophobia and Islamophobia that permeated Mr. Trump's campaign are to stain his presidency as

In what way is Trump's order xenophobic or islamophobic? The president is trying to protect and bring back the safety and peace of mind of the citizens of his country. He should be met with support and reinforcement, but, instead, he is met with hate and criticism for trying to keep our beautiful country safe.

By Mina Isaac

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Super Bowl 2017 a Tumultuous Experience



On 5 February, the New England Patriots went head-to-head with, and defeated, the Atlanta Falcons in Super Bowl 51. The final score was 34-28 in overtime. The Patriots went 17-2 on the season, all thanks to Tom Brady's heroics. The New England Patriots won in dramatic fashion after being down by as many as 25 points in the third quarter of the game.

This all happened because of one person. Tom Brady led the Patriots to a historically epic comeback that the Super Bowl has never seen the likes of before. Being down by that many points with so little time left, Brady, the thirty-nine-yearold quarterback, had to act fast. He threw two touchdowns in the second half.

"It looked like it was all over for New England and their dynasty, but when Tom Brady threw that first touchdown, he was reminding us of who he was and that the game was not over," senior Marckens Griffon said.

Then he threw the second one, and everyone who was rooting against New England was beginning to worry."

Tom Brady finished the game with a Super Bowl record of 466 yards and three touchdowns. Brady actually broke several records during his win. He won his fifth Super Bowl, the most for any quarterback in the history of the NFL. He also had the most completions in a Super Bowl with 42. Brady also garnered his

fourth Super Bowl MVP award, passing Joe Montana for the most. He became the first quarterback with three Super Bowl fourth quarter comebacks. The most recent record he broke was leading his tenth gamewinning drive in the postseason. The previous record was nine drives.

The patriots went on to score the dramatic touchdown in the final minutes of the game to which the Falcons did not have an answer. They went on to overtime, in which Brady then directed the eight-play, seventy-five yard drive, which White finished.

All in all, this Super Bowl was one for the history books, with all the records broken and the historic comeback. No matter if one is a fan of Brady or not, one has to admit Brady has cemented his legacy among the greatest players in history.

By Mina Isaaac

Zoos Are Not Good for Animals that Belong in the Wild

Opinion

Zoos are a controversial topic of late. Much research has been conducted on their ability to care for their animals. The results are astonishing to some.

Zoos often move animals around if there are a surplus of them in a particular zoo. This breaks bonds developed between the animals and deteriorates their mental state. The animals lose their social structure that they formed and are forced to form a new one, sometimes in a completely different setting.

'Surplus animals" are occasionally killed if they are not first moved to a different zoo. This act tends to have negative effects. The public is made to think that animals are not endangered when, in fact, they are deteriorating in the wild.

Zoos cannot replicate their animals' natural habitat. In order to attract visitors, zoos often spend more money on gift shops and food stands rather than on their animals and their environments

Animals' arbitrary enclosures lack anything similar to their natural environment. This can be seen at many roadside zoos and parks.

"Zoos, in my opinion, are a cruel way of making money," sophomore Melissa Dieda

In 2007, a Siberian tiger named Tatiana escaped her enclosure and killed one individual

and injured two others before she was fatally shot. Incidents of animals losing their lives at zoos is not uncommon.

At the Virginia Zoo, a rhinoceros

the moat that was in her enclosure. Another case is that, after escaping from a holding pen, a zebra died from slamming into a fence and shattering her neck. At the same zoo, ten prairie dogs were crushed when their

drowned in

tunnel collapsed on top of them.

According to People For the Ethical Treatment of Animals, (PETA), the Oxford University conducted a four-decade study on animal physiological behavior in zoos and found most evidence of stress and mental dysfunction is in animals that are in captivity.

Edith the chimpanzee was sold just after her third birthday to be bartered between many different facilities. She ended up in a concrete pit littered with produce and dog food at the roadside zoo called the Amarillo Wildlife Refuge.

Action against these zoos has been progressing. Many zoos have released their elephants to sanctuaries; however, these zoos are just some that differ from the many that have yet

By Morgan Althouse

Chees Random

What is your biggest fear?

"Losing the people closest to me," history teacher Edward Carr said.



"Unglazed donuts," Nick Carlin said



"Student loans," Shawn Bessey





"Something bad happening to my children," office secretary Stacey Maurek said.

By Rayanna Celmer

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"Spiders," Seth Wagner

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