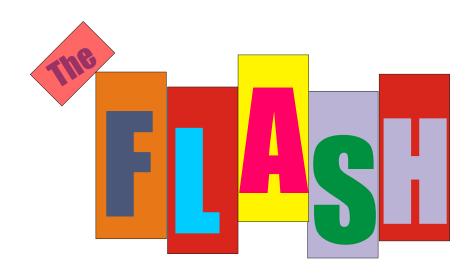


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29th ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Jaqi Gerbitz

Spring break is coming fast, and that, of course, means it's time for fifth through eighth grade girls and boys all across the country to pack up their Elites and baller shorts and make the annual trek to Eau Claire. Here, a wide assortment of kids and teams with varying skill levels will face each other in some good, healthy competition. Though, if previous years are anything to go by, less experienced teams may not be able to prevail against wellpracticed teams chock-full of future varsity material. In fact, if I correctly recall, last year's game between Hales Corners and Berea was anything but healthy competition, and probably formed some lifelong grudges. However, the point of this article is not for me to portray my overly cynical observations. So I'll do my best to state the facts in a mostly subjective manner. This year's 29th annual grade school basketball tournament will be held March 14-16. Teams from many different schools will play a total of thirty-nine games over the course of these three days at the beginning of Spring Break. If you are not a tour-choir member, hopefully many of you students can stick around for a few days during break to cheer on your school and/or aimlessly roam the hallways teeming with small children. It is sure to be a great time!

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It's that time of year again, folks! The weather is getting warmer (well, kind of!), Spring Break is shining like a beacon through the third quarters fog, and the grade school basketball tournament is upon us. Tournament time was something we looked forward to all year long. Friendly competition on the basketball court is not the only thing that makes this weekend a grand time. Hotel swimming, canteen food, and basketball - what could be better? One of the best parts of tournaments is seeing family and friends from far off places. The tournament is a great time for future Immanuel students to meet and get to know future classmates. We hope that all our visitors have a splendid weekend and that everyone has safe travels back to their corner of the country. Happy Tournaments!



VISITORS'



COMMITTEE

By Lainy Durst

Visitors' day is scheduled for May 2nd and the Visitors' Day Committee is working to make it a more enjoyable experience for our visitors and possible future students of Immanuel. They are planning an icebreaker activity, a prof introduction video, a campus scavenger hunt, and an activities fair. They want to be sure that our visitors get a better understanding of what student life is like here at Immanuel, and feel more comfortable about attending high school at ILHS.

Random Facts BY EMILY HEIN

- •The sound of E.T. walking was made by someone squishing her hands in jelly.
- •The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.
- •The reason why a backboard was added to the basketball hoop is because the audience in the balcony used to interfere in the game by handling the ball.
- •In 1967, slam dunks were considered illegal. Nine years later, they were legalized again.
- •Basketball was made an official Olympic sport in Berlin, Germany, in 1936.
- •In ancient Rome, it was considered a sign of leadership to be born with a crooked nose.
- •The first basketball game was held on January 20th, 1892.
- •Until 1937, the referee tossed a jump ball after each basket.
- •Every human spent about half an hour as a single cell.
- •The smallest NBA player ever was Tyrone "Muggsy" Bogues, who stood at 5' 3"
- •James Naismith, a teacher at the YMCA in Springfield, MA, is credited with inventing basketball in 1891.
- •Flying from London to New York by Concord, due to the time zones crossed, you can arrive 2 hours before you leave.

ASK A PROF.

By Calvin Ryan

Q: Where is your ideal vacation getaway?

Prof. Kranz: Switzerland, but with a small detour to the

Bahamas on the way

Prof. Lau: Alaskan cruise

Prof. Rodebaugh: Coronado Island near San Diego

Prof. Sippert: Alexandria, Egypt

Prof. Ude: A nice, summer sandy beach **Prof. Pfeiffer:** Monument Valley, Arizona

Prof. Roehl: Fishing at Mom and Dad's cabin up north with

no distractions

Prof. Schierenbeck: Grand Canyon **Prof. Schaller:** A lakeside cabin

Prof. Gullerud: Hiking in the Phoenix mountains, especially

Mt. Camelback.

Prof. Reim: Athens

Prof. Sullivan: "I don't have one."





By Sam Lisak

Every two years an event comes around affecting every country. That is the Olympics. Many countries have participated in the Olympics that originated in Greece in 776 B.C. since they were brought back in 1896. Split into two groups based on type of event, they take place every two years alternating between summer and winter Olympics. This year the winter Olympics took place in Sochi, Russia. Russia ended up taking the most total medals with 33 with the United States in second at 28 and Norway in third at 26. A surprise this year, though, other than the humiliating upset of the U.S. women's hockey team to Canada (up by two goals with 6 minutes left and lost in overtime), was the Dutch completely dominating the speed skating events. They won all of their medals in speed skating, including a sweep. They won 23 medals in long track and one in short track. Along with other stories such as U.S. bobsledder Jonny Quinn getting stuck in the bathroom, and veteran Bode Miller getting a bronze medal, the Olympics were an exciting event this winter.



I'm riding the waves, savoring the sea, nothing can stop me, from what I shall be.

The sea is calm, besides the wake I've made, and out here before me, not one barricade.

There are dark clouds above me, but I pay them no mind, to all things displeasing, by choice, I am blind.

My boat rocks roughly, the waves have swiftly grown, my wake is more distinct, docking, again I postpone. The sea no longer civil, the clouds have gone gray, my sun has departed, it's no longer day.

The storm is upon me, I finally feel fear, the fallout I've hid from, is suddenly here.

My boat begins sinking, overwhelmed by the sea, those clouds I ignored, press down on me.

In the proverbial tunnel, I can't find the light, my fate determined by sins, for which I am belatedly contrite.

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Word Association By: Japyn Mielke

First Word MINI

Mouse - Danielle Trap - Sam L Cheese - Kayla Packers - Jonah Stink - Jack M Feet - Mattias Shoes - Emma G Pancakes - Rachel G Syrup - Sarah J Waffles - Caleb O Lego - Nate B Harry Potter - Abi B Stick - Luke M Car - Julia S Fast - Lydia B Flash - Joseph Superhero - Carl R Batman - Mathilda Robin - Jocelyn Egg - **Emily H** Omelet - Rose Chicken - Taylor Spanish - Nick W Failing - Bryan Depression - Aaron F School - Maggie Torture - Lauren K



End Word

Tortoise - Jon G

Apothecary ~Sam B



Joshua Thomas By: Phat Mack Beekman

JB: Eau Claire, WI August 25, 1995

LM: Plans after high school?

JB: UW Stout for Industrial Design

LM: So talk to me about your bromance with Joseph. JB: It's deep. It's passionate. L-O-V-E. That's about it.

LM: What is your favorite Joseph memory?

JB: Everytime we touch.

LM: Describe yourself, JB: Big. Blonde. Beautiful.

LM: What are your thoughts on One Direction?

JB: They have nice hair.

LM: Do you have a famous pick-up line to use on girls?

JB: "Hey"

LM: Any words of wisdom?

JB: Keep it trill.

Favorites:

Prof. Roehl Class- P.E. 12 Female celebrity- Queen Latifah Movie- Zoolander Candy- sour patch kids Restaurant- T-Bell



Where will Josh be in 10 years?

He will have an attractive wife with 12 kids and co-star with Joseph in their hit hunting and fishing show - Wild Wisconsin. - Ryan Mueller

CEO of Hollister in LA - Joey Beekman

Playing pool with Mackensen and me where we beat him every time and then go to Taco Bell afterwards -Joseph Albrecht



Phiannon By Emily Marzofka

Celest ROEHC

"Darin, how would you describe Rhiannon Roehl?" "... Large and in Charge."

Rhiannon Roehl was born Cinco de Mayo (May 5). In, apparently, the 'ghetto of Milwaukee'. Though she was born with bright red hair, it quickly changed into the big, beautiful, and reportedly radioactive blonde that it is now.



Emily: Rhiannon, what's something that's really stuck with you over

your years in high school?

Rhiannon: Well, I for sure don't regret anything. No point in regretting those things that you can't change. Everything that you've done, the decisions you've made, everything from your life makes you

who you are. Mattias: Yeah!

E: Where are the three places you've hung out the most? **R:** My houses, yeah, both of my houses, Applebees... and... **Lauren K:** Let's face it, Applebees is the only place you go. R: Culver's! Like every weekend with Riley, we go to Culver's.

E: Name two things you're looking forward to!

R: The Survivor Game. Also I'm going on a road trip to Penn. with Sierra, Natalie and Lauren this summer!!

E: So I was reading these dumb interview questions, and one of them was, "Which state would you kick out of the US?" (NOTE: Did not expect this one to be answered)

R: I know I know! I'd kick out Maine! Because, what happens in Maine? Who wants to go to Maine?

L: Hey, I want to go to Maine!

R: Oh, then Idaho. No, Utah, so we can get rid of the Mormons.

The Other's Opinions ("Describe Rhiannon in three words"):

Lauren: Radiation, Amazing, Fun Lovin' P. Lau: Trustworthy, Loyal, Strange

Mattias: Spontaneous, Kind, Ditto on Fun Lovin'

Brandon: Radiation Poisoning

In the end, Rhiannon Celeste Roehl has huge potential for great things. She will go far on her ridiculous smarts, energetic determination, and fearless heart. Growing up with Rhiannon has been one of the highlights of my life. She is a loyal friend who will always be there for you; a dedicated worker, willing to do whatever, no matter how long it takes (formal all four years) to get the job done; and a crazy rollercoaster ride through some of the most hilarious moments you will ever have. When I asked some of her friends about times that were especially fun, more than one answered, "Everything." If you haven't taken the time to get to know Rhiannon Celeste Roehl, time is running out before graduation, and her story is one worth knowing.



Read more about Rhiannon on pg 11!



There are billions of people. If each person has only 5 questions, that's 30 billion questions. And I'm sure people like Einstein and Freud had a lot more than just 5 questions. Why don't they ask them? Perhaps some are shy/ Others think that the question is unsolvable. And yet some may think their question too ludicrous to be said. While these might be true, questions need to be answered, and mysteries solved. So, ask away. And I'll always dive deeper, and go further than a single question to make it interesting.

Q: "Is it true that Obama wants school days to be longer?"- Sam W.

A: "Yes. It is true. And if it becomes a reality (which could very well happen) then we will all be either A: spending up to 3 more hours every day in school; B: having the same hours every day but going to school 7 days a week; or C: having shorter summer vacation. Unfortunately for many students, this proposed plan is very much a reality. Says Press Secretary Robert Gibbs, "I think the President believes it's appropriate for us -- and for school administrators and for state school superintendents that he visited with today -- to evaluate whether or not proposals to add to that school year make sense. Because I think -- obviously there's also data that would show you that maybe adding to the school year increases not just what you learned this year, but how you're prepared to learn and what you need to know in order to be ready for that next school year in order to improve learning."

"And I agree to an extent. The reason for this idea even being brought up in the first place is because American youth are tanking in the polls for smartest grade schoolers, teenagers, and high schoolers worldwide. Many nations, including South Korea, Finland, Japan, and Australia have higher standards of education, and we rank 17th on the NCEE chart of Countries by Education. And since most of the countries ahead of us have longer schooling, it is therefore deduced that increasing American school hours will heighten our educational standings, and propel the United States further. This is true, but I disagree a bit."

"One reason is that kids who want to learn are going to learn, whether it be outside of school or in it, while kids that don't want to learn won't learn even if you have a 7 day school week. It's hard to change ingrained human characteristics."

"Another is that most of these countries do not require that you have to go to school. In Finland, schooling is completely free, with free meals, and is optional. And guess what? There are actually not many fewer kids enrolled in school now than when school was mandatory. In fact, around the world, school dropouts have declined 33 million since 1999. And actually, more kids have now enrolled in school than have opted out in countries where schooling is optional."

"Fact is, most kids elsewhere actually want to learn. Imagine that! While teenagers in the U.S. may complain or wonder why they even have to go to school, in places such as Finland kids are willing to spend hours in school to learn. "

"Actually, the U.S. is pretty alone in compulsory education. Out of the 196 countries in the world, 135 have optional education. The U.S. is one of 46 that don't."

"So all in all, I believe that the proposal that is being tossed around to add to the standard U.S.

school amount is a decent idea, but I don't think it will work the effectiveness that the people proposing it expect. Again, though I myself may not want to spend more time in school, I think it is a good idea." -NAB

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If you have a question, ask Nathan, and he will discuss it in the next article. Thanks!

AFresh (men's) VIEW ON Sports BY SAM BUCK AND GUNNY SIPPERT

MARCH MADNESS

As the third quarter of the school year ends here at ILC, we athletes and fans are already looking ahead to the baseball, softball, and track seasons. But before the spring sports can begin, we have a whole more month of basket hoops (as Sam Lisak would say) to play. The varsity boys' have won regionals against Turtle Lake, and the girls are hoping to have as much success as last year's squad did. The 29th Grade School Basketball Tournament goes from March 14th-16th, as well as the NCAA Tournament beginning on the 18th with two of the four play-in games.

So, who are the top dogs of college basketball this year? Well, it's a "Shock." Wichita State finished their regular season undefeated, with a record of 31-0. They come from a small conference, the Missouri Valley, which makes the majority of voters think they don't deserve to be #1 in the rankings. However, despite their weak schedule, undefeated is undefeated, and the Shockers will be a big contender in the tourney.

On top of the rankings is Florida, who has only lost twice all year, both to opponents who are currently ranked, is looking to finish their year undefeated in SEC conference play, and grab a #1 seed.

One more impressive team this season has been the Arizona Wildcats, who were on top of the standings for a long time until they lost on February 1st to California. Aaron Gordon, a freshman, has proved to be an outstandingly talented player, and has led AZ to 3rd in the rankings.

There also is, of course, the usual highly ranked teams. Kansas (whom we wrote about briefly in the 3rd issue of the year), Syracuse, Duke, Louisville, and Michigan, will all pose a problem for opposing teams in the tournament.

You might be wondering, why should the average Immanuel student care about all this college basketball nonsense we're telling you in The Flash? All students should use the knowledge we may or may not have provided you with for your benefit in filling out your bracket this year. Especially your bracket for Prof. Lau's annual competition of bracket-making. Whoever fills out the best three brackets gets a meal paid for them by Prof. Lau.

Start studying college basketball now. You could be the person to predict the next out-of-the-blue team, such as Florida Gulf Coast last year. Or don't study, bracket-filling proves to be stressful for some people and the tournament really is hard to correctly predict. You can spend all the time in the world deciding on certain games, and still be devastated by the time April rolls around.

Either way, enjoy the end of these basketball seasons. And remember, Selection Sunday is March 16th, perfectly lining up with when you will all be on Spring Break.



INSIDE IDIOMS

By Prof Lau

The English language is full of idioms, accepted phrases or expressions having a meaning different from the literal. In this regular column I will introduce several common, and some not-so-common, idioms. I'll include what the idiom means and its origin. Hopefully, readers will gain new insights into idioms and sound intelligent in social settings.

The whole kit and caboodle

Everything you could possibly use.

"Not knowing what to expect, the hikers packed the whole kit and caboodle."

Kit is a shortened version of kit bag, a mid-18th century military term for a soldier's supply bag. "Caboodle" was originally just "boodle," a word to describe a collection of things, or even people. It seems that the "ca" was added just to make it sound better. Thus the "whole kit and caboodle" meant to pack everything.

Stealing someone's thunder

Taking credit for someone else's thoughts or ideas.

"The boy accused his classmate of stealing his thunder when the classmate blurted out the punchline to his joke."

For centuries, acting companies tried to simulate the sound of thunder in plays. Seventeenth century playwright John Dennis invented a new method for producing thunder sound. His play, however, flopped and the theater discontinued its showing. The theater, however, made use of his method of producing thunder. Dennis accused them of "stealing his thunder."

Barking up the wrong tree

Making a mistake or a false assumption in something you are trying to achieve.

"The students soon realized that in asking their teacher for an extra recess they were barking up the wrong tree."

Dogs are often used in hunting. They are to bark at the bottom of the trees in which their quarry is hiding. They can be wrong, however.

Future Facts

Accepted into Honors at UW-STOUT
Majoring in Business Marketing
This summer will be full of work, but also ROAD TRIPS with
friends!

Future Fiction ("Where do you see Rhiannon in 10 to 20 years?")

Darin: In a good cop bad cop situation, and she'd be the bad cop.

Brandon: Working at Gold's still, babysitting kids. But she spent so much time at Gold's and got so buff that she became a professional bodybuilder and is the new face of Gold's Gym. Mattias: Sharing a high rise apartment in NYC with Lauren, Natalie and Sierra. They will coown a professional... dance studio. But she's gonna have the same Buick.

Caleb: In ten years at this exact minute, she will be at Applebees. At this minute. Exactly. Prof. Lau: Where will I see Rhiannon in 10 years? Outside my back window.





Draw your life in 5 minutes!

CAPTAIN AMERICA: WINTER SOLDIER

WARNING: SPOILERS, ONLY READ IF YOU WANT TO BRAG TO YOUR FRIEND "I KNOW WHO THE WINTER SOLDIER IS!" WHILE YOU ARE WATCHING THE MOVIE IN THEATERS AND DEMAND SOME POPCORN FOR YOUR SILENCE.

By:James Schaser

So, as another *Flash* rolls along, the Summer blockbusters get a month closer - the days where you wake up early (10:45) to catch a cheap (\$5) showing of a new movie that everyone's seen. Well, this movie won't be one of them. It comes out on April 4, 2014. It shows the life of a '40s super hero trying to adjust to the crazy, fast, insane, and downright politically correct life of the normal American in Washington D.C. (that is Captain America BTW). All that peace is disturbed when Steve Rodgers (a.k.a. Captain America played by Chris Evans) finds out that a S.H.I.E.L.D. friend of his is under attack. Cap' goes out to help his friend with the aid of the Black Widow (played by Scarlett Johansson) to try to expose a conspiracy while a whole bunch of assassins (hopefully ninjas) try to kill him. When they finally reveal the conspiracy, they get the help of The Falcon (played by Anthony Mackie). When the conspiracy is revealed, so is a dangerous new foe, The Winter Soldier (Sebastian Stan). SPOILER TIME!!!!! (sound the alarm). The Winter Soldier's true identity is Bucky!!!

LIFE. HACKED.

By Emily Marzofka

LIFE HACKS ARE BACK

Upon popular demand and necessity for a more organized version of the modern day lifestyle, LIFE HACKS ARE BACK.

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If you pause a youtube video and type 1980 you will have to fight off missiles to protect your video!

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Saying "Boots 'N' Cats" quickly, repeatedly and at varying tempos is the secret to beatboxing.

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THE GREAT, INESSENTIAL, POINTLESS, UNCALLED-FOR

WAR Of 2014 By Nate Buck

This is the account of The Great Inessential, Pointless, Uncalled-for War of 2014. Needless to say, it was a very strange and excessive war. But make no mistake, there will be no one who will forget the fallen, the many casualties, and the utter chaos and resulting destruction that came of The Great Inessential, Pointless, Uncalled-for War of 2014. Just a note.

The Great Inessential, Pointless, Uncalled-for War of 2014 officially started on January 27, 2014 on the Immanuel Lutheran Campus. (You know what? I'm just gonna call it, "The War"; that's better. Wow; even the title of "The War" was uncalled-for.)

Some regard the official start of The War as Dec. 2, 2013, when Bryan Sydow tossed a snowball through the air and hit four people with collateral damage. Some argue that it was on Nov. 18, when an unknown assailant threw a slice of soggy ham backwards into the lunch line. And Prof. Lau surprisingly traces the conflict back to the exile of Napoleon Bonaparte to St. Helena, but he won't disclose why. Though there were undoubtedly many pre-causes that led to the eventual conflict, many agree that the first starting points are listed here in correct order:

- •The Nabbing of the Lunchy Pail
- The Assassination of Sullivan's Dictionaries
- Beets
- Outlawing of the Ghetto Blaster
- A Rabid Dog
- •The Signing of Justin Morneau to the Rockies
- The Heist

Yes, it is believed to have first started when Prof. Pfeiffer's Lunchy Pail suddenly went missing. The culprit is unknown to this day, but is believed to have been a Junior in retaliation for a Church History test. (This dilemma, however, was hushed up when the faculty pooled money to buy Pfeiff-dog a new Lunchy Pail stylized with 24K gold leaf and ivory engravings) But the rudimentary searches did sow discord between faculty and students.

The second implication was the Assassination of the Mega-Dictionaries, primarily of the ones Prof. Sullivan keeps in his office and Room 122, and the one in the Library. Word quickly spread that each dictionary had been smothered in a vat of ink until it drowned, cut with a knife, and then each individual page was glued to another, with finishing hot glue poured all over the sides, the binding, and the cover. When people encountered the horrific, ghastly ordeals through which these dictionaries had to endure, they were in complete shock. Who would be so inhumane? This was the equivalent of Dictionary Torture, and there was a specific rule about torturing dictionaries in the ILC Student Handbook. Though the faculty investigated, and tried desperately to apprehend the assassin, no one was found, and Sullivan remained in his room for two days, mourning. There was a funeral service, three days after the incident, for Pliny the Elder Dictionary, Dictionaritus IV, And Paula Abdictionary. All the student body attended.

But sorrow was short lived, as the third major cause happened one day after the funeral. To cut costs of meals nearly in half, Ethel and the kitchen staff decided on the new meal of the week: beets. Lots and lots of beets. In fact, a whole truck load, straight from Beets Unlimited Worldwide. (Undoubtedly bankrupt by now, or should be.) Students had four choices that week: Beets a'la mode, Beets con Carne, Cream-of-Beets on toast, or Beet Pudding. By choices, I should be frank and say that it was all just beets, and that Kate had everyone take a cup of 'em. And to add injury to already extreme insult, the beets gave many food poisoning. This made students who were originally mockingly retch actually retch, and produced nausea and hallucinations the likes of which this campus has never seen (hopefully).

The Outlawing of the Ghetto Blaster was an especially dark time. The joy, the blissful soul of the walks to and from the gym was Trysten's stereo, more commonly and affectionately called, "The Ghetto Blaster 8000x 50 Dual-Sub Rock and Roll and Everything in Between Machine." It gave us life on the frigid walkways when all other life was extinguished by the cold of winter. It was our beacon, our guiding force when the storms of homework and classes were beating us down. It was a source, our sustenance; it was the inspiration for Maple Leaf Rag, Hound Dog by Elvis, and Beethoven's 5th, all at the same time. (Though they might not have realized it.) So we were in complete shock when it first disappeared, then was banned, then re-appeared, then was banned again. It was the single worst thing that had happened since Maddie Wirth lost her pencil in earlier 3rd Period Religion 11. All was lost.

Then came Fido. Fido was actually an anagram for, "Freakingly Insane Dog from Outside," but for all we knew, the dog's name might have been Larry. Anyways, Fido came bounding down the way from behind the AC, Zack Sippert freaked, and everyone fled. There was tripping, those tripped people tripped other people, and eventually massive human log jams formed at every major walkway and intersection. Those who were lucky enough to be Darin Lau made it inside, closed and barricaded the doors, then watched as students instead were forced to find other methods of hiding. From Darin's point of view, it was a thrilling game of hide and seek as he sat with a bowl of popcorn. For those outside it was an all-out, survival-of-the-fittest, every-man-forhimself, run-for-your-lives point of view. People hid behind bushes, logs, and climbed trees. Jonah Albrecht climbed a ladder onto the AC roof, then pushed the ladder down. Luke Mayhew ran down the hill, slipped, and biffed into a snowbank where he stayed, terrified that the dog would spot him if he moved. Sam Schiernbeck pretended to run into a wall and become unconscious. Ned, following Sam's move, pretended to run into the same wall, actually did, and then knocked himself out (looking back, it was probably a huge overreaction). Though Ned was unconscious and Luke had minor frostbite, no one was actually bitten by the dog. It just wanted to eat from the Commons garbage cans, and the initial word that the dog had rabies came from Elijah, and sources indicate he most likely exaggerated to increase the hype. When the dog finally left, people reclaimed their dropped schoolbags, and resumed their actions. All except Jonah, who was still on the roof through the remainder of the day.

The 6th reason for The War was the signing of Justin Morneau to the Rockies. Actually, I don't even know why this is a reason, especially considering that it happened last year. But it is strangely included because it was somehow the primary driving force behind the The Heist.

The Heist happened on Dec. 4, 2013. It was a normal day up until midday. Simultaneously, the school's three million dollar alarm system went off, alerting us to the fact that someone had

just entered the Garage Mahal palace and had stolen Lord Wittorp's 51 carat diamond. Everyone exited their classes early and raced down to the Garage. There we saw a terrible sight; the display case holding the Diamond of Filthy Richness was smashed, the diamond itself was missing, and sitting in a chair, with the back to us in front of the display case was a figure with a Twins cap and a scarf around the mouth, was none other than...

