

A Precursor to the Beloved

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1. On June 6, 1993, the Seattle Mariners[®] made 17-year-old Alex Rodriguez the No. 1 draft pick in the nation and signed him to a \$1.3 million contract. He bought a \$34,000 Jeep Cherokee[®] and put himself on a \$1,000 a month allowance. In December 2000, Alex signed a 10 year \$252,000,000 contract to play shortstop for the last place Texas Rangers[®]; \$2 million more than Rangers owner Tom Hicks paid George W. Bush, then the owner and Texas governor, and his partners when Hicks bought the entire team in 1998. If there are 162 games in a single season, each of which Alex will bat about four times, how much money will Alex make per game and at bat? (Source: <http://www.cnn.com/CNN/Programs/people/shows/rodriguez/profile.html>)
2. "Miracle[®]" the story of the 1980 USA Olympic[®] Hockey Team and the upset victory of the Russian's took in \$19,400,000 in its first weekend while in December 1997 "Titanic[®]" took in \$28,638,131. However, 36 weeks later, once it left the theatres, "Titanic[®]" became the highest grossing film of all time at \$600,743,440. How much more, per week, will "Miracle[®]" need average to be equivalent to "Titanic[®]"? (Source: <http://imdb.com/>)
3. There have been 626 confirmed coalition deaths; 532 Americans (3,000 wounded), 58 Britons, five Bulgarians, one Dane, 17 Italians, two Poles, eight Spaniards, two Thai and one Ukrainian, in the war vs. Iraq as of Sunday, February 8, 2004. The war officially began on March 19, 2003 and President Bush declared on May 1 "major combat operations in Iraq have ended" at which time 137 Americans had been killed. How many more American deaths have taken place than combined coalition forces? *In your opinion*, why? (Source: <http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2003/iraq/forces/casualties/index.html>)
4. The Bethel School District covers 220 square miles in southeast Pierce County. In the last ten years, Bethel has grown by more than 4,000 students. It now stands as the 14th largest district in the state with an enrollment of just over 16,000 and employs approximately 1,900 full-time and part-time employees, Bethel has 15 elementary schools, four junior highs, two senior highs and an alternative high school. If the school populations were evenly distributed, how many staff/ students would attend each school? (Source: www.bethelsd.org)
5. In 2001, the average salary of teachers in California was \$54,348, South Dakota \$31,383 and Washington \$43,470. There are a total of 365,271 teachers in the three states. Washington has 42,495 more than South Dakota and California has 253,014 more than Washington. How many teachers are in each state? *In your opinion*, why is there such a large difference between teacher's pay in California and South Dakota? (Source: <http://www.aft.org/>)