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What Are My Chances?

Wear clean underwear, in case you're ever in an accident. You never know when that might happen, but with these surprising statistics you'll have a better idea...

Q: *I drive all the time. When am I more likely to be involved in a car accident?*

A: Double-check your seat belt on Saturday, by far the most likely day for an accident. The worst time is between 10:00PM and 2:00AM.

Q: *Where is the most dangerous state for driving my shiny new car?*

A: Everybody thinks their home state has the worst drivers. In New Mexico, they'd be right. The safest state: sensible New Jersey.

Q: *How much safer is my big fat SUV?*

A: Some say not at all. Although large vehicles offer more protection in an accident, they are far more likely to be involved in an accident in the first place.

Q: *Which groups are least likely to wear a seat belt?*

A: Those with the least common sense: minors, drunks and males.

Q: *What is my most dangerous toy?*

A: Your bicycle accounts for almost 400,000 emergency room visits per year. (Well, okay, not *your* bicycle.)

Q: *Who's more at risk: a big-city cop or a farm worker?*

A: Farmers and farmhands experience far more frequent and violent injuries of the two groups.

Q: *What is more dangerous: the washing machine, the chemicals, or a hot iron?*

A: Surprisingly, washing machines cause the most injuries. Bleach is second.

Q: *Their barks aside, which dogs have the worst bite?*

A: German shepherds, followed by chow chows, Airedales, and Pekingese. Least likely to bite: Labradors, boxers, and mastiffs. (Thank goodness!)

Q: *What's the most dangerous job?*

A: If you guessed firemen, you were close, but wrong. Lumberjacks have it worst, twenty times more so than stockbrokers, who have it easiest (as long as they don't jump out a window).

Q: *What are the chances that I'll be struck by lightning?*

A: One in 600,000 see the light—about the same odds that you'll get to be a guest on *The Tonight Show*.

Q: *Am I doomed?*

A: Not at all. In fact, the average American is 99.8 percent likely to live through the next year. Just take it easy around your bicycle and washing machine! ■

That Sinking Feeling

Next to fishermen, sailors are the most superstitious. And the following true stories help explain why!

Welcome back. Captain Brisco faced certain death when a huge wave washed him off the bridge of the *Grace Harwar* during a violent storm. But the ocean had second thoughts about the good captain, and a second wave lifted him right back to his place on the main deck.

Three's a charm? During its maiden voyage, the *George F. Whitney* hit the rocks and sank. She was salvaged, repaired, and launched again. She sank again. Once again rescued, she managed to get out to sea on her third voyage, where a storm on Lake Michigan sank her. Her owners wisely decided to leave her at the bottom.

Call me Corky. Frank Tower had this claim to fame: he swam away from the *Titanic* in 1912,

the *Empress of Ireland* in 1914, and the *Lusitania* in 1915. (Next time, Frank, take the bus, okay?) Casimir Polemus experienced three shipwrecks between 1875 and 1882—and in all three he was the sole survivor.

Or call me Hugh. In a different twist, a sinking on the Irish Sea left only one survivor: Hugh Williams. At that very same spot 121

years later, another ship went down, and of the 60 passengers, the only survivor was named Hugh Williams. Then 35 years later, at the same

spot once again, 25 passengers went down on another shipwreck. The sole survivor's name: Hugh Williams.

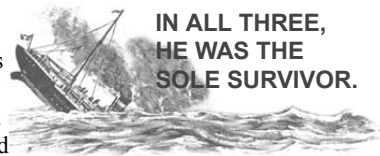
Saved by the bill. Felix von Luckner, cabin boy for the *Niobe*, fell overboard. An albatross swooped down on him, seized his hand in its bill, and made such a ruckus that it caught the crew's attention in time for them to steer the ship around and pluck him from the water.

Kelp helper. A violent storm crippled the spice-laden clipper *Anamuac*, and it began to sink from a split seam in its hull. But floating seaweed jammed into the leaking crevices, and the ship made it back to Philadelphia 118 days later.

Better late than never? Chunosuke Matsuyama stuck an S.O.S. in a bottle as his treasure-hunting ship sank. The note washed ashore 151 years later—on the beach of his home village.

Déjà vu all over again.

Morgan Robertson wrote a novel about the tragic maiden voyage of the largest luxury liner ever built, with a top speed of 25 knots, capable of carrying over 2000 passengers. But with only 24 lifeboats—far too few to accommodate her passengers—she crashed into a massive iceberg on a foggy April night. Was Robertson accused of stealing the story of the *Titanic*, which hit an iceberg on April 14 while cruising at 25 knots, leaving 2207 passengers fighting over a pitiful 20 lifeboats? No, because Robertson's novel, titled *The Wreck of the Titan*, was published 13 years before the *Titanic* sank. ■



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Shocking Behavior!

Lanny and Fannie Bonanni were shocked when lightning struck their house—*pow!* Luckily, they weren't hurt, and the response teams bolted into action:

Local TV: Sent out a SkyCam, which reported the incident as a toxic waste spill.

Tabloids: "Elvis' Guitar Zaps Fans!"

HMO: Authorized a visit from a nurse. Charged for a doctor.

Insurance company: Issued a retroactive exclusion for lightning exceeding 5,000 volts.

Lawyer: Sued maker of auto that was parked in the garage.

Jury: Split liability between the auto maker and the tire company.

Churches: Held fund-raising bingo night.

TV Evangelist: Fund-raising faith-healing spa and electric theme park.

Rock Star: Fund-raising mega-concert, all profits to the victims (\$746).

Larry King: Discussion featuring a consumer advocate, a meteorologist, a conservative senator and a minority playwright.

Architect: Redesigned interior of house to increase excitement in less risky spaces.

President: "It shows we need an energy tax."

Pentagon: "It shows why we need to increase spending for defense."

CIA: Claimed it had photos proving terrorist connections, but wouldn't show them.

Conservatives: Pushed for a mandatory "three-strikes" bill, blamed the decay of the family, and decreased spending for the arts.

Liberals: Redefined *positive* and *negative* as *assertive* and *receptive*; built lightning rods in three swing-vote states.

Networks: Broadcast a live reality series based on the daily life of the Bonannis as they made frequent trips to the hardware store. ■



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