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Posted by Debby - 2007/04/09 12:05

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## Re:Coincidences?

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/04/09 12:33

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Maybe this set of coincidences was needed for all of you to have a good laugh... I'm sure all of you got a chuckle out of the irony...

A competency hearing??? that is funny!

Maybe it was to make a point that sometimes all of us are struck by circumstances that make us feel like incompetent boobs!

If I had a nickle for every panic moment I've ever had with regard to locking my keys in the car... I think I have only actually done it a half dozen times in the last 10-15 years..

In the last 3-4 months, my husband and I both have!

I tell ya, joining an autoclub..like AAA or Allstate motor club will pay for itself with one distress call or breakdown! It's come to my rescue several times through the years... whether it was a mechanical in nature or absentmindedness! I like to blame menopause right now!

I think those automatic locks are both a blessing and a curse! Sometimes I automatically hit the button on my way out.. and if you are multitasking as we often tend to do... it's hard to remember to double check for the actual keys..

I like the commercials for that Onstar service! I think the next time I get a new car... I might look into that! Last time I got locked out, it took AAA about an hour to come to the rescue..

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## Re:Coincidences?

Posted by Debby - 2007/04/09 14:08

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You're right about AAA. They have helped me with flat tires and even tried to send a truck to pick me up when I got stranded in an ice storm.

The attorneys did get a good laugh. We came to a temporary agreement until the next hearing. The thing about a scare like that is that it makes you EXTRA careful for the next few months.

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## Re:Coincidences?

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/04/09 16:57

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May I share my own bizarro coincidence from over 25 years ago?

When engaged to my husband, I needed my birth certificate to obtain our marriage license. My mother directed me to where she kept the envelope which held the bc's of my siblings and myself. I came from a blended family. My father divorced his first wife and took custody of 2 young children.. (my half brother and half sister)...My mother had a young daughter.. another half sister. I was the result of their union a year into their marriage.. My dad's first wife was from the Baltimore area.. I knew her given name but not her maiden name.. Her brother's last name was Hartford.. or something like that and I would have expected to see that listed on my siblings bc's. When I retrieved the BC's... I was shocked to see the maiden name listed for her was the same as my husband's last name! My husband's family was from Pa. and it wasn't an uncommon name there but it is here in my immediate area with only 2 or 3 others listed in the white pages. . My own maiden name is also not common in this area.. with the whole of the D.C. area also showing only 2 or 3 of that version and spelling... My brother and sister's bc's reflected the same names any of our future children would have.. except of course for first names. In Va. it's normal to give mother's maiden name.. and father's name..

You could have picked up my jaw from the floor when I saw this name on their bc's. Neither of them mentioned it or my father! It was an extremely wierd coincidence..

My maiden name is Scottish/English.. and my husband's name is German...

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## Re:Coincidences?

Posted by TigerRose - 2007/04/10 07:07

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I have a coincidence for you...

My in-laws and my parents. My father and my father-in-law has the same birthday. My mother and mother-in-law goes by the same name. It wasn't until I was doing our genealogy that she admitted that she went by her middle name, I found out that her first name was the same as my mother's sister. (My mother-in-law was an only child and my mother has only 1 sister. The names were not common and they were not from the same area).

I have an Aunt that was born on 4th of July.. and her first kid was born on Flag Day.

I do genealogy as a hobby.. there's a lot of coincidences that occur.

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## Re:Coincidences?

Posted by mazzy - 2007/04/10 19:35

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Slightly off topic... Years, years ago I locked myself out of my car... more than once... on two occasions the motor was running... my mind was somewhere else... LOL. A friend told me to keep a spare car key in my wallet because women never lock their purse in the car! It's true... never had that problem again... also suggested same to dh and on occasion he locked himself out, but carries a spare key in his wallet.

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## Re:Coincidences?

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2007/04/11 02:41

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Grizz... I also agree with you about the coincidence.. IF you are involved with the same problems (aka alcohol or drugs) judgement is often affected and can lead down similar paths. But then again, if there are other common denominators which might be in this case (Stern) then that has to be looked at carefully. Seems to be some conflict whether Daniel was really involved in drugs the same way his mother was. I hope the inquest gets to the bottom of what really happened.

With the Anna Nicole situation, I noticed several coincidences. Anna's rich husband's name was Howard... (J.Howard Marshall).. and of course then we have Stern.. whose name is Howard.. Both judges involved with the case in Florida were named Larry.. (Larry Seidlin and Larry the pot smoker!) (Probate judge and family judge... who also coincidentally were reassigned to the other's court a week or 2 ago.. Seidlin went to family court and the other judge went to Probate)

I noticed also that Larry and Daniel had the same birthdays. January 22nd.

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## Re:Coincidences?

Posted by Debby - 2007/04/11 11:39

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Your are right about even more coincidences within the Anna Nicole case, which leads to me look at how many coincidences there were with Anna and Maryland Monroe...I recently saw Hugh Heffner talking about all the similarities...PLUS, Maryland was linked to the Kennedy family (affairs with John and Robert). Look at the coincidences in that family! The water and air accident coincidences are unreal. I can't recall them all, but, the sister who was killed in a plane crash with her boyfriend in Europe, (I think it was in the 50's) boat crash injuries in the war by Joseph and John, car wreck off of the bridge by Teddy, plane crash by John Jr. and I think there are even more that I have left out.

What is more amusing is that a couple of months ago I was watching them interview one of the Kennedys, at a benefit in Colorado at a ski resort. Some of the Kennedy family consisting of kids, teens and adults were in the background horseplaying. One of them climbed on the shoulders of another who had on skis and rode on the skiers shoulders. He could barely support the weight on his shoulders as he came down the slope. It looked sooo unsafe. Everybody else was laughing and thought it was all in fun. Go figure.

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## Re:Coincidences?

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/04/11 12:02

Debby, I don't know if you remember that one of the Kennedy kids (Robert's) died in a skiing accident about 10 years ago.

When you mentioned the horseplay, it vaguely reminded me of some incident and i did a search.

Here's a link.. Maybe that is what the benefit was connected with.. although I think the family has alot philanthropic ties and outreach events. Ethel Kennedy founded or helped found the Special Olympics. Maybe they have a winter sports version..

<http://www.cnn.com/US/9712/31/kennedy.update.2/>

That family certainly has had it's share of tragedies.. Senator Edward Kennedy was also involved in a plane accident and I think broke his back when he was younger..

Not to mention the strange and horrific way both John and Robert died... by assasins.

There has been alot more tragedies.. The death of a drug overdose of another Kennedy child.. The cancer that took the leg of one of Senator Kennedy's children when he was young.

I've always admired Caroline... She seems to have her head together.. Although I haven't seen her publicly in a number of years.

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## Re:Coincidences?

Posted by Debby - 2007/04/12 12:09

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## Re:Coincidences?

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/04/12 13:34

Debbie,

I did a yahoo search on david kennedy pictures... and got this hit.

I think this is David... and he was a very handsome guy. He died in 84... I'm sure if you saw his picture it might ring a bell or not. Compared to the rest of the Kennedy's, he appears to have his own special look. Many of the others share unique characteristics..

I was going to post that link...but it's humongous. Just do a search.. the hit I came up with also had the rest of the kennedy family tree.

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It did have an option to view just that picture and it's link was significantly shorter.. Check it out. Maybe the pict will confirm or discount who your paths crossed with way back when!

<http://www2.jsonline.com/news/jul99/david.jpg>

The Robert Kennedy family did live in McLean.. Probably about 5 miles from where I grew up. I've seen the house before.. Not sure if Ethel still lives there. (Do you know she and Andy Williams dated or had some sort of special friendship or relationship for many many years?) I think The Shrivens were based in Md. (That was Eunice Kennedy and her husband Sgt. Shriver).. Maria Shriver (Arnold Schwarzenegger's wife was from that clan!) Kathleen Kennedy Townsend is the attorney general of Md. now.. so I guess she moved over the river at some point during her professional career!

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## Re:Coincidences?

Posted by Debby - 2007/04/12 16:27

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Thanks for the photo. I found one photo too, but, not as good as yours. It could be him, but, I couldn't swear on the Bible. It has been app. 25 years ago. He had that same kind of look...Boyishly handsome with a great smile and much charm and brown hair. I wish we had had phone cameras back then. I would have a photo for sure.

In a way it makes me feel bad, because what if I screwed up a shot of being a Kennedy...oh well, considering the heartaches those people have had, it may have been for the best.

As far as the Virginia connection...at the time someone kind to my house, I was living in Vance County which is one removed from the Virginia border. It's very close to the VA, NC line.

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## Re:Coincidences?

Posted by Debby - 2007/04/12 16:51

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I posted something about this case earlier on an Anna Nicole thread. My point was about the coincidences that occur in life and whether they actually are just that.

Michael Peterson was charged with murdering his wife by pushing her down the staircase in their beautiful home in Durham, NC. He strongly denied it. They were both very prominent in the community and it was a huge shock to everyone. As it turns out, the officials did their homework and discovered that a good friend of Peterson had died from FALLING DOWN a STAIRCASE years earlier in Germany. He got custody of her kids and their trust fund.

After the current death, they went back to Germany and resumed the friend's body and discovered it was not accidental after all. That evidence was introduced at trial against Peterson. He was the last person to see both women alive.

Was this just a coincidence? I mean, knowing 2 people who die in a plane crash is one thing, but, being the last person to see 2 different people alive before they fall down a staircase and die is really odd.

The tv movie is coming on April 15, at 8:00 on Lifetime channel. I can't wait. Check it out and let me know what you think.

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## Re:Coincidences?

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2007/04/15 20:09

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Oh I saw the previews for that movie Debby and remember when that story hit the news. I'll try to remember to tivo it.....I know when I heard about the second woman to "accidentally" die by falling down a staircase.....I didn't buy it!!!

Coincidences certainly can be very entertaining to compare!!

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## Re:Coincidences?

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/04/15 22:02

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Just saw the post about the movie... It was almost 10:00 the tail end... and I checked to see if it was being reshownd. Sometimes they show these movies back to back.. Not this time but I did see that it will have an encore presentation Monday night at 9...(p.m.)

I'll try to watch it too...

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## Re:Coincidences?

Posted by Debby - 2007/04/16 14:50

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It is supposed to come on again tonight (Monday), not sure what time. It was good. It takes about 15 minutes to get into it, but, then it's good. The actors really resemble the real people, especially, the ones who played Peterson and the D.A. Hardin. Hardin was exactly like the real one. The lady who played the Asst. D.A. was off. She looked like her, but, the accent was too fake.

A natural southern accent is hard to imitate. Most people try too hard and it is soooo obvious. The rest of the people had normal southern accents. Some of the kids didn't have one at all which is normal here with transplants from other parts of the country and from children that attend boarding school.

They followed the real facts of the case very close. There was much that was left out. They could have used 4 hrs. to do it justice.

Peterson claimed that the Durham Police were idiots. (They are the ones who charged him) They are also the ones who did the investigation into the Duke Lacrosse Team. Of course, it was the Durham D.A. who chose to prosecute. I thought that was kind of odd. Jim Hardin was the D.A. for the Peterson case , but, not the Duke LaCrosse Team case.

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