OBITUARIES
December 15 1996

CHRISTOPHER CLARK

26 September 1996–13 December 1996

Beloved son of Steve and Sally Clark

OBITUARIES
January 29 1998

HARRY CLARK

29 November 1997–26 January 1998

Beloved son of Steve and Sally Clark

"1 IN 73 MILLION CHANCE" THAT SALLY CLARK IS INNOCENT
November 10 1999

Expert witness Sir Roy Meadows presented decisive evidence in the Sally Clark case yesterday which led to a guilty verdict. Sally Clark was accused of murdering her two infant sons, deaths originally attributed to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

According to Meadows, considered an international expert on SIDS, the chance of a family such as the Clarks having a single infant die of SIDS is 1 in 8,753.

Meadows calculated that the chance of two infants dying would therefore be "1 in 73 million" and might happen naturally "about once every hundred years".

After Meadows' testimony Sally Clark was convicted by a 10-2 majority of double murder and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Her husband Steve Clark continues to defend her innocence.

PARENTS CHARGED WITH MURDER AFTER SON'S DEATH
February 25 1998

Local parents Sally and Steve Clark were yesterday arrested in connection with the mysterious deaths of their two sons Christopher and Harry Clark. At the times of their deaths both infants were diagnosed with Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) but new evidence has come to light suggesting a more suspicious cause of death. Both Clark parents deny the charge.

Police officials have suggested that charges against Steve Clark may be dropped in favour of a case against Sally Clark, alleging that Sally was alone with Harry at the time of death.

COLLINS COUPLE ARRESTED FOR BROOKS ATTACK

July 10 1964

Janet and Malcolm Collins were yesterday arrested in connection to the mugging of a Mrs. Brooks on June 20. Eyewitness testimony led to a search for yellow cars at local petrol stations, and the car was eventually found to belong to Mr. Collins.

The couple claim to be innocent , insisting that they have valid alibis and that Mrs. Brooks could not identify them in a police lineup.

Reportedly, neither Malcolm nor Janet perfectly match the original witness descriptions. The case against Mr. Collins hinges on a traffic fine paid the day after the robbery: a fine equal to the exact amount stolen from Mrs. Brooks. Mr. Collins cannot prove the origin of the money.

The Collins will appear in court later this month.

WITNESSES SOUGHT FOR ALLEY MUGGING

June 20 1964

On June 18 Mrs. Juanita Brooks was walking through an alley in the San Pedro area of Los Angeles when she was shoved to the ground and her purse was stolen.

Currently Mrs. Brooks and another witness have described the attacker as a young white woman (5 feet, 145 pounds) wearing dark clothes and dark blond hair in a ponytail, working together with an African-American man with a beard and mustache driving a yellow car.

Any other witnesses or anyone with information about the suspects are requested to contact the police.

COLLINS COUPLE ONE IN TWELVE MILLION

August 2 1964

Decisive evidence was presented at the Collins' trial yesterday which led to a guilty verdict after a seven-day trial. Unable to prove clear evidence which linked the Collins to the mugging of Mrs. Brooks, the prosecution called in probability theorist Daniel Martinez from California State University to testify.

On the stand, Mr. Martinez and the prosecution estimated the likelihood of each physical characteristic described by the witnesses. The prosecution concluded that there was a one in twelve million chance that any couple would possess these characteristics.

According to the prosecutor, this was a conservative estimate: truly, "the chances of anyone else besides these defendants being there…is something like one in a billion."

Based on this crucial information, both Malcolm and Janet Collins were found guilty of second-degree robbery and sentenced to prison.

Characteristic	Individual Probability
Partly yellow automobile	1/10
Man with mustache	1/4
Girl with ponytail	1/10
Girl with blond hair	1/3
Negro man with beard	1/10
Interracial couple in car	1/1000

Calculations supplied by Mr. Daniel Martinez

University of California in Berkeley, 1973

People – we've got a problem!
Graduate school admission stats have just come through.

	Applicants	Number admitted	Percentage admitted
Men	8442	3738	44%
Women	4321	1494	35%

Are we opening ourselves up to a sex bias lawsuit?

Pretty sure our department accepted more women…

YOU FOLKS MIGHT WANT TO LOOK UP SOMETHING CALLED 'SIMPSON'S PARADOX'. I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE GOING ON HERE.

Looked into this and we might have the exact opposite problem to worry about (departments left unnamed to protect the innocent):

Department	Men		Women	
	Number of applicants	Number admitted	Number of applicants	Number admitted
A	825	511	108	89
B	560	353	25	17
C	325	120	593	202
D	417	139	375	131
E	191	53	393	94
F	272	16	341	24

Check out those percentages!