

# PREPARE TO BE EXCITED

## GATHERINGS

### & OTHER EARTH- SHAKING RESEARCH DEVELOPEMENTS

Abstracts and/or full text transcripts of the articles and figures that serve as the project's content. Articles are arranged by keyword, with an "analysis" conclusion ending each section. Miscellaneous stuff is in back.

## POLITICS

## ENVIRONMENT

**TIME MAGAZINE COVER: ENDANGERED EARTH**  
"PLANET" OF THE YEAR, 1/2/89

**PROTECTION AGENCY; E.P.A. CRITIC ENTERS THE LION'S DEN AND IS SHOWERED BY WILD APPLAUSE**  
PHILIP SHABECOFF FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES, 1/15/88

LEAD: Barry Commoner, the environmental scientist, spoke

by invitation to an S.R.O. crowd of Environmental Protection Agency employees earlier this week and treated them to a fairly savage critique of their efforts to protect the nation's health from pollution.

**ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THEIR PROSPECTS WITH BUSH**  
PHILIP SHABECOFF FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES, 11/16/88

LEAD: National environmental groups, despondent when Ronald Reagan was elected President eight years ago because of his proclaimed hostility to environmental regulations, are expressing optimism about their prospects in a Bush administration.

**POLLUTION ILLS STIR SUPPORT FOR ENVIRONMENT GROUPS**  
CLIFFORD D. MAY FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES, 8/21/88

LEAD: The state of many beaches this summer and scientific reports that pollution may be altering the climate are the two key factors contributing to a surge of support for the environmental movement.

*Analysis: People are starting to realize that we're wrecking the planet.*

## WAR

**ESSAY; STOP THE IRAQI MURDER OF THE KURDS**  
WILLIAM SAFIRE, 11/5/88

LEAD: On the day the cease-fire began in the Iran-Iraq war,

Saddam Hussein, dictator of Iraq, launched a new military offensive. This was for vengeance - to punish the Kurdish people living in northern Iraq who had dared to pursue their long struggle for autonomy during the dictator's war against Iran. Israel Must Shun Uprising Violence, Rabin Is Told

**ISRAEL MUST SHUN UPRISING VIOLENCE, RABIN IS TOLD**  
THE NEW YORK TIMES, 6/29/88

LEAD: The Reagan Administration told Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin today that Israel should not use violence to quell Palestinian unrest in the occupied territories.

**2 PALESTINIANS DIE AS WEST BANK VIOLENCE FLARES**  
THE NEW YORK TIMES, 6/22/88

LEAD: Two Palestinians died today in unrest in the West Bank that was among the most violent in two months, while the police and protesters clashed in unusually violent disturbances in East Jerusalem

**VIOLENCE WORSENS IN SOUTH KOREAN PROTESTS**  
REUTERS, 10/6/88

LEAD: Thousands of South Koreans battled with riot policemen in downtown Seoul today after the authorities blocked a planned march on the home of former President Chun Doo Hwan.

**ISRAEL REAFFIRMS A STERN RESPONSE AS VIOLENCE GROWS**  
JOEL BRINKLEY FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES, 9/28/88

LEAD: Three Palestinians died of gunshot wounds inflicted by



Israeli troops today, bringing to six the number of deaths in a little more than 24 hours, and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin said demonstrators in Israel's occupied territories could expect more of the same.

**TALKING WITH THE P.L.O.; U.S. SETS AGENDA FOR ITS DIALOGUE WITH PALESTINIANS**

ROBERT PEAR FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES, 12/16/88

LEAD: The United States said today that when it begins its dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization it will discuss arrangements for opening peace talks on the Middle East.

**MONEY**

**TECHNOLOGY**

**WE'RE LOSING OUR MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY LEAD; THE PENTAGON'S ROLE**

JEFF BINGAMAN TO THE NEW YORK TIMES, 12/9/88

LEAD: To The Editor: "America and Research Roulette" (editorial, Dec. 6) was right on the mark. The Senate Armed Services Committee has been concerned for years about the erosion of the technological underpinnings of our national security strategy. Unfortunately, the technology base and manufacturing technology programs of the Pentagon missed the Reagan buildup.

**EXPERTS WARN OF U.S. LAG IN VITAL CHIP TECHNOLOGY**

JOHN MARKOFF FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES, 12/12/88

LEAD: Electronics executives and scientists are warning that the Japanese are rapidly pulling ahead of the United States in

development of a crucial new X-ray technology that will be used to manufacture computer chips in the mid-1990's.

**BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY; THE PC'S BROAD NEW POTENTIAL**

JOHN MARKOFF FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES, 11/30/88

LEAD: For personal computer users, the age of holding an entire encyclopedia in the palm of the hand has arrived.

**BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY; NASA CHALLENGE: SPACE STATION POWER**

RICHARD W. STEVENSON FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES, 1/20/88

LEAD: Engineers designing the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's permanent space station are planning for the most part to use already developed, "off the shelf" technology to create the station, which will be assembled in earth orbit in the mid-1990's. But one of their more demanding challenges will be supplying electricity to the station - 15 times more power than an American spacecraft has ever needed.

**LITERATURE**

**ART**

**DESIGN**

**FILM**

**MUSIC**

**FASHION**

**HEALTH**

**DRUGS**

**SUBMACHINE GUNS AND UNPREDICTABILITY ARE HALLMARKS OF CRACK'S VIOLENCE**

PETER KERR FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES, 3/18/88

LEAD: Crack has brought a new level of drug violence to New York and several other American cities, and law-enforcement officials say they now fear that many of the unstated codes of the street - restraints that often protected the police, drug agents and witnesses from attack - may be starting to disappear.

**DISEASE**

**MEDICINE**

**DEATH**

**CRIME**

**STUDENTS TACKLE ISSUES OF VIOLENCE**

THE NEW YORK TIMES, 6/30/88

LEAD: About a third of American families experience domestic violence, according to the family research laboratory at the University of New Hampshire in Durham. At least 1.8 million

women are assaulted by their husbands every year and more than 1.6 million children are abused by parents.

**870 ARRESTED IN EFFORT TO HALT GANG VIOLENCE IN LOS ANGELES**

THE NEW YORK TIMES, 9/19/88

LEAD: Police officers swept gang territories and arrested more than 870 people to curb violence that caused one death and left at least four people wounded over the weekend, the authorities said today.

**PAROLE ACTION COULD CLOSE LANDMARK MURDER CASE**

SELWYN RAAB FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES, 10/2/88

LEAD: Sometime early next month, New York State prisoner 66A0003 will ask the Parole Board to write the final chapter in the Wylie-Hoffert murder case - a landmark legal saga that was pivotal in abolishing the state's death penalty and in restricting police interrogations throughout the country.

**BOY, 15, IS CONVICTED OF MURDER FOR THRILL**

THE NEW YORK TIMES, 3/11/88

LEAD: A 15-year-old boy who beat a classmate to death with a baseball bat because he wanted to know what it was like to kill someone was convicted of murder today and sentenced to life in prison.

**MAN, 18, GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY IN '86 MURDERS**

THE NEW YORK TIMES, 12/8/88

LEAD: An 18-year-old, accused of helping plot the shooting deaths of his friend's father and brother, was convicted today of

conspiracy and criminal facilitation but acquitted of murder.

**BOY, 16, CHARGED IN AX MURDERS OF 4 IN HIS FAMILY IN MINNESOTA**

THE NEW YORK TIMES, 2/20/88

LEAD: The authorities today arrested David Brom, 16 years old, in the ax murders of his parents, a brother and a sister. Prosecutors said they would seek to try him as an adult on murder charges.

**MOTHER SEIZED IN SLAYING OF 5-YEAR-OLD**

DAVID E. PITT FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES, 12/16/88

LEAD: The mother of a 5-year-old girl and the mother's companion were charged yesterday with second-degree murder after the child, who was found beaten, sexually abused and near death in the couple's Brooklyn apartment, died Wednesday night at a hospital.

**DISCRIMINATION**

**DECEIT**

**CONTRADICTION**

**HYPOCRISY**

**INTERVIEW: DAD**

GEORGE: First question ... MARK: No. GEORGE: Okay so this is the first question I have to ask you ... is give me a brief narrative of December 15, 1988 ... what really sticks out in your mind on the day I was born. MARK: They day you were born ... GEORGE: Try to do like beginning of the day to the end of the day. MARK: Well uh, my recollection is that ... I don't recall was already in the hospital ... or that uh .. I don't recall, I remember we went down one night because her water broke but then they kept her there for a while then sent us home. I guess we came back the night before, probably the night before ... Mom was in labor for about thirty six hours if I recall ...

*(didn't really need to ask him anything else for a while, he just kind of took it from there ... for brevity's sake I'll just include the highlights)*

... Mom, for a stretch of time, was staying at Yia Yia's house on mandatory bed rest ... they were afraid that she was going to have you prematurely as I recall ... they had her hooked up on a fetal monitor ... and every couple hours she would have to call this number and put this mechanism on the receiver of the phone ... and they would monitor your heartbeat and such ... So on the night of your birth she freaked out ... I realized she was gooshin' the amniotic fluid all over the couch ... we went screamin' down to the hospital ... she was doing her Lamaze training ... and I'm racing like a motherfucker trying to get to the hospital ... There was a uh-h curtain between lets say ... mom's neck ... up to the ceiling and down the sides of the gurney she was on ... they were allowing me to sit on a chair right by her face ... I went to stand up and they told me to sit down ... they said they've lost too many fathers to fainting. ... mom was obviously very sedated ... you hear them sucking the blood out of the incision ... you're behind a curtain and you don't really know what's going on ... at one point ... I think the doctor or the nurse said, 'Oh! Here it comes! It's a -' and I said, 'don't you dare ... I've waited all this time to have a child and the last thing in the world I want you to do is to tell me ... what it is ... I wanna make that determination first





hand' ... you came out pretty goopy ... I said 'It's a boy! Great. I don't have to pay for the wedding!' they give you the ol' pat on the ass, and you hear that 'wahhh.' At some point I kind of wandered down to the nursery where they keep the babies ... and I'm looking in the window trying to figure out which one's my son ... and I run across George Brower ... and I'm looking in the window and your head was like ... really, really pointy ... I said, 'damn! Look at that head! What's up with that?' I started patting my head to kind of see if maybe I had one too ... what I found out was that ... your cranium is so soft when you're in the womb ... mom constantly trying to push you out ... she got your further and further down the canal but not all the way out ... your head was pretty pointy for the first few days ... you had a little jaundice ... you were yellow ... (*didn't really want to play stenographer for the whole conversation*)

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## INTERVIEW: MOM

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GEORGE: You there? FAY: I'm here GEORGE: All right ... yea so I have speaker phone again now that I have dad's phone FAY: Very good ... I don't have a speaker phone, anyway let's not go there GEORGE: Did I tell you what the project was about? FAY: Refresh my memory, you did send me a lengthy email. (*I read the syllabus*) FAY: Our cousin Angela had done your horoscope chart. I had that book and its in the mess in the basement .. when what star you were born under and all that stuff GEORGE: Yea? FAY: She'd done your horoscope yea GEORGE: Lemme start with my first question okay? FAY: Okay GEORGE: Give me a brief narrative of 12/15/88, what really sticks out in your mind? FAY: (pause) ... Pain. GEORGE: Pain? FAY: (laughs) I'm sorry, yea. GEORGE: Start from the beginning! FAY: What? GEORGE: I said start from the beginning ... the whole day. FAY: Alright, the whole day? GEORGE: Yea FAY: Okay, I remember that I got up, like, okay come on, you were two weeks late, when is this baby going to, you know, show up. It took me a whole week to finish the Christmas tree ... I remember walking over with my really really big big belly ... trust me that was one big belly .. and I hung up the ... you know ... last bulb on the Christmas tree and our nosy neighbor pearl called ... 'so new? You're still there?' And I

was like, yes I'm still here. I was just at the doctor's the day before, you know the irony, I went into preterm labor at 7 months ... I went into labor like 7 times before you were born, I had preterm labor ... so now I'm like two weeks late and this is like, alright enough already. It was a .. I believe it was a Wednesday night, and *Wiseguy*, my favorite show was on ... woo! ... starring Ken Wahl ... it was a mob show, it was great, I love Ken Wahl. Um, so I, you know, sat down and all of a sudden, that was like the beginning of the TV show ... I had this pain like I never knew in my life and I screamed 'Okay! Oh this is it!' So ... uh ... your father is like breathe breathe! It was ridiculous .. I remember he told me to breathe, meanwhile I'm having pain like I never had in my life, and he's like breathe, like the breathing from the ... class, but regretfully I never got to go, I had signed up, but I was on bedrest and I never got to go, I was flat on my back ... I had this pain like I never knew in my life and I screamed 'Okay! Oh this is it!' So your father is like, 'breathe, breathe!' ... like the breathing from the Lamaze class ... but he was the only one who went ... So um, we went to the hospital, and umm ... um lets see, lets see ... right away first they were gonna do a c section on me, instantly ... and then as soon as I walked in I was like ... like Vinnie Barbarino on *Welcome Back Kotter*, ... I mean I was screaming! And you know, I hear this ... you're supposed to be 'ha, ha, ha' taking these breaths and its such bullshit, cuz you know ... it is such a bunch of bullshit, I don't see how that's gonna help that kind of pain ... GEORGE: yea FAY: ... then they ... it was a very frightening experience, because I think every mother's worried about having a healthy baby .. and that was basically ... you know, I was scared! GEORGE: mhm FAY: I didn't know what to expect I was very frightened, they hooked me up to monitors, and they brought me up into the labor ... ward .. and you hear these women screaming like a medieval torture chamber, and your father's like, 'what's that noise?' and the doctor's like 'these women are giving birth!' GEORGE: (laughs) FAY: and then, ohhh, they umm. They put a ... uh ... its so weird, I felt like a turkey being basted ... they broke my water, they wrapped my legs around my neck, around my head, like I never knew my legs could go GEORGE: ich FAY: ... it was scary because I was in labor for 24 hours ... and they said 'we have to make certain he's not retarded' ... so they poked your head three times to draw blood out of it. GEORGE: oh my god FAY: and I'm the whole time, all I did, I understood why and how women

die during child birth, it is a very very painful, anyway the whole time I just held on to the hand rail and just prayed ... cuz that's all I cared about, god let me have a happy baby ... so I'm hearing this and I'm getting really scared after all I went to keep you ... for 9 months ... that back and forth business from the hospital ... I was totally petrified ... at 2 am I broke down, I said enough of this shit, give me an epidural ... finally they came around and said you were too big for me GEORGE: yea? FAY: exactly 24 hours later ... what really irritates me, I had been at the doctor about every other other day, I was there the day before, they knew, they said to me you're gonna have between an 8 and 9 pound baby, they should have just scheduled me for a c section, they shoulda known, you know 'she's tiny' ... then I read a law that if they cut you open before 24 hours you can sue them ... so yea, 24 hours on the nose, and they uh, they dragged me in, and they knifed me, and I said 'I feel everything' and they said 'well we're sorry, its too late' ... and I felt him slice me open, I felt them ... they pull my intestines out ... literally, I mean it was amazing ... and they yanked you out ... then your father started to cry, and said it's a boy it's a boy! You know, he goes, 'oh the baby looks Greek' ... he was in tears ... and then I passed out. I didn't see you ... and about 7 hours later they wheeled you in ... and you were just so gorgeous and I looked at you ... and I thought you were a mistake GEORGE: (laughs) FAY: I wasn't expecting a blonde haired blue-eyed baby ... you were the prettiest baby in the nursery ... nit loreroasting essi blametum volore tetue mod el ea accumsa ndipsus cidunt utet, sit, consequate tat wis dunt vel ut wis acip eniam, senim dolorem vel eu facilis nisci blaore tat iure magnit volorperci blaore molobor iriuscip elis nos dolutpat nostrud dit accumsan volore faci bla outpat loreriure corem dolent veliquisl dolortisit accummy nulputat. Ut il dipit, consequisl duipisci euisi.

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*Synthesis: Through these interviews, I've discovered (can you discover something you're already aware of?) my parents are two, very different people, who probably had no business marrying eachother. My Mom treats the conversation like a stand-up routine and my Dad like a politician. They also have two, very different versions of the events that unfolded on the day of my birth.*

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## OTHER GATHERINGS

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