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LOCAL

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LOCAL NEWS ■

Mom and Dad don't agree on much of anything. That's why they're not married anymore. They did agree, however, that they'd like to have a kid, and on December 15th, 1988, they got one. I spoke with both of my parents to hear their accounts of the day's events, and they managed to contradict one another on nearly every point of discussion ... down to the very route they took to the hospital.

Excerpts from either conversation accompany their "respective" trips to New York Presbyterian along with local news, relevant contextual information and my own commentary.

10:25

I called Dad to ask him about Dec. 15th, 1988 on Jan. 10th, 2008. He was busy with work and called me back a few days later. We spoke for 21 minutes and 46 seconds.

"... she freaked out ... I realized she was gooshin' the amniotic fluid all over the couch ..."

11:01

THE LAMAZE TECHNIQUE
The Lamaze Technique is a prepared childbirth technique developed in the 1940s by French obstetrician Dr. Fernand Lamaze as an alternative to the use of medical intervention during labor. The Lamaze method gained popularity in the United States after Marjorie Karmel wrote about her experiences in her 1959 book *Thank You, Dr. Lamaze*. — Source: Wikipedia

"... 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 ..."

03:20

5-YEAR-OLD BROOKLYN GIRL DIES
A five-year-old Brooklyn girl who officials said appeared to have been physically abused, died last night after she was found unconscious in her mother's apartment, the police said.

"There was a uhh ... a curtain between let's say ... mom's neck ... up to the ceiling and down the sides of the gurney she was on ... I went to stand up and they told me to sit down ... they said they'd lost too many fathers to fainting ..."

03:30

Responding to reports of a woman screaming, the police found the unconscious girl, Jessica Cortez, in Apartment 1-C at 300 Bushwick Avenue, where she lived with her mother and stepfather.

"... you hear the, you know, (slurping noise) ... because they're sucking the blood out of the incision ... you're behind a curtain and you don't really know what's going on ..."

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Her mother and stepfather, who were not immediately identified, were taken by the police to the 90th Precinct station house for questioning, said Sgt. Raymond O'Donnell, a police spokesman. They were in the apartment when the police found the girl, he said.

"I sat down ... mom was obviously very sedated."

04:27

— Source: *The New York Times*

"... 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 wanna make that determination first hand.'"

05:10

LOTTERY NUMBERS
New York Numbers — 401
New York Win 4 — 4862
New York Keno — 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 20, 25, 30, 32, 36, 37, 42, 50, 53, 55, 68, 74, 78
New Jersey Pick-It — 854
New Jersey Pick 4 — 4944
New Jersey Pick-6 Lotto — 4, 5, 25, 27, 33, 39, bonus, 78059
Connecticut Daily — 485
Connecticut Play 4 — 8150

"... you came out pretty gooey ... I thought, 'It's a boy! Great. I don't have to pay for the wedding.'"

06:00

"... they cleaned you up and you don't hear a sound right away, and then they give you the ol' pat on the ass, and the "wah' and the "wah' ..."

06:23

Hours of labor molded my malleable cranium into the shape of my mother's birthing canal.

"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."

03:01

"... 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 ..."

03:36

"... 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 ..."

03:54

"... 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!' ..."

04:45

"... and you know, I hear this ... you're supposed to be 'ha, ha, ha,' taking these breaths and its such bullshit, cuz you know ... such a bunch of bullshit, I don't see how that's gonna help that kind of pain ..."

05:27

"... and you hear these women screaming like a medieval torture chamber ..."

06:12

"... it was scary because I was in labor ... 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 ... I was totally petrified."

08:00

"... 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 ..."

08:34

"... you know, he goes, 'oh the baby looks Greek' ... he was in tears ... passed out. I didn't see you ..."

08:48

"... 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 ... (laughter) I wasn't expecting a blonde haired blue-eyed baby."

18:23

"10:00 ... even though they wrote 10:30 on your birth certificate ... and no, I wasn't drugged up if you recall ..."

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I called Mom to ask her about Dec. 15th, 1988 on Jan. 10th, 2008. We spoke for 23 minutes and 59 seconds.

WISEGUY (1987-1990)

Vinnie Terranova does time in a New Jersey penitentiary to set up his undercover role as an agent for the OCB (Organized Crime Bureau) of the United States. His roots in a traditional Italian city neighborhood form the underlying dramatic base throughout the series, bringing him into conflict with his conservative mother and other family members while acting undercover as syndicate enforcer. — Source: *IMDb.com*

CUSTOMS FRAUD ADMITTED

A Mount Kisco cheese importer, the Westland Cheese Company, and its general manager pleaded guilty today to conspiring to defraud the Customs Service of duty payments on imported cheese over a two-year period. The general manager, Jan Kos, 35 years old, of Mount Kisco, faces up to two years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The company could be fined \$400,000. — Source: *The New York Times*

Mom says she never made it to her Lamaze training sessions since she was on bedrest for so long. I'm not sure if my Dad knew that.

11 NEW YORK STATE HOSPITALS HAVE HIGH MORTALITY RATES, U.S. SAYS

Eleven of New York State's 270 hospitals had mortality rates in 1987 significantly higher than the national average, according to a Federal study of Medicare patients.

Dr. J. Milton Hudson tried to deliver me naturally for a pretty long time. Apparently I was a bit too big for mom, so they rushed her in for a cesarean after she'd been in labor for a full 24 hours.

Mom says they didn't give her an epidural, or that they didn't give her enough ... I don't really remember. Anyway, I'm not allowed to forget this.

MANHATTAN MAN, 76, KILLED IN CRASH IN BATTERY PARK

A 1987 Ford van driven by Robert Kelly, 21, of Staten Island, was traveling toward Manhattan when the van crossed into oncoming traffic and collided with a 1980 Mercedes-Benz driven by Edward Deutsch, 76, of 19 W 44th Street in Manhattan. Mr. Deutsch was pronounced dead at the scene. — Source: *The New York Times*

She had recently watched a documentary about two kids who were swapped at birth.

A baby boy was born to parents Fay and Mark Brower at 10:00 AM (officially), weighing 8 pounds 5 ounces, 21 inches in length.

MOM'S ROUTE, FDR DRIVE
DAD'S ROUTE, HENRY HUDSON PKWY