

## Testtube baby born to Texas woman

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HOUSTON—A woman who could not become pregnant naturally and underwent in vitro fertilization at the University of Texas medical school has given birth to Texas' first test-tube baby, a healthy boy.

The 5-pound, 6-ounce newborn was born to a 32-year-old woman in a Houston area hospital, said Dr. Martin Quigley, director of the program that began in July 1981 and now has seven pregnancies in progress.

"We are very pleased with this birth," Quigley said, "and with the fact that the in vitro fertilization procedure is becoming

routine for treating this type of infertility."

The hospital, exact date of birth and the identities were withheld, but Quigley said the woman had experienced two unsuccessful pregnancies that forced removal of her fallopian tubes because of complications.

Without fallopian tubes, the woman's ovaries cannot send eggs into her uterus to be fertilized naturally.

Commonly called testtube fertilization, in vitro fertilization is designed to overcome fallopian tube problems. It involves surgically removing an egg from a woman through so called "bel-

lybutton" surgery. Then doctors take the egg and put it in a glass dish with sperm from her husband.

If fertilization occurs, and the egg begins to develop normally, doctors then reimplant the egg in the woman's uterus.

UT began its program at Hermann Hospital in Houston in July 1981 and so far 113 women have undergone the procedure.

The success rate of both steps — testtube fertilization and reimplantation — is 10 to 20 percent worldwide.

The world's first testtube baby was Louise Brown, born in England in July 1978. The first in vitro fertilization baby born in the United States was Elizabeth Jordan Carr delivered in Norfolk, Va., on Dec. 28, 1981.

Quigley said he has pregnant patients living in Colorado, Nebraska, Florida, Texas, and that one from the Pacific Northwest is due any day to deliver.

The UT Houston medical school has received 2,000 inquiries about its in vitro (or in glass) fertilization program, he said. To be considered, patients must be married, under 35 and healthy except for fallopian tubes disease.

## Laredo, Mexico celebrate American hero's birthday

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LAREDO—The city of Laredo is not necessarily more patriotic than most, nor would city fathers necessarily suggest the community does a better job than others of remembering American heroes.

But while being nonchalant about such questions, city officials might mention that just about every high school, junior high school and elementary school in Laredo has, at one time or another, received a national Freedom Foundation Award.

And in the same conversation, someone just might note that every year on Washington's birthday, more than 100,000 people line the streets of this community on the Texas-

Mexico border to watch a patriotic parade through the city's streets.

"People will probably crucify me for saying this," laughs Frank M. Staggs, "but we are one of the few cities in the country that honors George Washington — we are one of the few that have big celebrations on Washington's birthday."

"I think it is probably true that more people in this area, and maybe even in northern Mexico, are knowledgeable about Washington than people in the rest of United States. We're proud of our patriotic gestures."

Staggs, first vice-president of the annual celebration, helped organize this year's 6-day event

that started Tuesday and runs through Sunday morning. He said for the last 86 years Laredo has celebrated the birth of the first U.S. president.

In recent years, the celebration has expanded to include Mexicans from across the border in Nuevo Laredo and other communities in northern Mexico.

For the past several years, the governors of northern Mexican states have been guests of the birthday party, joining the Texas governor at the International Bridge for a special friendship ceremony. This Saturday, Texas Gov. Mark White and Tamaulipas Gov. Martinez Manatou will partici-

pate in the bridge ceremony. "Many people in northern Mexico are very familiar with George Washington," said. "They know him as a patriot. As a man who fought for independence. He is like Bolivar — the man who helped draw more Americans (Washington) is a hero to Mexicans too."

Despite the devaluing of the peso in recent months a staggering Mexican economy, Staggs said attendance was pretty consistent with previous years. The peso value, in fact, helped draw more Americans to the border for the winter. He has helped keep attendance

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## Toilet-tour comes to CS

by Dayna Boren  
Battalion Reporter

Anybody who carries a suitcase shaped like a toilet would be hard to take seriously, but Don Aslett is dead serious on the subject of housecleaning.

The unusual luggage actually is a prop that Aslett uses during his lectures, "Is There Life After Housecleaning?" Aslett, who has written a best-selling book by the same title, travels around the country to deliver his moral message of saving time, tension and money on housecleaning.

Aslett will be speaking from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday at the Aggeland Inn in College Station on the evils of housecleaning sins. The seminar is

sponsored by Home Care Services, a cleaning supply store in College Station.

Nancy Crouch, president of Home Care Services, said she became interested in Aslett's speeches after she read his book.

Crouch, who has been in the cleaning business for six years, said she learned new cleaning techniques from the book, which claims to cut cleaning time by 75 percent if the correct techniques and products are used.

Some of the helpful tips that Aslett recommends: Use plenty of doormats; keep dust out from around doors, use ammonia instead of vinegar for cutting grease; use spray instead of aerosol cans, which contain about 90 percent water; more common household myths, such as the notion "no-wax" floor, which does not exist.

After Aslett became convinced that he was entertained and could draw "inspiration" from humor, he developed seminars and a "toilet-tour." This tour included a show at the Palace in Las Vegas.

Aslett, 45, an Idaho native, originally began his career in housecleaning while he was a student at Idaho State University. He started cleaning homes his way through school.

Advance tickets for the seminar are \$2.50 and purchased in College Station. Home Care Services, 1101 Cooner; the Curiosity Shop, Culpepper Plaza and in Wise Paper and Chemical, 100 E. 32nd. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$3.

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