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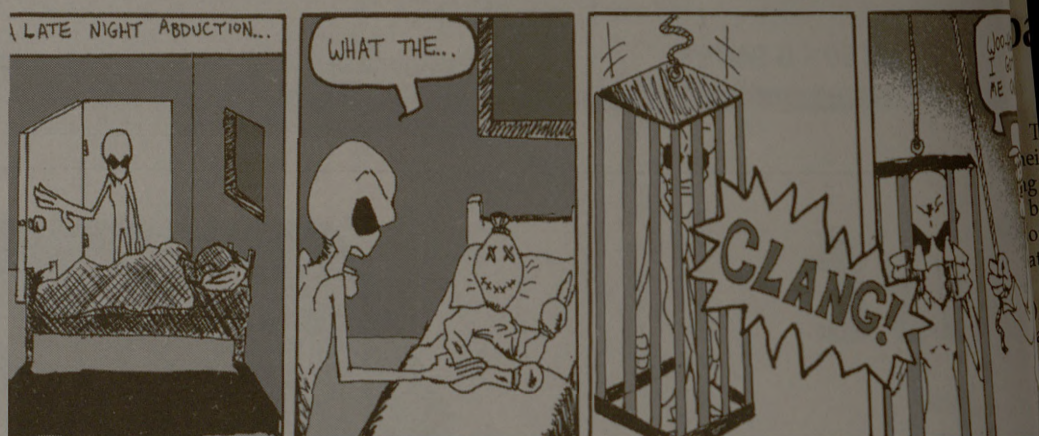


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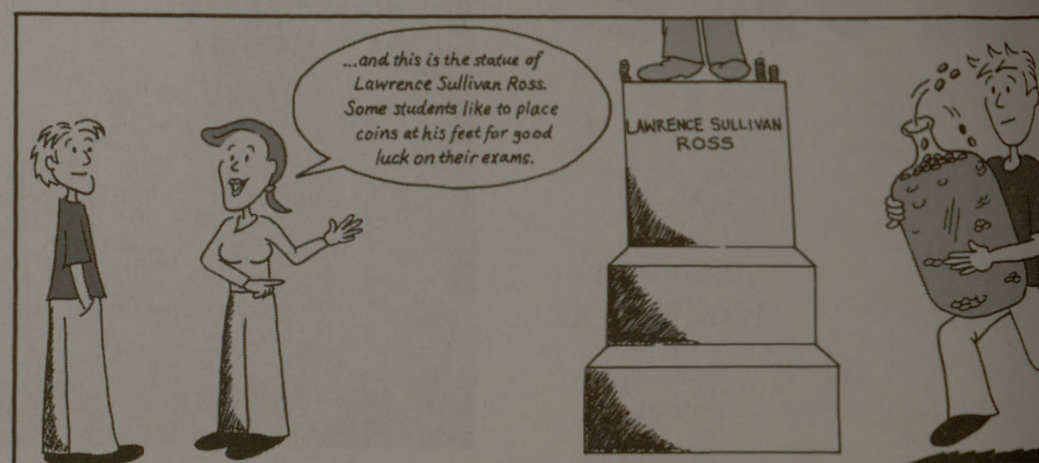
## The Greys

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By Step



## Twenty-five years later in the city's birth history, Dallas mother delivers quintuplets

DALLAS (AP) — Sonia Zuniga came up one child shy of birthing her own "Brady Bunch."

Believed to be the first quintuplets in Dallas since 1975, the four boys and a girl were born Monday to Mrs. Zuniga, 30, of Arlington. The births took four minutes.

"It was too fast," her husband, Victor Zuniga, told The Dallas Morning News through a translator. "I thought it would take longer."

The babies, born 10 weeks premature, all weighed in at less than 3 pounds but were healthy, said Parkland Hospital officials.

Mrs. Zuniga was tired but otherwise healthy, said doctors who planned to release her from the hospital in four to five days.

The infants are in critical condition today at Park-

land's neonatal intensive care unit.

Daughter Alexa is now on a respirator and three of the boys are getting extra oxygen at Parkland's intensive care unit, said Dr. Charles Rosenfeld, a professor of pediatrics and obstetrics-gynecology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

"They're in good shape and expected to do well," Rosenfeld said, adding that the next 96 hours will be critical to monitoring the infants' breathing.

Babies born this early have a 90 percent survival rate, he said.

The firstborn, Edgar, weighed 2 pounds, 11.5 ounces upon arrival at 3:17 p.m. the hospital said.

He was followed by Aldo (2 pounds, 12.3 ounces) at 3:17 p.m., Diego (2 pounds, 4 ounces) at 3:18

p.m., Alexa (2 pounds, 12.5 ounces) at 3:19 p.m. and Ivan (2 pounds, 15 ounces) at 3:20 p.m.

Diego was the only child who did not require help breathing, doctors said.

"He's the strong one, but he's also the littlest one," said Dr. Ron Ramus, who delivered the children.

Zuniga said he was ecstatic about his instant family, but added that he's finished having children.

"No more babies," he said, adding that he has a one-bedroom apartment.

His wife was awake throughout the deliveries, Ramus said.

"I think she was relieved the end was near," he said.

The Zuniga quintuplets will likely spend the next six to eight weeks in Parkland's neonatal intensive

care unit at a cost of more than \$1,000 per day, the newspaper said.

They were conceived by in vitro fertilization weeks ago, spokeswoman Audrey Reed Granger said.

The hospital said the Zunigas had been trying to conceive naturally for four years before their fertility treatment.

Mrs. Zuniga has been at the hospital since July 19, when she was admitted for treatment of hypertension. Otherwise, doctors called the pregnancy uneventful, but more than 40 personnel on the floor for the deliveries.

The only other set of quintuplets ever born in the Dallas-Fort Worth area were delivered on July 1975, at Parkland, the hospital said.

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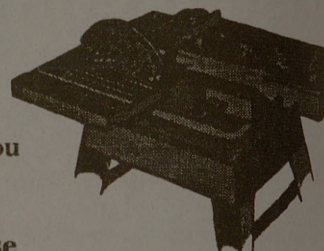
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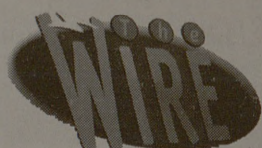


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