

Head of the class



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Professor Gus Hamblett lectures his class on the history of the American house Wednesday.

Designer parenthood

Researchers say technique lets parents choose sex of baby

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...ple in which 65 percent of the cells contained a Y chromosome, *The New York Times* reported today.

The institute said 29 women who wanted to have girls became pregnant. So far, nine of those women have given birth to 11 healthy baby girls, including two sets of twins, the institute said. The oldest girl is 2 1/2 years old.

One of the women still pregnant is carrying a boy, Fugger said.

A study of couples wanting boys produced results consistent with what the sperm sorting would predict, Fugger said. Exact results were not released.

Dr. Jamie Grifo, director of reproductive endocrinology at New York University Medical School, is apprehensive about the way the institute is using the sperm-sorting method.

Grifo has been using an entirely different technique to choose the gender of an embryo since 1992 and said NYU applies the technology only to prevent gender-based diseases such as hemophilia and Duchenne muscular dystrophy, which only appear in males.

"They're doing very important research but it's a matter of what they're using it for that worries me," Grifo said. "I don't think we should be doing sex selection."

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