Birth of Beaumont's 1st test tube baby celebrated

HILE ALL men are created equal, Robe.t Edward Mida, got a special boost from the scientific com-

From the scientific community.

Born at 13:03 a.m. Friday, June 29, at William Beaument Hospital, Royal Oak, the aix pound three ounce baby by is the first in vitro baby to be born in Oakland County, Monday, Rose and Richard Mida took their newborn soo bome to Southfield. His brother Richard Edward Jr., 5, waited eagerly for the brother he had requested.

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LOUISE BROWN the world's first.

'test tube' baby, was born in 1978 in England, causing a sensation in scientific circles and the world press.

Some 400 in vitro births have occurred since then and presently 150 in-vitro teams are at work in the U.S.

For the Midas, their new son is an early anniversary gift. The couple, both Detroiters, were married 13 years ago on July 16. Both are graduates of Eastern Michigan University. She was a teamer, he is a CFA-by moved to Southfield in the British of the School in the Couple of the School and own my sons will loo, said the new mother.

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mother.

Difficulty in conceiving has made motherhood a long and difficult road for Mida: Before giving birth to Ricky, ahe had to have one fallopian tube re-

moved.
"Then, we did artificial insemination for a year to get pregnant the second

MIDA says this is a very happy time r him and his wife.

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I feel great. We're very happy we have something that 18 months ago we thought wouldn't ever happen. Following his wife's ectole pregnancy the doctors told the couple their cythous: first, she could go to Temessee where doctors might be able to give her artificial tubes; and ascondly, there was an in vitro pregnam in Virginia. We thought it would be a blod on the family to be separated that way. Mida said.

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Then, they heard about the new pro-gram at Beaumont, and considered that option.

"It was nothing we jumped into," Mida said. "Rose and I went away for a couple of weeks to think it out before we went aband."

We were fortunate that, the fertilized embryo took the first time or it would have cook the first time or it would have cook the more, he said: 'It's not covered by most insurances.' One of the reason; we have agreed to give interviews and be photographed is that we wouldn't like to see creater, and work like this done in a dangeon.

SHORTLY before leaving the hospi-il, Rose Mida remarked that she real-

tal, note minute temarica that she real-ly doesn't feel important.

"It's the IVF (invitro fertilization) team that is important. I just did the regular miracle of life," she said, smil-

ing.
"They deserve the limelight. I reaped the reward from their hard work."

The oldest of eight chilidren herself, she admits she wanted a little girl. "But Richard Junior wanted a brother and actually our family has all boys. I threw all the blue colored baby clothes into a box downstairs, but I'll get them out now."

Because she always wanted children, she persisted in trying to conceive and

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carry her children. "Bet it was a long road," she sald. "I told the doctor you group for parents with problems close the sega and speem said \$11.60 then, then the second you group for parents with problems close the sega and speem said \$11.60 then, then to see the segar than a not, had they seem the speed to see the segar than a not, had they seem the speed to see the segar than the segar t

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Speaking for Beaumont Hospital's t-person in vitro fertilization team, r. Michael Gronow says of the birth of obert Edward Mida, "It's very much

Hobert Edward Mida. The very much a miracle.

Hospital staffers of many stripes joined in the air of erhiliration of the news of the first invitro birth.

For the 197 team, it was the end of a long wait and much painstaking work. In addition, two more IVP pregnancies are underway.

In vitro fertilization offers childiese became of tubal disease, semen abnormalities, endometrious, or other infermility problems.

In the 197 process, eggs are removed surgically from the wife's ovaries and then fertilized by the harband's sperm in a laboratory. If this process dure produces an embryo, the fertilized gis it ransferred back into the wife's uterus and a normal pregnancy begin.

"BY THIS means we can offer con-

"BY TBIS means we can offer cou-ples who have problems the chance to have their own biologic children," aga Gronow. "Weil over 400 bables have been born this way world-wide." Attending obstetricians in the birth of Robert Edward Mida are: Dr. Alex-ander Maximovich, Dr. Lance Christi-

ansen and Dr. Richard La Grandeur.

The IVF (eam includes Dr. John Musich, chief of Obstetrics and Gonsenlery at Beamond; Dr. S. Jon Behrman, director of IVF, Sian Beyler, Pa.D. Dywiologist, Dr. David Britano and Dr. Lutana Ryselfa, medical coordinatoru.

Gronow sald the note common problems; dwarcome by IVF are blocked tubes, and low sperm counts. He said the capt of sperm from the man and roomed are mixed in the lab to grow two-three sign beause or circumpitation to the women's gierns.

Then we watch for normal develop-ment, Gronow says. Badealty, what we're doing is using an artificial fallo-pian time with the wife's egg and the husband's sperm.

"The success rate is about 25 per-ent, the same as is being reported in icisinki," he said.

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Nature's rate of conception and carrying to term is estimated to be about 31 percent.

To be eligible for the IVF program, couples must be legally married, and under age 40. The wife must be engable of producing eggs with the sid of fertility drugs and she must have a normal uterus.

For more information and Particles and Particles

For more information call Beau-mont's IVF program.

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By Lark Samouellan

The purpose of community program-ming on Channel 12 is to provide our residents with another way to share ideas, fun and enjoyment with one an-other.

other.

This week our special feature is "Profile of a Burglar." SWOCO's Intern Randy Howe co-produced this show with Charles Lee of the Farmington Department of Public Safety. The program is one of the most progressive projects completed. The information about burglaries comes from a prison

She is also a member of the karate club and the MSU rugby team.

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inmate. Tune in 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, or request to see the program on Friday between 4 and 8 p.m. The facts will help keep our families safe.

The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission would like to extend a special thank you to Larry Savage for navigating our communities through the myriad of cable information. Larry is retiring to northern Michigan where cable service has been availate for years. Just recently, however, the citizens are beginning to participate. We shall look forward to continued communication.

Student named as outstanding

A 1980 graduate of Southfield-Lathrup High School in Lathrup Vil-lage, Frankel will attend the Universi-ty of Michigan School of Medicine next year. Wendy Frankel of Farmington Hills has been named one of Michigan State University's 25 outstanding seniors for 1934.
Frankel, daughter of Sandra and Maurice Frankel, is majoring in psychology and biology through the Lynnan Briggs School, a residential program emphasizing science and mathematics. At MSU, she is a member of the Hoors College, Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key National Honor Society, and Tower Guard and Morta Board national bonor societies.

Students were nominated by MSU faculty and staff members and various student organizations, and were selected on the basis of academic achievement, extracurricular activities, comment, extracurricular activities,

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7 p.m. — Dom's and Dave's corner baseball.

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