



COURTENEY COX DESPERATE TO HAVE A BABY

COURTENEY COX has a soaring career and great marriage, but anxiously yearns for the one thing missing from her life - a baby.

"Someday, hopefully, I'll be a mom," sighs the 38-year-old *Friends* star, happily married to wacky actor David Arquette.

Cox, who plays neurotic Monica on the hit NBC sitcom, has endured two devastating miscarriages as well as consultations with fertility specialists and in vitro fertilization procedures. And her biological clock is ticking even louder now that her husband's sister, Patricia Arquette, 35, recently had a baby girl, Harlow, with her fiancé, actor Thomas Jane.

"The whole family is in love with this baby," says a family insider. "She's so adorable, everybody is celebrating Patricia's latest joy. Courteney is delighted, too, but it makes her and David want to have one of their own more than ever."

Sources say that Cox and her 31-year-old hubby, who

have been married since 1999, bought a \$10 million beach house in Malibu because it would be an ideal place to raise a family. Despite the move, Cox suffered two heartbreaking miscarriages, the last in 2001.

"She's battling fears that she'll never be able to have a baby," says a pal. "But she and David have vowed to keep trying."

After consulting a fertility expert last year, Cox tried to conceive through the in vitro procedure, say insiders. That's where a woman's egg is fertilized in a test tube before being implanted in her womb.

"It didn't work," says a friend. "I can only imagine how disappointing that must have been for Courteney. But she's going to keep trying because she wants a baby more than anything."

And she's bravely gearing up for another attempt at in vitro.

"Right now Courteney is relaxing and trying not to be agitated by her fertility problems," says another source. — **ROBIN MIZRAHI**