

New Babies in a New Decade

The beginning of 2020 brought new babies throughout the Northern California region. Pictured, Ursula and Roberto Tercero and their baby Christopher Santiago at the Kaiser Permanente San Leandro Medical Center.

Baby fever was in the air at the start of the New Year as many Kaiser Permanente hospitals in the Northern California region had the first baby of 2020 – or nearly the first.

These babies all made their grand entrances at the start of a brand-new decade much to the excitement of the labor and delivery departments that often compete on which hospital will ring in the new year with the first baby.

Here's a snapshot of the New Year's babies born at the beginning of 2020:

A Bouncing Baby Boy for the Bay Area

Just five minutes into the New Year, Ursula and Roberto Tercero welcomed little Christopher Santiago into the world at the Kaiser Permanente San Leandro Medical Center. Christopher is believed to be the first baby born in the Bay Area.

The Tercero family admits they didn't think much of having the first baby of 2020. Instead, they had another important number on their minds.

Tercero means third, and baby Christopher now makes three children for the Tercero family. He has two older sisters and completes the trio of children for this Castro Valley family.

A Surprising Delivery in the Sacramento Region

Georzalanda Smith wasn't due until the end of January, so when her water broke around 2 p.m. on Dec. 31st she didn't think much of it and continued to do her housework.

Smith and her family had plans to go dancing at their church New Year's Eve party later that evening, but she decided she better go get checked at the Women and Children's Center at Kaiser Permanente's Roseville Medical Center first.

It was a good thing she did.

The baby was breach and she had to have a c-section. At 12:08 a.m. on Jan. 1, Messiah Mosa'ati Talakai Smith was born becoming the Sacramento region's first baby of the New Year.

Messiah is Georzalanda and Jerrick Smith's fourth son. His older brothers are 7, 6 and 2 years

old.

Many, Many New Year's Babies in Modesto

It was quite the baby boom at the Modesto Medical Center on New Year's Day with 13 babies delivered by 11:30 a.m.

The lucky parents of the first baby were Gurjit Randhawa and Jaspreet Kaur of Stockton who delivered a 6-pound 15-ounce baby boy at 12:21 a.m.

The baby doesn't have a name yet. The parents are Sikh and it's customary in their religion to wait until a priest in the Punjab state of India chooses the first letter of a hymn in a sacred book and gives it to the grandparents.

Then the parents will choose a name that begins with that letter.

One-Minute Shy in Fresno

One minute was all that stopped Lennon Alexander Soto from becoming the first Fresno County baby born in the New Year.

Lennon was born at 12:06 a.m. at Kaiser Permanente Fresno Medical Center. However, a neighboring hospital delivered a baby boy at 12:05 a.m. – beating Lennon by one minute.

Lennon's parents didn't seem fazed by missing out on the New Year's baby honor. They were thrilled to have a healthy baby and a younger brother for 1-year-old Luke.

And despite not earning the title of the first baby of the new year for Fresno County, Lennon was still celebrated with media attention, a basket of goodies and a certificate proclaiming him as the, "First Baby of the Decade at Kaiser Permanente Fresno."