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## **First Baby of the Year Born at Ben Taub** *Special delivery was a late arrival for 2005*

Nurses and staff at Ben Taub General Hospital rang in the New Year with the first baby born in 2005. Osmar Salgado, the first baby delivered in a major Houston hospital, entered the world at Ben Taub at 1:38 a.m. on Jan. 1. He weighed eight pounds and six ounces and measured 20 inches at birth.

Proud parents Maria Ramón and Lorenzo Salgado welcomed the celebrated newborn into their family, along with older brothers Ronaldo, 7, and Lorenzo, 6, who say they are ready to show Osmar everything they know, including how to dance.

Asked if she was happy to have the first baby of the year, Ramón responded, "I'm just happy he was born healthy. That he was born on the first day of the year, that is just as well."

The couple had been expecting the arrival of their third son since Dec. 24, the original due date given by Ramón's doctor. When that date passed, Ramón said she expected Osmar's arrival on her birthday, Dec. 30. She said she never expected him to be the first child born on New Year's Day.

"When the nurses found out he was the first baby of the year, they all came in with party hats and celebrated around us. We were all very happy," she said.

To commemorate the special event, Ramón's nurses decorated the door to her hospital room with bright balloons and presented her with a basket full of goodies and essentials on behalf of the Harris County Hospital District (HCHD).

Regarding the future, Ramón doesn't know if Osmar will be lucky because of his birth date, but says she hopes for the very best for her three boys, whom she is sure will be a handful.

HCHD comprises three major hospitals including Ben Taub General Hospital, Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital and Quentin Mease Community Hospital; 12 community health centers; 13 satellite homeless shelter clinics; six school-based clinics and four mobile health units.

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