

Who Is Older?



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In Cary, N.C., a woman gave birth to twins early in the morning of Nov. 4, one at 1:32 a.m. and the other 34 minutes later, at 1:06 a.m. (after Daylight-Saving Time ended). [WRAL-TV (Raleigh), 11-6-07] Everyone knows the pecking order in a family has everything to do with age. The oldest sibling usually rules the roost. But what if you get cheated out of the title because of Daylight Saving Time? Peter Sullivan Cirioli was dubbed "Baby A" at WakeMed Cary when he arrived early Sunday morning. "Yes, Peter was born first, it was at 1:32 a.m.," mother Laura Cirioli said. Thirty-four minutes later, Peter's twin sister, Allison Raye Cirioli, known as "Baby B," made her entrance into the world.

Because of Daylight Saving Time, Allison's time of birth was 1:06 a.m., which makes her 26 minutes older than her brother even though he was born first.

"We just never even thought about it until after he was born and then we realized it was going to happen. It was really kind of amazing," Laura Cirioli said. The proud mother and father said they don't really care who was born first, they are just glad to have two healthy babies. They do suspect the daylight savings predicament will be fodder for sibling rivalry.

"We'll let them work that out between themselves. I don't want to get into the middle of it," Jason Cirioli said. Peter and Allison were expected to leave the hospital Tuesday night.