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and their



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# The Mini Page

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## The Electoral Vote

On Nov. 5, we will vote for the president and vice president of the United States.

The presidential and vice presidential candidates from each party run as a team. They are on the same "ticket."

The Constitution sets down rules for electing a president. Each state is allotted a certain number of votes. These votes are called electoral votes. Today, the total number of electoral votes for the whole country is 538.

The winning ticket in each state wins all of that state's electoral votes. This is called "winner takes all."

Write the number of votes for each state on the map. Save the map. After the election, color the states blue that voted for the Democratic ticket. Color the Republican states red. If a third party wins in a state, leave it white.

### Electoral votes for each state

Alabama	9	Louisiana	9	Oklahoma	8
Alaska	3	Maine	4	Oregon	7
Arizona	8	Maryland	10	Pennsylvania	23
Arkansas	6	Massachusetts	12	Rhode Island	4
California	54	Michigan	18	South Carolina	8
Colorado	8	Minnesota	10	South Dakota	3
Connecticut	8	Mississippi	7	Tennessee	11
Delaware	3	Missouri	11	Texas	32
District of Columbia	3	Montana	3	Utah	5
Florida	25	Nebraska	5	Vermont	3
Georgia	13	Nevada	4	Virginia	13
Hawaii	4	New Hampshire	4	Washington	11
Idaho	4	New Jersey	15	West Virginia	5
Illinois	22	New Mexico	5	Wisconsin	11
Indiana	12	New York	33	Wyoming	3
Iowa	7	North Carolina	14		
Kansas	6	North Dakota	3		
Kentucky	8	Ohio	21	TOTAL	538

**A TICKET NEEDS 270 ELECTORAL VOTES TO WIN.**

**REMIND ADULTS TO VOTE!**

VT  NH   
 MA   
 RI   
 CT   
 NJ   
 DE   
 DC   
 MD   
 ME

# The Candidate Needs Helpers

We will be seeing the end of the campaign season next week. On Nov. 5 we will know who has won and who has lost.

Clinton, Dole and Perot are running for president. One-third of all the U.S. Senate spots will be filled. All of the seats in the House of Representatives have people running for the seat. Your state might also have people running for governor or for the state legislature.

Everyone who runs for office needs a lot of people to help. The bigger the job, the more helpers the candidate needs.

Here are some of the people candidates need to run their campaigns:

## Campaign manager

... runs the campaign and is in charge of all the staff.



## Treasurer

... keeps track of the campaign funds.



## Pollster

... runs polls asking people how they feel about a candidate and the issues.



## Media adviser

... helps decide what stories might interest the press.



## Direct-mail consultant

... plans the mail sent to raise money and to persuade people to vote for and help the candidate.



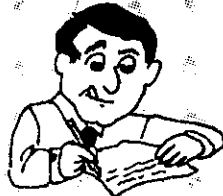
## Fund-raiser

... helps raise money.



## Speechwriter

... writes the candidate's speeches. Most candidates do not write their own. Abraham Lincoln was an exception. He wrote wonderful speeches.



## Field director

... manages campaign staff in the field, or the area where voters are.



## Scheduler

... schedules candidate's time, meetings, speeches, etc



## Campaign coordinators

... manage the campaign in the state, the county or the city.



## Advance men and women

... set up events. They rent the sites for the candidate to speak. They also try to bring in the crowds and the press.



## Press secretary

... gives stories about the candidate to the press.



## Campaign staff

... do general work, put up yard signs, give out bumper stickers, stuff envelopes, call for money.



## Research coordinator

... does research on the opponent and on the issues. Advises candidate on what he or she should emphasize.



## Support staff

... answer the phones, drive the candidate, and do anything else that needs doing



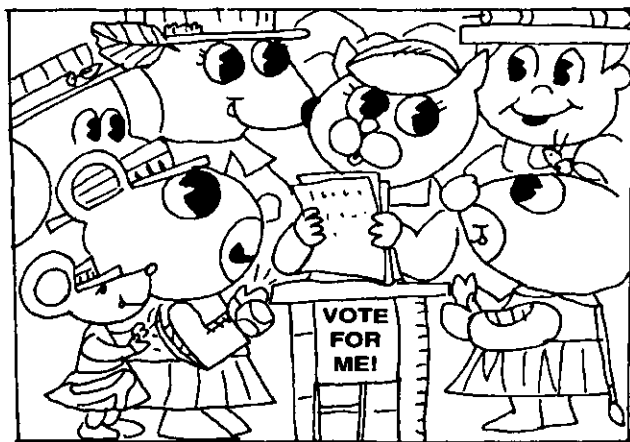
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## Mini Spy ...



Mini Spy and her friends are involved in a campaign. See if you can find:



• football

• baseball

- feather
- firecracker
- candle
- ant
- ruler
- ice skate
- word MINI
- lima bean
- paintbrush
- toothbrush
- high-heeled shoe
- letter H

BASSET BROWN



THE NEWS HOUND'S

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## ELECTORAL TRY 'N FIND COLLEGE

Words that remind us of the Electoral College are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: ELECTORAL, COLLEGE, DEMOCRATIC, REPUBLICAN, PARTY, CANDIDATES, TICKET, DEMOCRAT, DUTY, TIE, CONSTITUTION, ELECTION, ELECTING, WIN, GROUP.

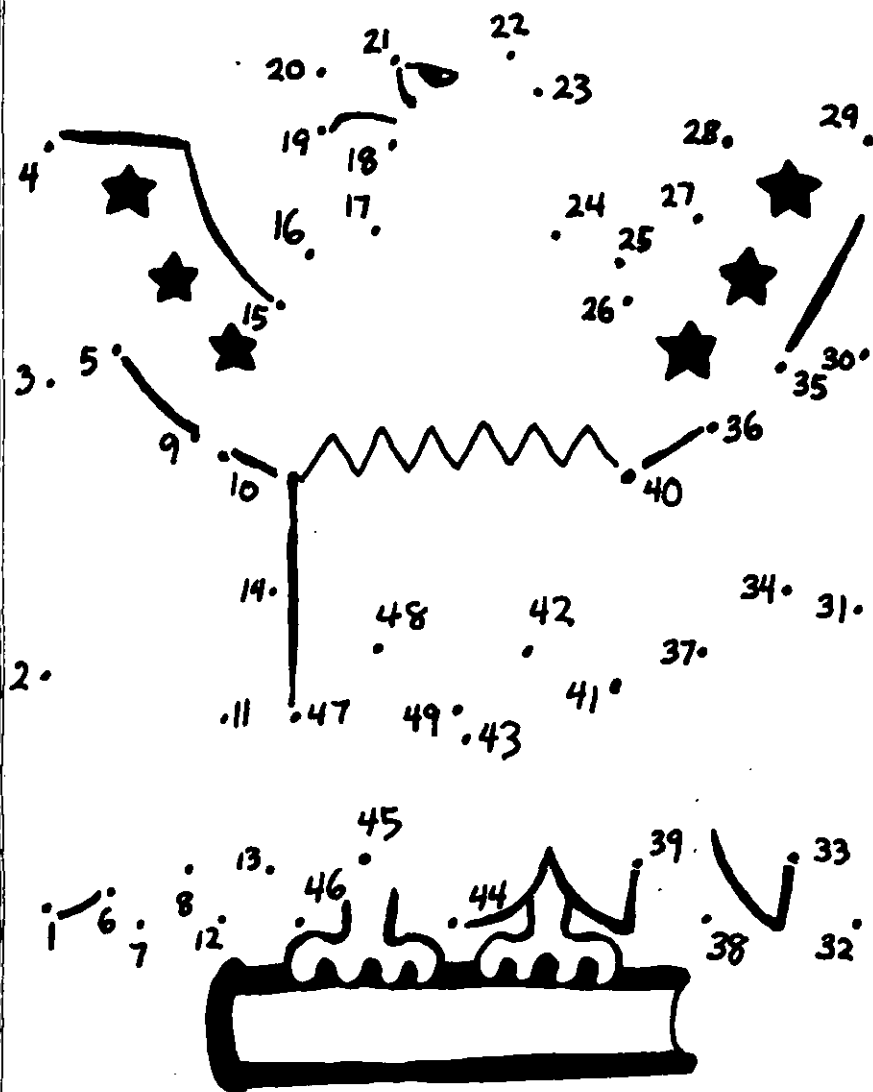
TELL YOUR PARENTS TO VOTE!



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Go dot to dot and color this symbol of the United States.



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# Rookie Cookie's Recipe

## Nutty Honey

You'll need:

- 1 cup peanuts
- 1 tablespoon peanut oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup honey



What to do:

1. Place all ingredients in a blender. With an adult's help, blend until smooth and creamy.
2. Some serving suggestions: Spread on bread to make a sandwich, on apple slices, on banana halves or on crackers.

Makes about 1 cup.

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## Meet Jonathan Taylor Thomas



Jonathan Taylor Thomas is a busy TV and movie actor.

He plays Randy, the middle son, on the show "Home Improvement." He has also been in several movies, including "Tom Sawyer" and "Man of the House." He was the voice of Simba in the movie "The Lion King."

Jonathan was born in Bethlehem, Pa., and moved with his family to Sacramento, Calif., when he was 5.

Before beginning his acting career in 1989, he worked as a model.

He is a straight-A student who likes to play computer games and basketball, fish and read. He would like to write and direct movies when he is grown.

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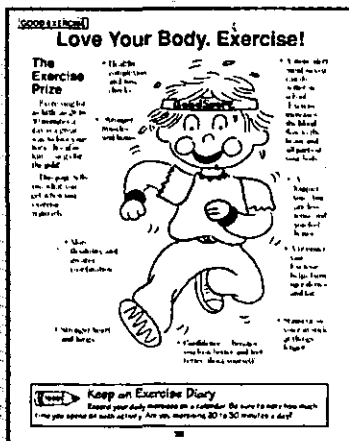
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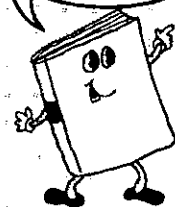
## MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes



HOW DO BOOKS KEEP WARM?

THEY HAVE JACKETS!

THAT'S MIGHTY FUNNY!



Q: What book has the most people in it?

A: The telephone book!

(both sent in by Alison Ballard)

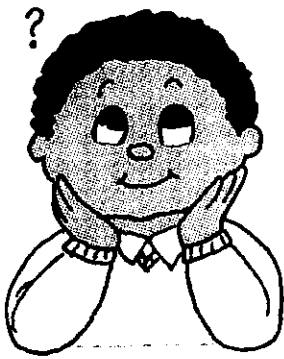
Q: What goes up white and comes down yellow?

A: An egg!

(sent in by Danielle Catlett)

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# How We Elect Our Presidents



Before you read ... think about and discuss: What do you know about how our president is elected? Then read on.

## The Electoral College



WHAT IS THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE?

When we talk about this election process, we say that our president and vice president are elected by the Electoral College.

There is not a college with a campus and students. Another meaning for "college" is a group that meets and has special duties.

The Electoral College has the duty to elect the president of the United States. But its vote is based on how the people in each state voted.



The Electoral College was set up more than 200 years ago when our Constitution was written in 1787. The writers of our Constitution had a hard time deciding just how our president and vice president were to be chosen.



Next week learn fun facts about past presidents.



## Electoral votes

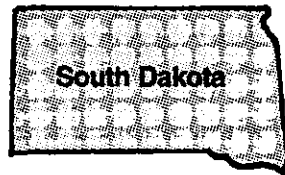
We elect our president and vice president by what we call electoral votes.



There are a total of 538 electoral votes. This number is based on the total number of members of Congress:

- Senators ..... 100
- Representatives ..... 435
- From District of Columbia ... 3
- Total electors ..... 538

Each state is allotted the number of electoral votes equal to the number of members that it has in the U.S. Congress.



For instance: South Dakota has two senators and one representative,

so it will have a total of three electoral votes.

The political party in each state nominates a set of electors equal to that state's number of members of Congress.



IF A STATE HAS THREE PEOPLE IN CONGRESS, IT WOULD HAVE:



• three Republican electors, who would be expected to vote for the Republican ticket.

### Republican ticket



Bob Dole



Jack Kemp



• three Democratic electors, who would be expected to vote for the Democratic ticket.

### Democratic ticket



Bill Clinton



Al Gore

Independent parties would nominate a set of electors, too.



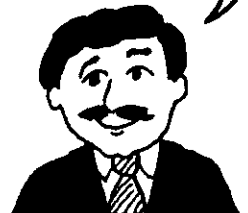
We vote on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. The winning ticket in each state gets all of that state's electoral votes.



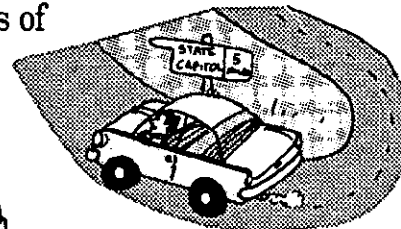
WE LOST OUR STATE... WE HAD ONLY 200,000 VOTES.



WE WON OUR STATE ... WE HAD 200,340 VOTES.



We will all know who the winner is on the night of Nov. 5 by counting the electoral votes. However, there are other steps that make it official.



In December, the winning electors, or special voters from each state, meet in their state capitals and cast their votes.

They are expected to vote for the ticket that won the popular vote in their state. (However, in a very few cases, unfaithful electors haven't cast their vote for the winners, but this is unusual.)

These electoral votes are put into sealed envelopes and sent to the president of the U.S. Senate. On Jan. 6, he opens the envelopes. He reads the results before a meeting of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

If there is a tie, or no one gets as many as 270 votes, the House of Representatives must decide who will be president. Each state has only one vote.

This does not happen very often. It has happened only twice in our history.

