



# The Mini Page

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**Next Week:**  
Get to sleep!



## Welcome to Chicago

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The Democratic National Convention is scheduled for Aug. 19-22 in Chicago at the United Center.



Like the Republican meeting in July, the convention will be a chance for **delegates** from each state to nominate a candidate for president. It is expected that President Joe Biden will be the Democratic nominee, with Vice President Kamala Harris as his running mate.

### Chicago conventions

Chicago has hosted 11 Democratic conventions. Famously, the 1968 meeting was marked by protests that sometimes turned violent.

President Lyndon Johnson announced in March 1968 that he would not run for reelection. Also that year, two popular leaders were **assassinated**, or killed: Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy, who was running for president.

Finally, the war in Vietnam continued, with many Americans unhappy about our country's involvement and the Democratic Party divided about how to end the war.

Johnson's vice president, Hubert Humphrey, was nominated as the Democratic presidential candidate. The following November, the Republican candidate, Richard Nixon, won the presidency.

### The Windy City

Chicago is situated in Illinois on the

shores of Lake Michigan. It's known as the Windy City because of the strong winds that come off the lake. With about 2.8 million people, the city has the highest population after New York City and Los Angeles.

When the first settlers arrived, Indigenous people of the Potawatomi tribe lived in the area. The Town of Chicago was established in 1833. In 1893, the World's Fair attracted more than 27 million visitors.



photo by John Pickett

The Chicago River is a focal point of the city.

### A famous fire

The Great Chicago Fire burned a large portion of the city in 1871; when the city rebuilt, steel and stone were used because they were less flammable. During that time, the first skyscraper was built using a steel skeleton. It was 10 stories tall.

### Chicago today

Chicago is an important banking center in the United States. Many large companies have their headquarters there, including McDonald's, Claire's and Quaker Oats.

The Field Museum of Natural History, the Shedd Aquarium and the Art Institute of Chicago are popular spots for tourists.

Chicagoans follow the MLB's Cubs and White Sox; the NFL's Bears; and the NBA's Bulls, along with the NHL's Blackhawks.

### Democratic Delegates

Groups of delegates from the same state or territory are called a **delegation**. A state's number of delegates is based on population and other factors.

Alabama	59
Alaska	20
American Samoa	11
Arizona	85
Arkansas	36
California	494
Colorado	87
Connecticut	74
Delaware	34
Democrats Abroad	17
District of Columbia	52
Florida	253
Georgia	123
Guam	12
Hawaii	31
Idaho	27
Illinois	177
Indiana	88
Iowa	46
Kansas	39
Kentucky	59
Louisiana	54
Maine	32
Maryland	118
Massachusetts	116
Michigan	139
Minnesota	93
Mississippi	40
Missouri	70
Montana	25
Nebraska	34
Nevada	49
New Hampshire	10
New Jersey	146
New Mexico	45
New York	305
North Carolina	133
North Dakota	17
Northern Mariana Islands	11
Ohio	143
Oklahoma	41
Oregon	78
Pennsylvania	185
Puerto Rico	60
Rhode Island	34
South Carolina	65
South Dakota	20
Tennessee	70
Texas	273
Unassigned	4
Utah	34
Vermont	24
Virginia	119
Virgin Islands	13
Washington	111
West Virginia	25
Wisconsin	95
Wyoming	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,672</b>

## Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of the Democratic National Convention are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

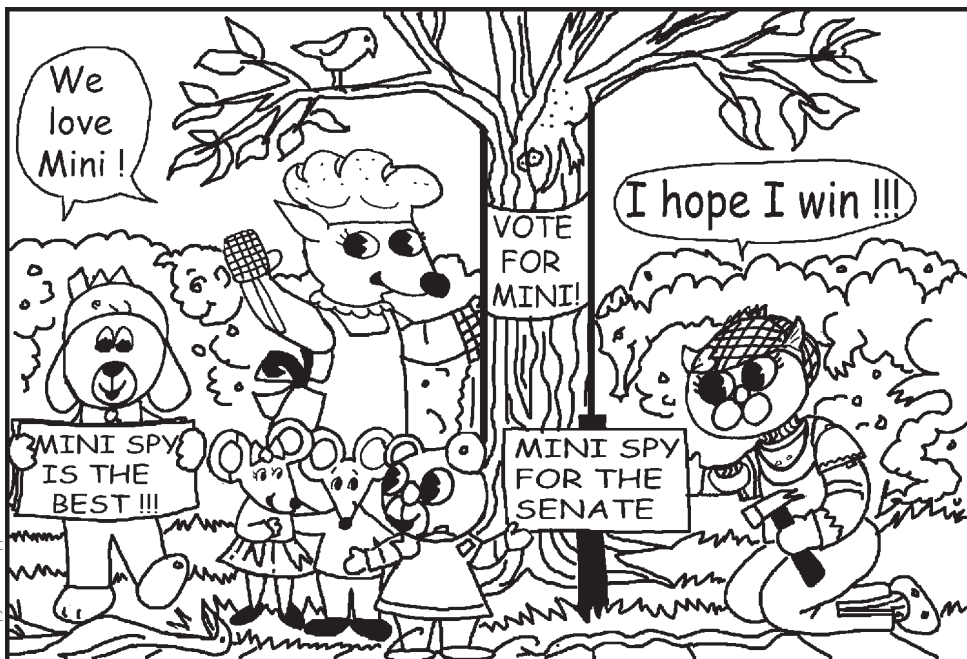
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## Mini Spy Classics

Mini Spy and her friends are campaigning. See if you can find the hidden pictures. Then color the picture.



Mini Spy Classics appear in the first issue of each month. Based on materials originally produced and/or created by Betty Debnam.

- man in the moon
- eyeglasses
- dragon
- fish
- two mushrooms
- snake
- olive
- bread loaf
- word MINI
- flyswatter
- bird
- number 2
- letter C
- teapot
- funny face
- key
- bell
- lima bean
- frog

## Resources



### On the Web:

- [bit.ly/MPDemocrats](https://bit.ly/MPDemocrats)

### At the library:

- "Understanding Your Role in Elections" by Jessica Gunderson
- "Election Campaigns: A Kid's Guide" by Emma Carlson Berne

### For later:

Check your newspaper for articles about the upcoming Democratic National Convention.

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