

# The Living Room Times

"All the Noise that's fit to print."

Tuesday, November 15, 1994

## **This time, he will not be hung Cachou stuns Birdy-Bird, 40 to 38**

Cachou, the stuffed dog who was so unpopular last year that he was hung on Bus Three during the Williamsburg trip, made a stunning comeback Monday, defeating Birdy-Bird by two votes, and becoming Kellogg's School Dolly President-elect.

The search for votes at the end of the day was frantic. Birdy-Bird was trying desperately to hold on to the lead which he had held for most of the day, while Cachou was trying to get a few more votes which would push him over the top.

The moderator, Brendan Loy, made an error at the end of the day which would have widened Cachou's margin to three votes, if it had not been later corrected. Brendan asked Mrs. Gonzalez to vote at about 2:32 PM, and she voted for Cachou. After 2:30 PM, though, no one else was supposed to be able to cast their votes. After Mrs. Gonzalez voted, Brendan realized that the polls were supposed to be closed, so he stopped anyone else from voting. Because the polls were supposed to have been closed before Mrs. Gonzalez voted, her vote was subsequently discounted from the official total, bringing Cachou's margin back down to two votes.

"It's great," said Cachou back in Adollya later in the day. "I feel great! No one expected us to win. We were supposed to be hopelessly defeated,

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# Underdog Cachou and runningmate Sebastian win election by two votes

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the momentum was all against us, and we could not possibly win. But we did win, didn't we? Yeah!"

"It was fun, it really was, the entire campaign. Especially today, with the frantic rush for votes all day long. I enjoyed the day, and I would have even enjoyed it even if I had lost. It was great. Birdy-Bird and I are friends in addition to being opponents, and we were joking about how seriously all our supporters were taking the whole thing. To us it was just fun."

"I'd like to thank Birdy-Bird, first of all, for leading the fight to bring back these great elections, these school dolly elections. They're fantastic! The more the students get into them, the more fun they are, and the students really got into this one! And I thank Birdy-Bird and Kitty for keeping this a positive campaign, not a negative one. Also, I'd like to thank Sebastian, our Vice President-elect—take a bow, Sebastian—for sticking with me in the campaign. And I'd like to thank everyone who worked on my campaign, especially my campaign manager, Brian Newbold. And of course, thanks to everyone who voted for me! I think this win is a win for everybody. I know I'm going to enjoy being School Dolly President, and I'm pretty sure I'm gonna do a really good job. Thanks again to everyone, and God Bless the United States of Adollya... and the United Classrooms of Martin Kellogg!!!"

"I have enjoyed being School Dolly President," said Birdy-Bird in his concession speech. "I will miss it, but I'm sure Cachou will do a fine job."

"I accept this defeat as a loss which was fair and square, and I ask that my supporters will follow my lead in that respect. Elections are an imperfect process, and there may have been a few votes added to or taken from Cachou's total, and a few added to or taken away from mine. But, in the end, chances are the votes even out, and Cachou wins the election regardless. The election was conducted properly, and we lost, and we have to accept that."

"I'm not necessarily done yet," Birdy-Bird finished with a smile. "I probably won't be in the next election, but I'm sure that I'll be back in dolly elections soon enough."

The election was tense throughout the day, and it was a roller-coaster ride for both candidates, especially Cachou. Birdy-Bird came in the expected winner, and he led when the votes were unofficially tallied during

lunch, 21-14, despite moderator Brendan's statement that he thought Cachou was "doing well" in the beginning of the day.

Cachou started to mount his first comeback after lunch, gaining several votes, but Birdy-Bird subsequently picked up a few votes as well, and held his ground.

Just before and during Specials, Cachou threatened again to take the lead, but Birdy-Bird campaign manager Kim Pina was able to convince Stacey Karalus to vote for Birdy-Bird, and to convince Todd Kean and Jenn May to switch their votes from Cachou to Birdy-Bird. Cachou lost two votes and Birdy-Bird gained three—a five vote swing toward Birdy-Bird. Cachou campaign manager Brian Newbold counted the votes, and reported that his candidate was trailing by three votes, suggesting that he had actually led by two votes before Kim's maneuvering.

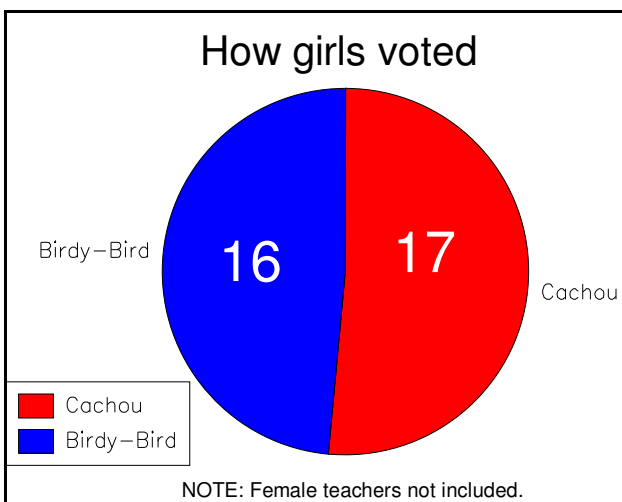
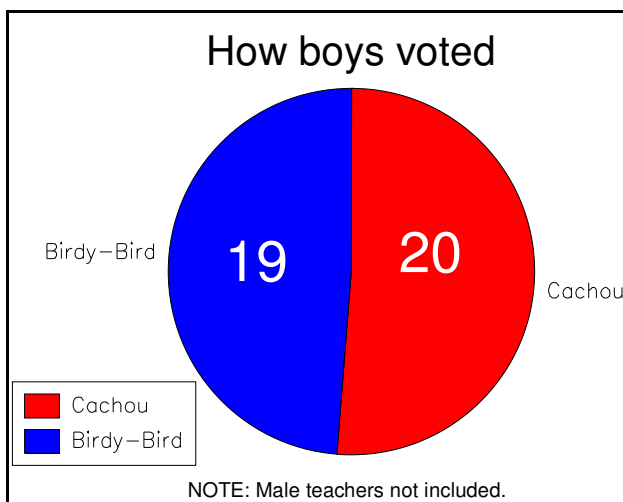
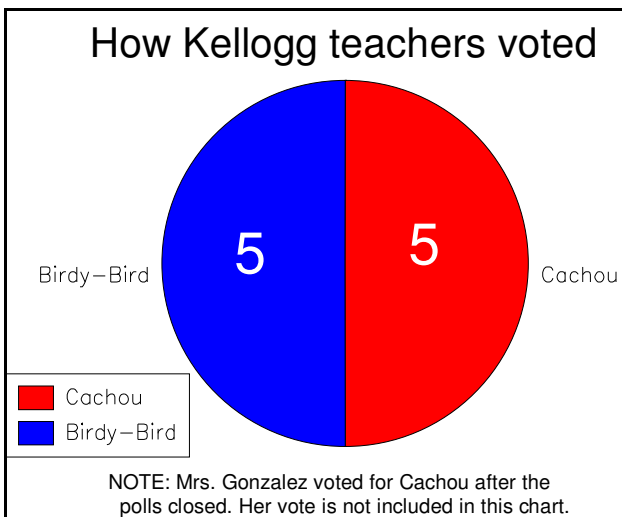
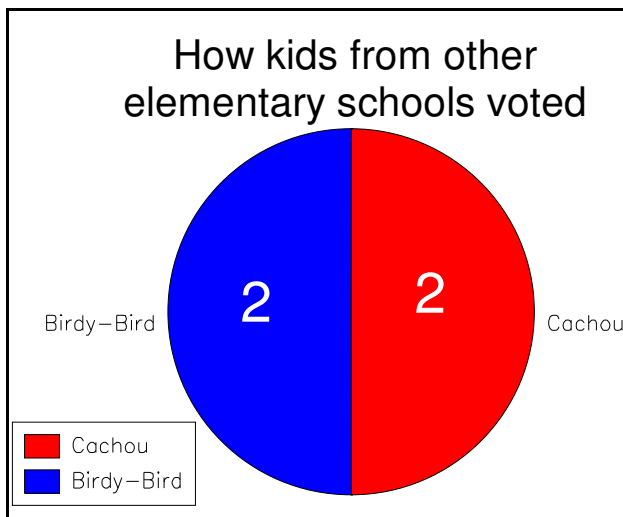
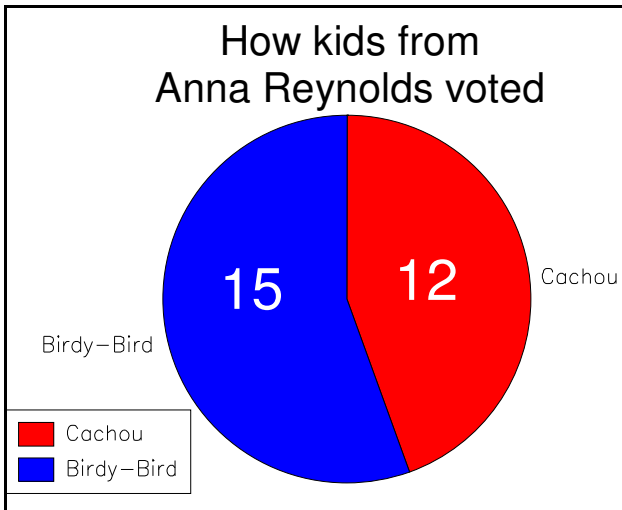
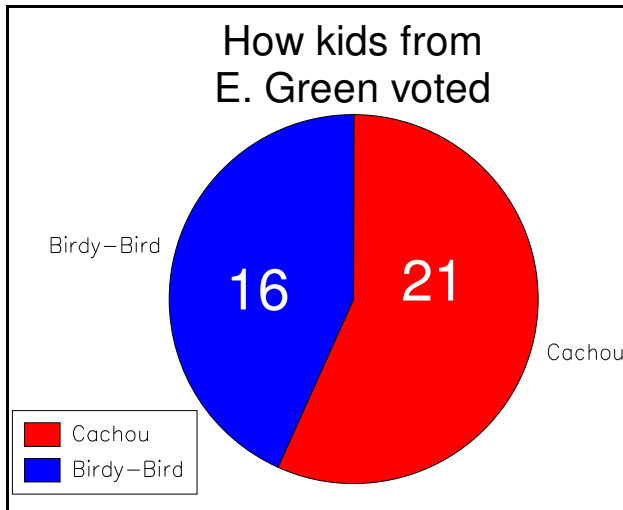
Birdy-Bird's lead of three votes grew to four, then started to shrink down, getting down to one vote by 2:10. Mrs. Mann's flex voted heavily for Birdy-Bird, but Mrs. Agnew's flex voted heavily for Cachou, and the election was all tied at 2:28 PM.

At 2:29, Mr. Spitzer switched his vote from Birdy-Bird to Cachou, putting Cachou ahead by two votes. Mr. Spitzer said that he had meant all along to vote for Cachou, but had voted for Birdy-Bird in the morning because he was "confused."

The polls closed at 2:30 with the controversy in Mrs. Gonzalez's room, but Cachou held on to his two-vote lead, making him and his runningmate, Sebastian, the winning team, and the School Dolly President-elect and School Dolly Vice President-elect.



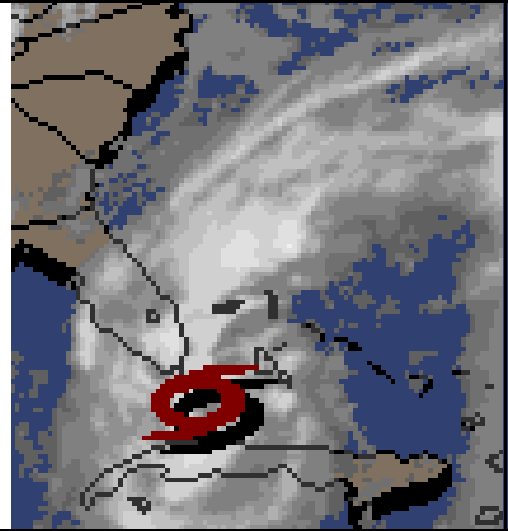
# How different groups of people voted in the Cachou/Birdy-Bird election



# **Tropical Update**

## **Tropical Storm Gordon**

4:00 PM Advisory  
Position: 23.7 N, 80.1 W  
Location: 145 Mi. South of Miami  
Max. Sustained Winds: 50 MPH  
Moving: WNW at 10 MPH



### **TOP TEN SIGNS** **YOUR HANDYMAN** **IS NUTS**

(read by "Home Improvement" star Tim Allen)  
Letterman, Thursday November  
10, 1994

10. DRINKS ELMER'S GLUE LIKE IT WAS ROOT BEER.
9. KEEPS TELLING YOU "TOOLS ARE LIKE A BOX OF CHOCOLATES..."
8. UPSIDE DOWN BLUEPRINT MEANS YOU'RE STUCK WITH A TOILET ON YOUR CEILING.
7. CLAIMS TO BE THE BASTARD LOVE CHILD OF BLACK & DECKER.

6. HE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HOME REPAIR, HE'S JUST A PRETTY BOY ACTOR GETTING A FAT PAYCHECK.
5. THERE'S NOTHING IN HIS TOOLBOX BUT A BOLOGNA SANDWICH AND A PACK OF CONDOMS.
4. CAN'T LIFT ARMS FROM SIDES BECAUSE OF A SUPER GLUE ACCIDENT BACK IN '87
3. GETS HEAD CAUGHT IN A VICE (shows videotape of Letterman with his head stuck in a vice).
2. WHENEVER YOU TURN YOUR BACK HE FIRES A NAIL GUN AT YOUR ASS.
1. THAT AIN'T PUTTY!