



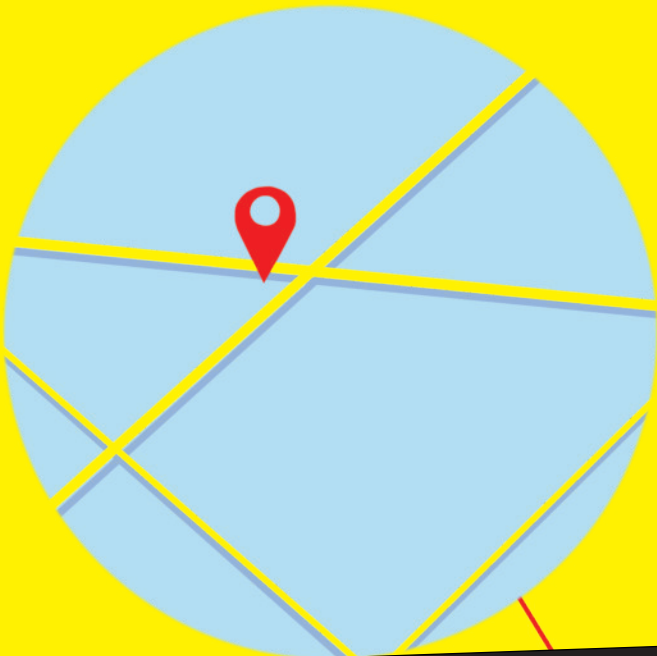
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SAVE THE DATE



I'M OUT OF STATE. HOW SHOULD I VOTE?

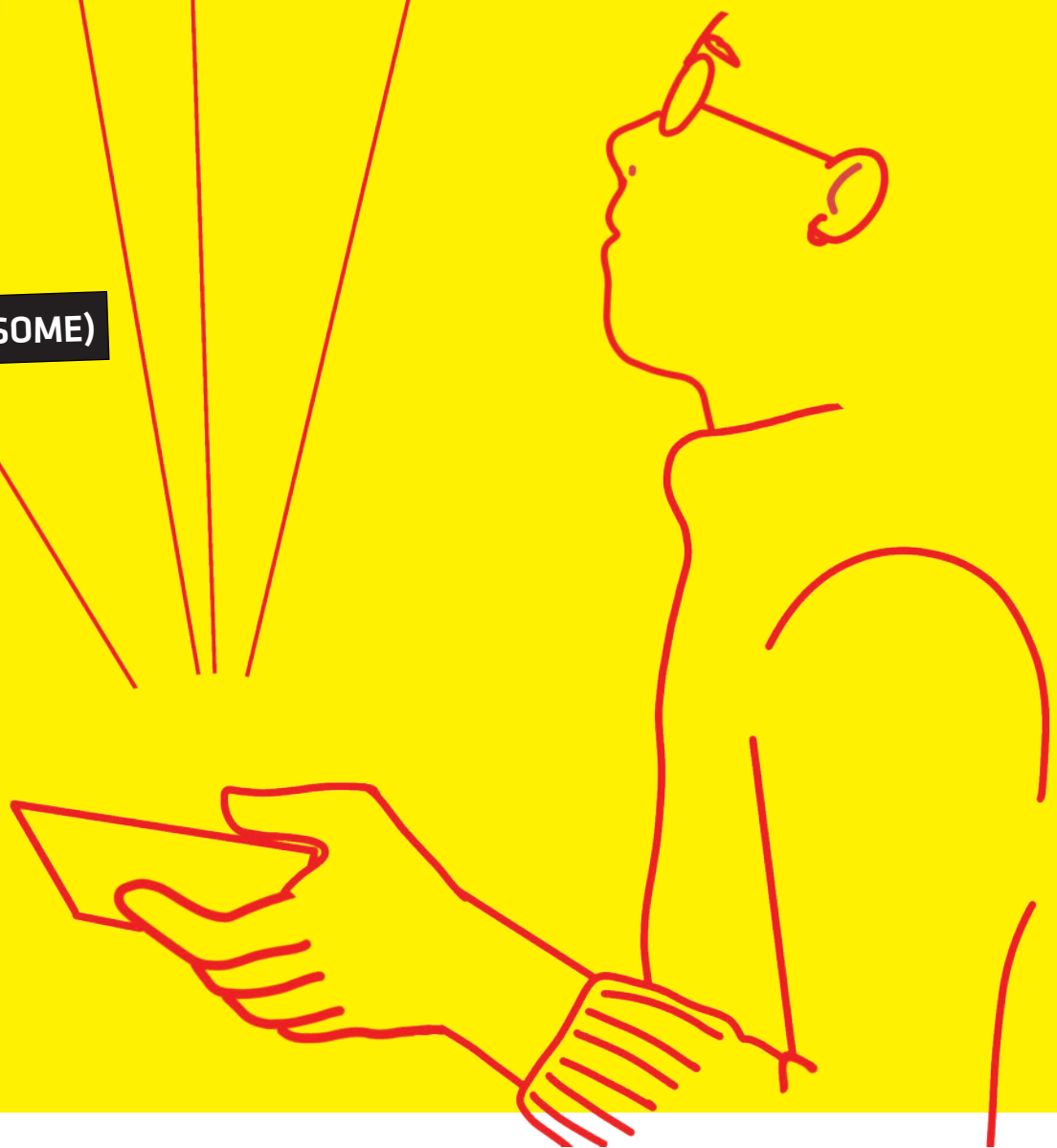


KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOODS (AND THEN SOME)

YOUR OTHER MIDTERMS

part one

Midterm papers and exams come up quick when a new semester begins. Sorry to break it to you, but this time around, there's another kind of midterm that needs your attention: midterm elections. If you're unsure about what they are, why they matter (a lot), who the players are, and how to vote, this special section is for you. Study hard.

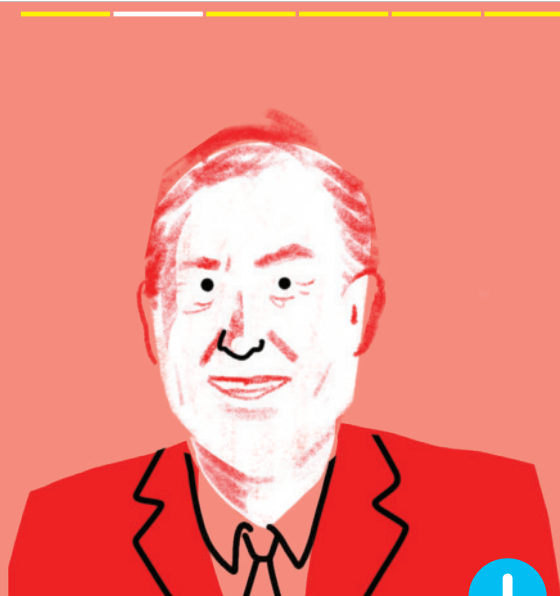


ILLINOIS, U UP?


READ 12:34 AM


By Irena Frumkin
and F Newsmagazine Staff

There’s nothing inherently fun or sexy about voting in your state’s primary elections. There is, however, something very fun AND sexy about investigating the true nature of the potential candidates. From their employment histories to the extent of their riches, wouldn’t it be handy if dating apps like Tinder came with a “know your candidates for governor” feature, and the chosen few had to pander to you and absolutely not send dick pics? Voting would also be a whole lot easier if you could just swipe left or right.



BRUCE RAUNER (R), 60

 42nd and current Governor of Illinois




 201 miles away *Active literally just a second ago and for the past three years*

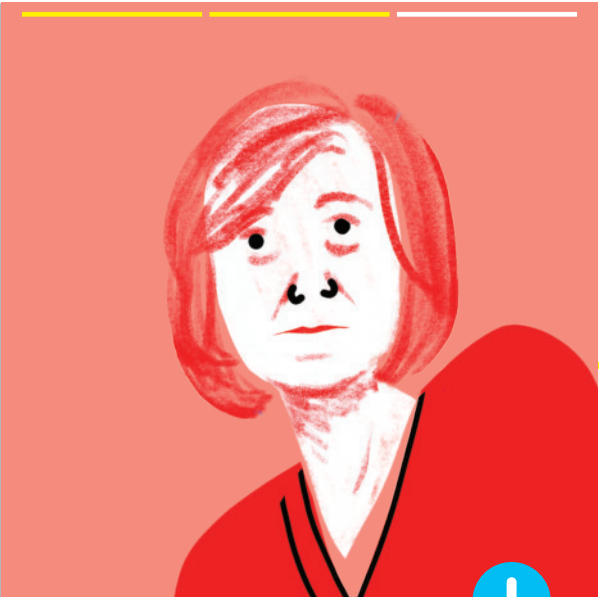
Sometimes, change is good, but most of the time it’s better to know exactly what you’re getting even if exactly what you’re getting is a mediocre mega mess for no discernible reason. I’m primarily (wink) really good at two things: getting elected and staying elected for an appropriately allocated amount of time. I’m also pretty good at racking up debt and hating poor people.

NET WORTH Unclear, but according to NPR Illinois, somewhere between \$500 million and \$1 billion.


CAMPAIGN PROMISE To, “shake up Illinois,” you know, the way you wanna shake a newborn baby.


VOTE FOR BRUCE





JEANNE IVES (R), 53

 Member of the Illinois House of Representatives for the 42nd district




 30 miles away *Active in the last few minutes and getting even activer*

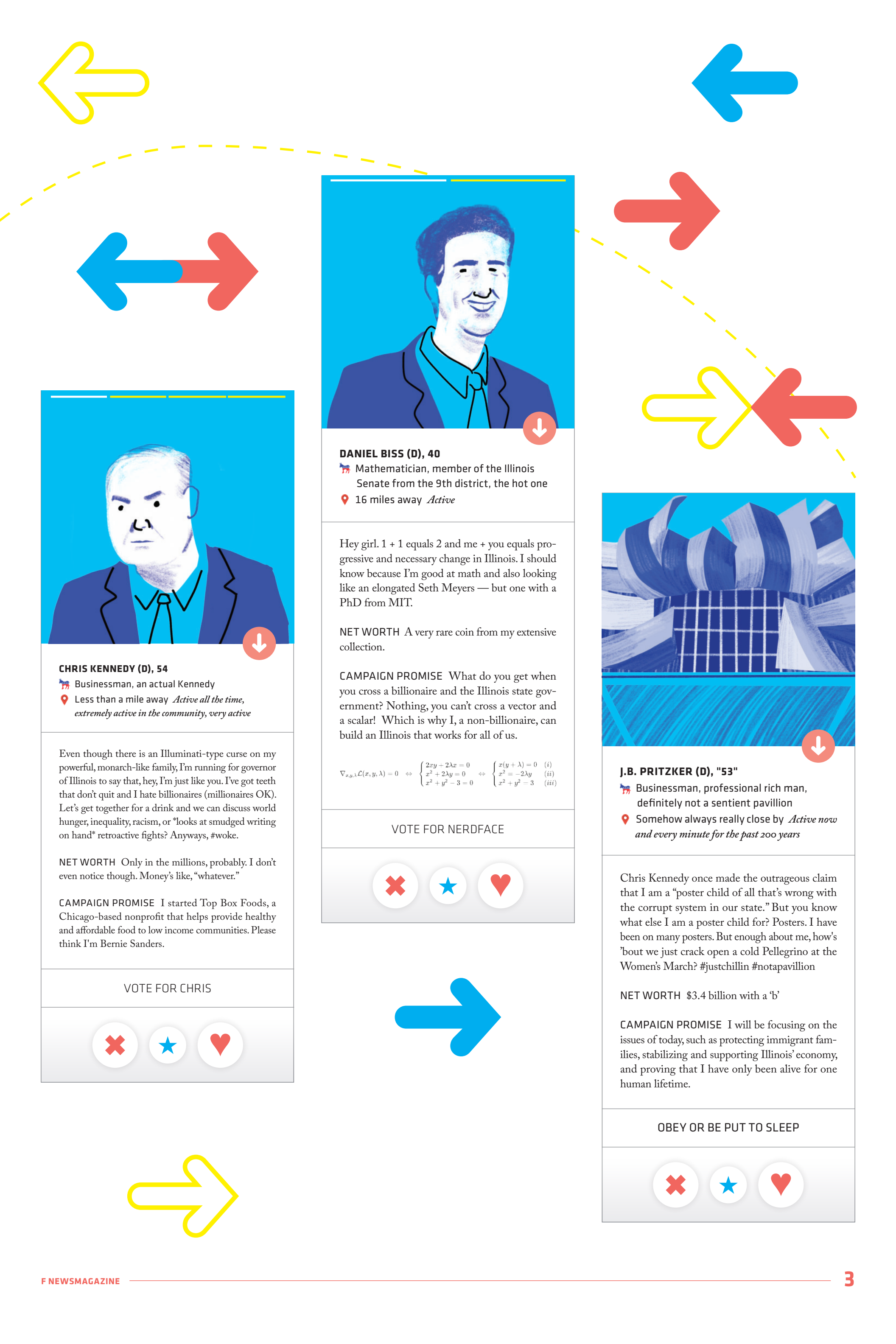
I’m a female politician, but I’m not like the other female politicians. I’m not like, into like, the drama you know? Guys are so much easier to hang out with. What’s better than cracking open a cold one, watching the game, and actively chipping away at women’s reproductive rights even though I, myself, am also a woman?



NET WORTH Unclear, but probably a lot.

CAMPAIGN PROMISE Transphobia and a haircut that says I lack self awareness and am uncomfortable existing while bearing a physical form.


VOTE FOR JEANNE








CHRIS KENNEDY (D), 54

 Businessman, an actual Kennedy


 Less than a mile away *Active all the time, extremely active in the community, very active*


Even though there is an Illuminati-type curse on my powerful, monarch-like family, I'm running for governor of Illinois to say that, hey, I'm just like you. I've got teeth that don't quit and I hate billionaires (millionaires OK). Let's get together for a drink and we can discuss world hunger, inequality, racism, or *looks at smudged writing on hand* retroactive fights? Anyways, #woke.


NET WORTH Only in the millions, probably. I don't even notice though. Money's like, "whatever."



CAMPAIGN PROMISE I started Top Box Foods, a Chicago-based nonprofit that helps provide healthy and affordable food to low income communities. Please think I'm Bernie Sanders.

VOTE FOR CHRIS











DANIEL BISS (D), 40

 Mathematician, member of the Illinois Senate from the 9th district, the hot one

 16 miles away *Active*


Hey girl. 1 + 1 equals 2 and me + you equals progressive and necessary change in Illinois. I should know because I'm good at math and also looking like an elongated Seth Meyers — but one with a PhD from MIT.


NET WORTH A very rare coin from my extensive collection.


CAMPAIGN PROMISE What do you get when you cross a billionaire and the Illinois state government? Nothing, you can't cross a vector and a scalar! Which is why I, a non-billionaire, can build an Illinois that works for all of us.


$$\nabla_{x,y,\lambda} \mathcal{L}(x,y,\lambda) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2xy + 2\lambda x = 0 \\ x^2 + 2\lambda y = 0 \\ x^2 + y^2 - 3 = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x(y + \lambda) = 0 & (i) \\ x^2 = -2\lambda y & (ii) \\ x^2 + y^2 = 3 & (iii) \end{cases}$$

VOTE FOR NERDFACE











J.B. PRITZKER (D), "53"

 Businessman, professional rich man, definitely not a sentient pavillion


 Somehow always really close by *Active now and every minute for the past 200 years*

Chris Kennedy once made the outrageous claim that I am a "poster child of all that's wrong with the corrupt system in our state." But you know what else I am a poster child for? Posters. I have been on many posters. But enough about me, how's 'bout we just crack open a cold Pellegrino at the Women's March? #justchillin #notapavillion

NET WORTH \$3.4 billion with a 'b'

CAMPAIGN PROMISE I will be focusing on the issues of today, such as protecting immigrant families, stabilizing and supporting Illinois' economy, and proving that I have only been alive for one human lifetime.

OBEY OR BE PUT TO SLEEP







YOU SAY YOU WANT A REVOLUTION

Few students at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) would dispute that citizen engagement is more important than ever. But remarkably few of us understand how local politics work. If you’re not sure who your alderman is, or even what an alderman is, don’t waste time feeling ashamed about it: Read this chart. » A map created by the Office of Student Affairs in 2016 shows which Chicago neighborhoods SAIC students call home. The eight most densely SAIC-populated neighborhoods are presented here — just for you! — along with key information about your local and state representatives, economics, and demographics. We’ve also given you a quick glossary of terms you might not know. Use this chart as your jumping-off point for making sense (as much as possible) of the 2018 midterm primaries.

NOTE *This chart covers only majorities. Chicago contains some of the most aggressive gerrymandering in the United States. An example of this would be if you live toward the western border of Lakeview, your alderman wouldn't be Tom Tunney, who votes with the Mayor 92% of the time (on divided roll call votes); it would be Scott Waguespack, a member of the independent caucus, who votes with the mayor about half of the time. You would be in the 32nd ward, the 5th congressional district, the 6th state senate district, the 11th state representative district, the 6th judicial district, and the 12th county board district. Whew. Also, we would delineate house and senate party affiliations here, but all the below representatives are Democrats. Go figure.*

By Mary Fons, Sevy Perez, and J. Howard Rosier

WARD	26th	44th	43rd	32nd
ALDERMAN	Robert Maldonado	Tony Tunney	Michelle Smith	Scott Waguespack
HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE	Cynthia Soto	Ann Williams, Sara Feigenholtz	Arthur Turner, Melissa Conyears-Ervin, Ann Williams, Sara Feigenholtz	Melissa Conyears-L Ann William
HOUSE DISTRICTS	3rd	11th, 12th	9th, 10th, 11th, 12th	10th, 11th
STATE SENATOR	Omar Aquino	John J Cullerton	Patricia Van Pelt, John J Cullerton, Iris Y Martinez	John J Cullerto Patricia Van Pe
SENATE DISTRICT	2nd	6th	5th, 6th, 20th	6th, 5th
MEDIAN RENT	\$764	\$1,362	\$1,480	\$1,386
POPULATION	55,011	98,212	66,959	74,549
DEMOGRAPHICS	White 5% Black 41% Hispanic 52% Asian 0%	White 80 Black 3 Hispanic 7 Asian 7	White 84 Black 3 Hispanic 4 Asian 6	White Black Hispanic Asian
	HUMBOLDT PARK	LAKEVIEW	LINCOLN PARK	LOGAN SQUARE BUCKTOWN

KEY TERMS

GUBERNATOR
It means election govern four year

DISTRICT
For our by local cities go areas an exampl

WARD
Simply In Chic ward m is not th Square) things e that wa more lo

GUBERNATORIAL

has anything having to do with the governor. The governor’s office, the governor’s office. If it’s “gubernatorial,” it is, weirdly, or stuff. The election cycle, like the presidency, is every four years, meaning after 2018 the next vote will be held in 2022.

DISTRICT

For legal purposes, a district is an administrative division managed by local government. Toward the end of the 20th century, U.S. politicians got super into district-making in order to identity distinct communities and neighborhoods. Chicago is perhaps the best (worst) example of district specificity.

In short, a ward is a geographic division of a city or town. In Chicago, there are 50 wards — and they’re confusing, as a ward may exist within multiple congressional districts. A ward is not the same thing as a “neighborhood” (e.g., Lakeview, Logan Square), but wards and neighborhoods often do match up, making it especially confusing for citizens (or anyone else.) Just know that ward lines have static boundaries, while neighborhoods are loosely defined.

ALDERMAN

An alderman is a member of a municipal assembly or council. Chicago has a total of 50 alderman, one for every ward, each elected to a four-year term. Chicago alderman report to Mayor Rahm Emanuel — or is it Rahm who reports to them?

PRIMARIES VS. GENERAL ELECTIONS

It’s kind of easier to define these two together, honestly. A primary election is the process used by political parties to nominate candidates to run in the general election. The general election is the one that “matters,” insofar as the results of the general election that put people in office.

ABSENTEE BALLOT

Are you an out-of-state student still registered in your home state? To cast a vote in your district in Oklahoma (for example), vote by absentee ballot, a ballot completed and mailed in advance of an election by a voter unable to be present at the polls. Many states have specific rules for the conditions required to cast an absentee ballot, like if you are incarcerated but not yet convicted of a crime (Kentucky). In Illinois, however — and twenty-six other states — any registered voter can cast an absentee ballot.

PARTY AFFILIATION

To have an affiliation is to have an official connection to something. The Chicago Young Republicans are not part of the Republican Party, but they’re officially connected to it, meaning they may help fundraise, organize events, and so on.

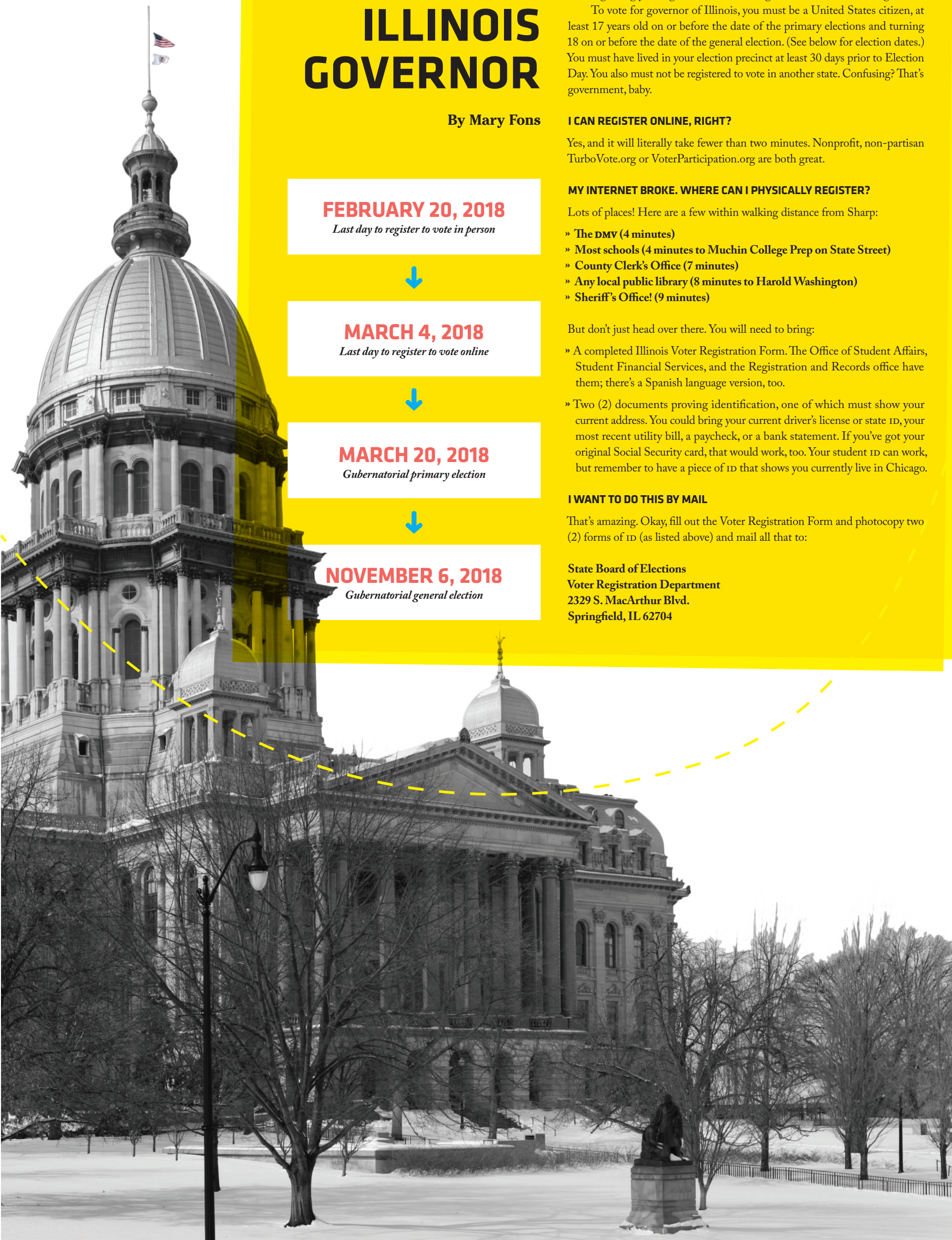
GERRYMANDERING

Gerrymandering is a practice intended to establish political advantage for a particular party or group by manipulating the boundaries of a district. The resulting district is known as a gerrymander. The word is also a verb for the process, as in, “We gerrymandered the shit out of that city, lol.”

COMMUNITY AREA

Long ago, a research committee at the University of Chicago defined 75 Chicago divisions. (Edgewater and Uptown were separated in the 1980s, making the current count 77.) Officially recognized by the City of Chicago, community areas are well-defined and don’t change; the census data gathered there is applied to various local and regional urban planning initiatives. Community areas are separate and apart from neighborhoods, and many of them often contain more than one neighborhood.

	27th/42nd	25th	3rd/4th/42nd	1st/2nd
	Walter Burnett, Jr./ Brendan Reilly	Danny Solis	Pat Dowell/ Sophia King/ Brendan Reilly	Joe Moreno/ Brian Hopkins
Ervin, S	Juliana Stratton, Arthur Turner, Christian L Mitchell	Theresa Mah	Theresa Mah, Juliana Stratton, Sonya M Harper, Arthur Turner, Christian L Mitchell	Cynthia Soto, Melissa Conyears-Ervin
	5th, 9th, 26th	2nd	2nd, 5th, 6th, 9th, 26th	4th, 10th
n, lt	Patricia Van Pelt, Mattie Hunter	Antonio Muñoz	Mattie Hunter, Kwame Raoul	Omar Aquino, Patricia Van Pelt
	2nd, 3rd	1st	3rd, 13th	2nd, 5th
	\$1,735	\$717	\$1,708	\$1,359
	89,465	34,410	33,442	86,429
44 5 47 3	White 72 Black 9 Hispanic 5 Asian 11	White 14 Black 4 Hispanic 81 Asian 2	White 61 Black 13 Hispanic 7 Asian 19	White 59% Black 8% Hispanic 27% Asian 6%
E/ E	NEAR NORTH	PILSEN	LOOP/ SOUTH LOOP	WICKER PARK



A GUIDE TO VOTING FOR ILLINOIS GOVERNOR

By Mary Fons

FEBRUARY 20, 2018

Last day to register to vote in person



MARCH 4, 2018

Last day to register to vote online



MARCH 20, 2018

Gubernatorial primary election



NOVEMBER 6, 2018

Gubernatorial general election

When I bring up voting in the March 2018 gubernatorial primaries, you — an art student living in Cook County, Illinois — might think “huh” and “ok,” or, “How and where can I register to vote and what are the impending deadlines?” I can’t help you get jazzed about the idea of helping to personally select your new governor (and, by default, the future of your city), but I can give you some facts regarding your right to do so. First, register to vote now. Like right now.

To vote for governor of Illinois, you must be a United States citizen, at least 17 years old on or before the date of the primary elections and turning 18 on or before the date of the general election. (See below for election dates.) You must have lived in your election precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day. You also must not be registered to vote in another state. Confusing? That’s government, baby.

I CAN REGISTER ONLINE, RIGHT?

Yes, and it will literally take fewer than two minutes. Nonprofit, non-partisan TurboVote.org or VoterParticipation.org are both great.

MY INTERNET BROKE. WHERE CAN I PHYSICALLY REGISTER?

Lots of places! Here are a few within walking distance from Sharp:

- » The DMV (4 minutes)
- » Most schools (4 minutes to Muchin College Prep on State Street)
- » County Clerk’s Office (7 minutes)
- » Any local public library (8 minutes to Harold Washington)
- » Sheriff’s Office! (9 minutes)

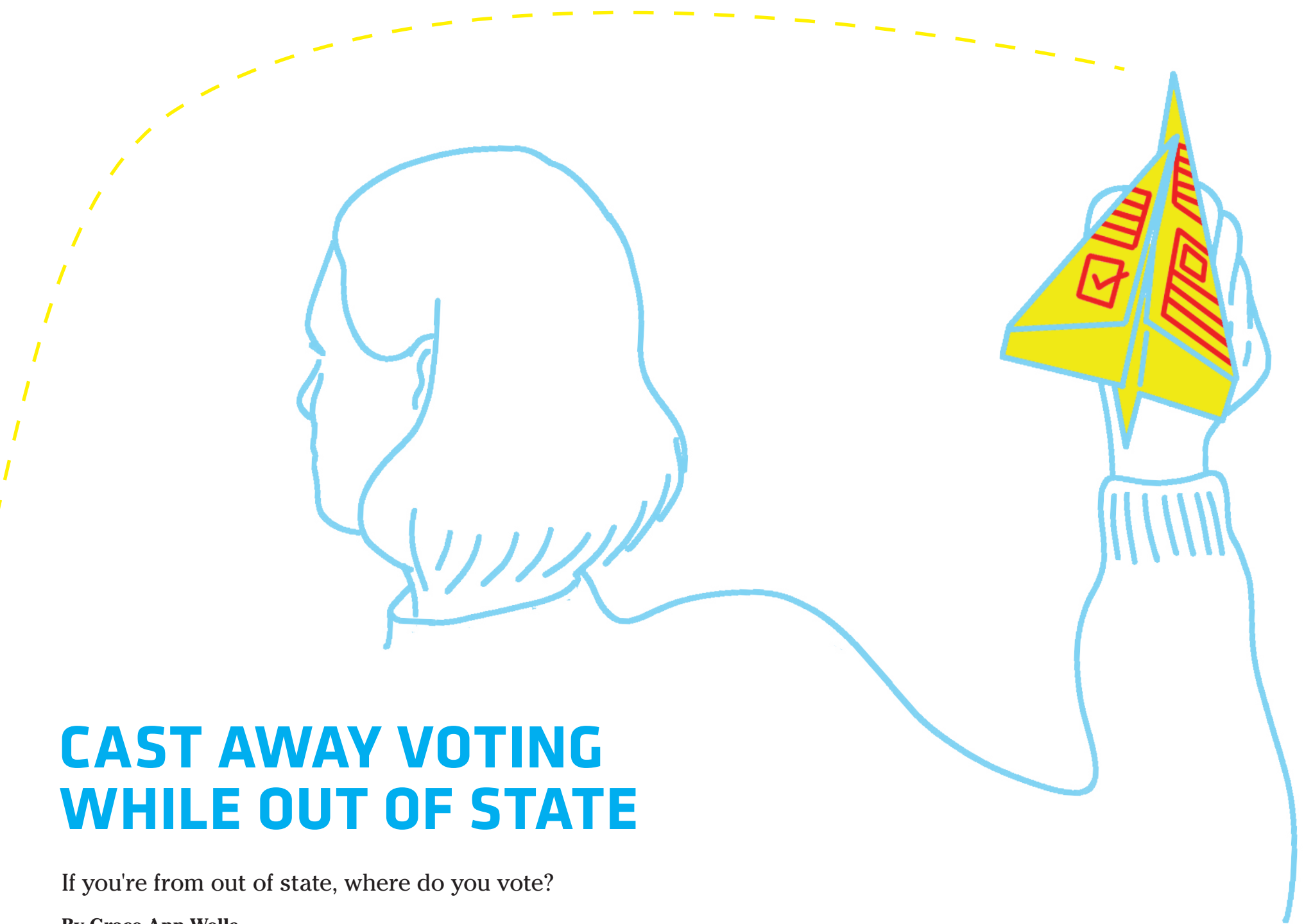
But don’t just head over there. You will need to bring:

- » A completed Illinois Voter Registration Form. The Office of Student Affairs, Student Financial Services, and the Registration and Records office have them; there’s a Spanish language version, too.
- » Two (2) documents proving identification, one of which must show your current address. You could bring your current driver’s license or state ID, your most recent utility bill, a paycheck, or a bank statement. If you’ve got your original Social Security card, that would work, too. Your student ID can work, but remember to have a piece of ID that shows you currently live in Chicago.

I WANT TO DO THIS BY MAIL

That’s amazing. Okay, fill out the Voter Registration Form and photocopy two (2) forms of ID (as listed above) and mail all that to:

State Board of Elections
Voter Registration Department
2329 S. MacArthur Blvd.
Springfield, IL 62704



CAST AWAY VOTING WHILE OUT OF STATE

If you're from out of state, where do you vote?

By Grace Ann Wells

It's midterm election time. You're an out-of-state student. You have an ethical dilemma. As we saw in the 2016 election, the Electoral College process was at odds with ballot counts. (Hillary Clinton won the popular vote by 2.9 million.) For many, the election illuminated a systemic failure on the part of government to represent the will of the people, and many felt an urgent need for direct democracy to be implemented. Some have called for dismantling the Electoral College. If and until that happens, you are within your right to choose the state where you want to give your vote: your home state or Illinois, in our case. But is it unethical to choose your state of registration based on the power given to your vote by the Electoral College? Let's take a look. All this being said, if you're an out-of-state college student, make the voting choice that works best for you. And whatever that choice is: Go all in. Participate wholly and fully. Pay attention to the electoral races and the issues, and participate as an educated voter. College students are profoundly impacted by politics on all levels and we make an impact, too. Our perspective — and our votes — matter.

Grace is School News Editor at F Newsmagazine. She didn't know what else to put in her bio, so just picture her chugging coffee somewhere.

REGISTER TO VOTE WHERE YOU CURRENTLY LIVE

THE PROS

- However temporarily you intend to be in a place, voting where you live means you're a vital part of your community. Local politics is where it all starts, anyway.
- You'll be able to say you once voted in Chicago elections. Due to a long history of political corruption and election fraud, this will amuse and delight people at a cocktail party years from now.
- You can go to the polls with a friend who might not have gone, otherwise. Power in numbers.

THE CONS

- You might get one of those "I Voted!" stickers stuck in your hair.

STAY REGISTERED IN YOUR HOME STATE

THE PROS

- No need to go through the voter registration process
- A mail-in ballot is easy enough
- You grew up in HOME STATE and maybe you care more about HOME STATE than Illinois and want to impact politics there
- If your home state is red and you're blue (for example), you can possibly impact the presidential election by voting there, instead of in Illinois, which is always, always, always blue

THE CONS

- You can't get involved in local politics in HOME STATE because you're not there to get involved, not really.
- You can't get involved in local politics in Chicago because ... you're not registered to vote here.
- Mail-in ballots are annoying
- Registering to vote in Illinois literally takes under two minutes online

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ephraim asili: the diaspora series

presented in collaboration with saic's video data bank

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lee anne schmitt: purge this land

thursday, march 8, 6:00 p.m.

laura huertas millán: ethnographic fictions

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introduced by critic ed halter

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hayoun kwon: films and virtual realities

thursday, april 12, 6:00 p.m.

the nation's finest

introduced by curators astria suparak and brett kashmere

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an evening with joan jonas

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