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Posted by excelav on Tue, 07 Nov 2006 20:33:41 GMT
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You situation sounds like some "hanky panky"..

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Posted by j-cron on Wed, 08 Nov 2006 01:40:54 GMT
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Posted by Jamie K on Wed, 08 Nov 2006 17:24:18 GMT
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It matters a lot. Collecting reports of voting failures creates a record
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