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Posted by [excelav](#) on Tue, 07 Nov 2006 20:33:41 GMT  
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Posted by [j-cron](#) on Wed, 08 Nov 2006 01:40:54 GMT

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Posted by [rick](#) on Wed, 08 Nov 2006 09:45:45 GMT  
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It matters a lot. Collecting reports of voting failures creates a record that helps support and direct much needed improvements.

Without that record, the inertia of even a failing system is difficult to overcome, and things may continue to get worse.

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>>>>>On 8 Nov 2006 06:33:41 +1000, "James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com>  
>>>>>wrote:  
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>>>>>>  
>>>>>>Technology sucks!  
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>>>>>>I just voted, well I think I voted??? The scantron style voting  
>>>>>>machine  
>>>>>>stopped working at 1:30. We had to stuff our ballots in a slot on  
the  
>>>>side  
>>>>>>of the machine. The women that were working there didn't really know  
>> what  
>>>>>>to do. A women was on a cell phone trying to get help, and the person  
>>>>>on  
>>>>>>the other side on the line kept telling her to keep trying to put  
>>>>>>ballots  
>>>>>>in the machine. The machine was spitting them out and saying that  
it  
>> was  
>>>>>>a possible folded ballot and to try again. They tried about 30  
>>>>>>ballots,  
>>>>>>and all they would get was errors. It was odd that the machine stopped  
>>>>right  
>>>>>>at 1:30. There has to be a better way.  
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