



It Makes a Difference

It's Election Day. Do you know where your vote is? If you're keeping it in your back pocket, you may be doing yourself and those around you a civic disservice.

The fact is that your vote could make all the difference in not only swaying an election, but in fulfilling your duty as a proud American citizen.

'BUT, MY VOTE DOESN'T COUNT'

We've all heard the claim from nonvoters that their one vote simply doesn't mean much in the grand scheme of things, especially in the presidential election that is determined by the Electoral College.

Not so fast, say politicians and pro-voting organizations.

Here are some important events in U.S. history that were decided by just a few votes, according to the State of Illinois:

- Richard Nixon, not John F. Kennedy, would have become President of the U.S. in 1960 if one person from each voting place had voted differently.
- If just one U.S. Senator had voted differently, U.S. President Andrew Johnson would have been removed from office in 1867.
- Texas might not have become part of the United States in 1845 if one U.S. Senator had voted differently. The vote in the U.S. Senate was 27-25 to invite Texas to become a state. If it had been a tie, Texas would not have been asked to become part of the Union.

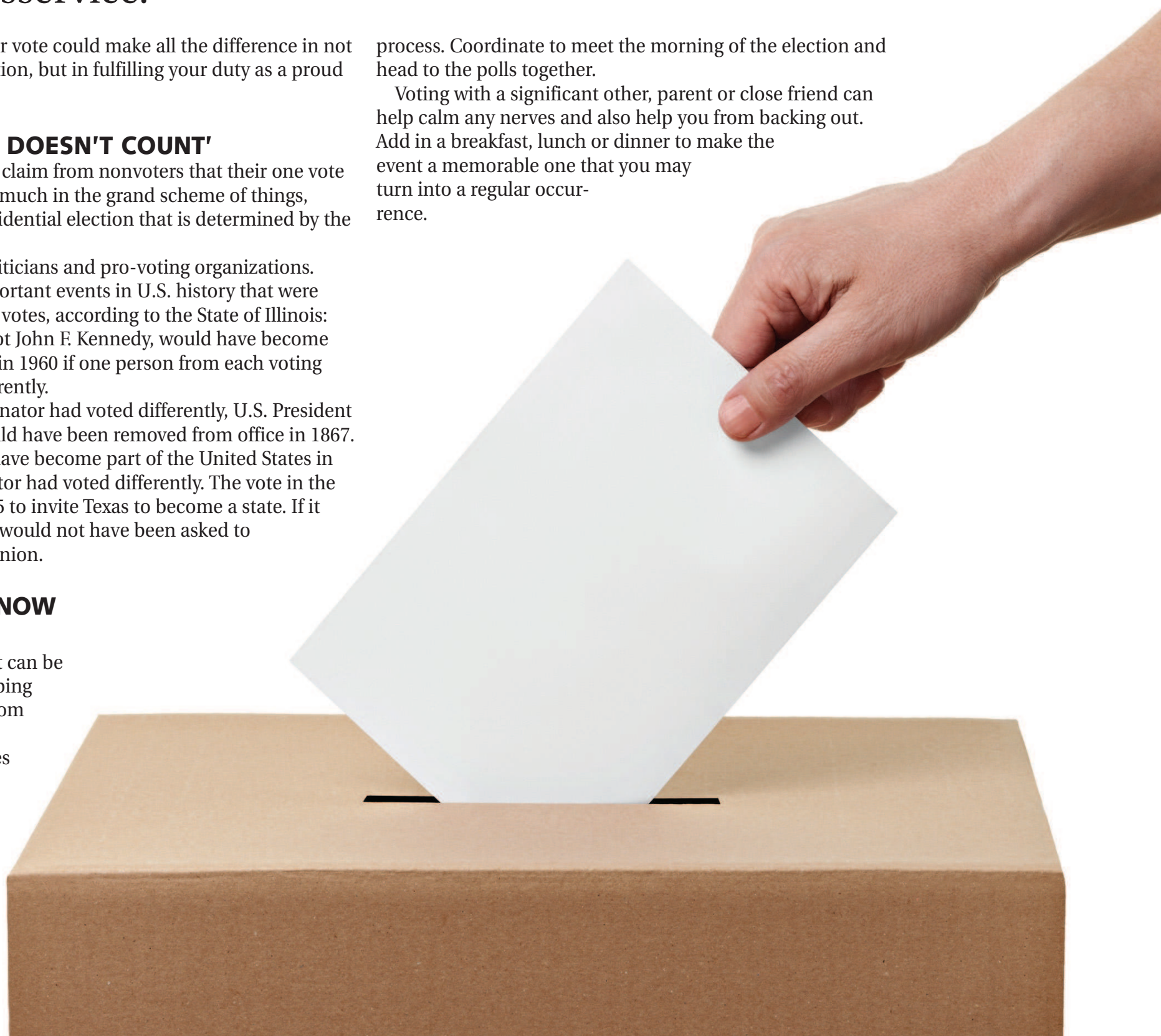
'BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO VOTE'

General discomfort can be a major factor in keeping many people away from the voting booth.

If voting intimidates you or you need motivation in keeping it on your schedule, involve a family member or acquaintance in your planning

process. Coordinate to meet the morning of the election and head to the polls together.

Voting with a significant other, parent or close friend can help calm any nerves and also help you from backing out. Add in a breakfast, lunch or dinner to make the event a memorable one that you may turn into a regular occurrence.



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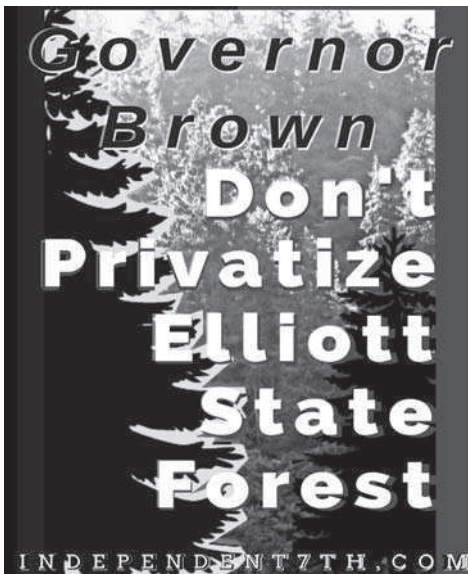


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VOTE JEFF GOWING FOR MAYOR!

I am a Cottage Grove native, Army Veteran, City Counselor for 7 years, and a 28 year Weyerhaeuser employee. My priorities as Mayor would be strengthening public safety, filling empty buildings, revitalizing historic down town, and funding for our infrastructure. I enjoy talking to people around town, and soliciting opinions about issues before making decisions.

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Fergus Mclean for House District 7 Independent7th.com

We've learned how to manage our forests to preserve 90% of their ecological function while, over the long term, producing more timber than is possible with historic, destructive logging practices. But Oregon's timber industry stubbornly refuses to adapt. They tell us we need to cut more public timber. There are other things they don't tell us:

- That industrial logging is Oregon's 2nd largest source of CO2
- That Oregon will lose \$1.3 million in federal grants this year because the Oregon Forest Practices Act doesn't protect our streams adequately
- That our timber industry has pocketed nearly a billion dollars in tax breaks since 1999

And now the state would rather sell off the Elliott State Forest than comply with federal Clean Water and Endangered Species laws, while ignoring the huge potential value of the carbon credits Elliott State Forest could generate- which could eventually be worth more than the timber.

Unless we stop the sale, the Elliott will be in private hands by Christmas. Tell the Governor: *Don't let them clearcut our forest!*

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