




THE NATION HUNG ROBERT CENEDELLA ON MARCH 7th, 2003

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MARKETS		
DOW	S&P 500	NASDAQ
7,568.18	807.48	1,278.37
▼	▼	▼
-171.85	-21.41	-26.92
-2.2%	-2.6%	-2.1%

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WEATHER		
TODAY	TONIGHT	TOMORROW
		
Partly sunny. High 41°	Partly cloudy. Low 34°	Mostly cloudy. High 52°

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**PAY-PHONE PROVOCATEUR** Actor **Tony Randall** was among the crowd gathered at Nation magazine's offices on Friday for a reception marking the an exhibit of works by **Robert Cenedella**, whose caustic wit and painting technique is reminiscent of **George Grosz**, who was his teacher and mentor. Mr. Cenedella has a lively personality, and at one point gave away S&H Green Stamp with purchase of his paintings.

At the event, Nation magazine publisher and editorial director **Victor Navasky** recalled an anecdote about the time Mr. Cenedella printed yellow and black "out of order" stickers to put on pay phones in the city that weren't working. Journalist **Murray Kempton** was putting one on a phone in a 14th Street subway station when "the long arm of the law" — a policeman — reached out from behind him and asked, "Just what do you think you're doing?" When Kempton said he thought he was doing a public service, the policeman said, "We can't just have any person putting these up." The audience laughed when Mr. Navasky told how a New York Telephone company representative once rebutted Mr. Cenedella's claim that about 80% of phones were out of order by countering that only about 50% weren't working.

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**NATION-BUILDING** Victor Navasky and artist Robert Cenedella.

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