




THE NATION HUNG ROBERT CENEDELLA ON MARCH 7th, 2003

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

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| WEATHER   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| TODAY   | TONIGHT   | TOMORROW  |
|  |  |  |
| Partly sunny.<br>High 41°   | Partly cloudy.<br>Low 34°   | Mostly cloudy.<br>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.

## THE KNICKERBOCKER

By GARY SHAPIRO



NATION-BUILDING Victor Navasky and artist Robert Cenedella.

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