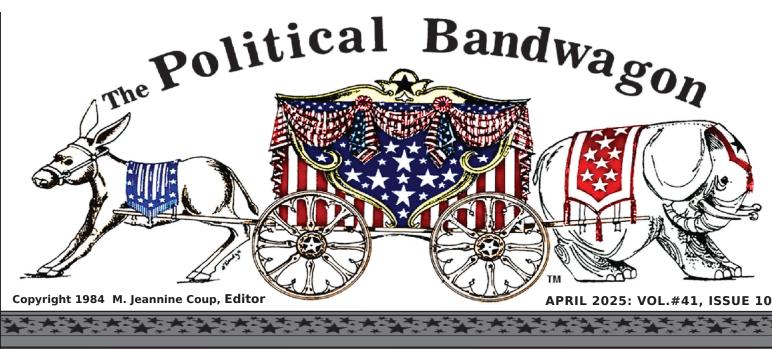


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In the 1968 election season Richard Nixon was the beneficiary of the chaos, winning against Democrat

Humphrey and Independent Party candidate Wallace. This 1.5" button by A.G.Trimble shows the three of

was running for re-election (1972),

despite ongoing protests against

the war in Vietnam and being

mired in the Watergate scandal.

from California

Republican National Convention, Nixon won all but one of the delegates to

win the nomination. But Kennedy announced he would not be a candidate. At

the time it was thought his family urged him not to run for the presidential office

President Nixon wanted to face the weakest possible Democratic

opponent in his reelection campaign. Before primary voting began,

the Democratic front-runner was Sen. Edmund S. Muskie of Maine,

a centrist Democrat who had been the vice presidential nominee in 1968. In this conversation, Nixon decided to meddle in the New

Hampshire Democratic primary by secretly financing a write-in campaign for Sen. Edward M. "Teddy" Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Kennedy was not a candidate for the presidency that year, but his

popularity was sure to siphon votes from the real candidates. Letters

from a dummy organization called "United Democrats for Kennedy" soon appeared in the mailboxes of New Hampshire Democrats,

urging them to cast their votes for the non-candidate. (There are tapes.

https://millercenter.org/the-presidency/secret-white-house-tapes/financing-

Muskie's momentun collapsed just before the New Hampshire primary

for fear he would be assassinated like his two older brothers, John and Robert.

For the Democrats, Senate Majority Whip Ted Kennedy was the favorite to

Nixon was being challenged by

two other candidates: liberal Pete

McCloskey

become the Republican presidential candidate.

conservative John Ashbrook from Ohio. McCloskey

ran as an anti-war candidate, while Ashbrook opposed

Nixon's detante policies with China and Russia. In the

first primary in New Hampshire, McCloskey and Ashbrook

both fell very short of Nixon. Later in June of 1972 at the

them in a foot race caricature. Four years later Nixon

and

1972 ELECTION & THE 18 DAY VICE PRESIDENT

VIXON'S

THE Ø

By M.J. Coup

After the crazy, riotous turmoil of the 1960's and the 1968 presidential election cycle, all Americans looked forward to a more normal election in 1972.

"In 1968, the Democratic Party fractured. Anti-Vietnam War protesters clashed with police outside of the Democratic National Convention Hall in Chicago. Tear gas seeped into the hotel where candidates were staying. Party bosses handed pro-war Vice President Hubert Humphrey - who had not won a single primary - the nomination. It was also the moment that sparked a freshman Senator from South Dakota to launch his own bid for the presidency, one that four years later would reshape the American political landscape." (Of The People podcast series by NPR)

LBJ shocked the nation in March when he announced he would not seek re-election, nor accept his party's nomination, for the presidency in 1968. The party advanced Vice President Humphrey as their choice for the nomination, but candidates had already been challenging the incumbent president prior to his announcement, including Senators Eugene McCarthy and Robert F. Kennedy. Tragically, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in April. After winning the crucial California primary on June 4, Senator Kennedy was also shot and killed.



These acts of violence at home and abroad led to outrage and protests, especially among young people and the emerging counterculture. No protests of the 1960s would be as widely televised in living rooms across the country as those during the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. . .

One of the few positives from the [1968] convention were the reforms it demanded. Following the convention, the McGovern-Fraser reforms removed the power of selecting candidates from party elites and resulted in an increased number of primaries in each state. However, this also allowed for a rise in populism in American politics, allowing 2016 candidates like Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump to be competitive despite not having the support of party leaders. (https:// millercenter.org/divisions-1968-dnc)

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when the "Cancuk" letter was published in the Manchester Union Leader. The letter was actually a forgery from Nixon's "Dirty Tricks" unit. THEF The letter claimed Muskie had made disparaging remarks about French Canadians living in the U.S. This lead people to vote against Muskie in the primary. The paper went further, 'S U.S. SENATOR

attacking Muskie's wife, Jane, saying she drank and used "off color language." Muskie made an emotional defense of his wife in a speech outside the newspaper's office during a snowstorm, Though Muskie later said what appeared to the press to be tears were really melted snow flakes on his face. Never-the-less, the press reported that Muskie broke down and

cried, shattering his image as "calm and reasoned."

kennedy-write-campaign)

DOIN

Other possible Democratic candidates stepped forward. New York Representative Shirley Chisholm announced January 25th, 1972 that she would run for the Democratic nomination, becoming the first African-American woman to run for a major-party presidential nomination. Also announcing a run at the nomination was Representative Patsy Mink of Hawaii, becoming the first Asian-American woman to seek the presidential nomination of a major party.



Alabama governor George Wallace, an infamous well segregationist who ran on a third-party ticket in 1968, did in the Southern United States (winning nearly every country in the Florida primary) and among alienated and dissatisfied voters in the North. What might have become a forceful campaign was cut short when Wallace was shot in an assassination (Continued on page 9...)

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Nestled on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol, these trees stand as a symbol of renewal and spring. A few of the oldest recently received some unique preservation care.

In his "Hanami on the Hill" article for the Architect of the Capitol (AOC), Harper Scott Martin reports: "Every March more than a million people visit our nation's capital to enjoy the splendor of the cherry blossoms. While most gather at the Tidal Basin to see the grandest collection of trees, the city is filled with blooming cherries and many of the finest examples are found on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol and the Library of Congress. Some of these trees are as old as the ones found around the Tidal Basin and have become an iconic feature of Capitol Grounds and a beloved tradition for those who visit to witness their fleeting beauty.

presence.

The Japanese concept of "mono no aware" (the pathos of things) resonates with the cherry blossom's symbolism, emphasizing the beauty and sadness of impermanence.

Deeply ingrained and celebrated in Japanese culture, cherry blossoms (sakura) symbolize the transience and impermanence of life, encouraging appreciation for the present moment and the beauty of fleeting experiences. The short blooming period and the swift fall of the petals mirror the concept of impermanence, where everything is constantly changing and nothing lasts forever. The fleeting beauty of the blossoms encourages mindful awareness and appreciation for the present, as they remind us that everything is temporary. The arrival of cherry blossoms in spring also symbolizes renewal and hope, a time of rebirth after the cold of winter.

blossom viewing

Sakura, the blooming cherry tree, was originally used to divine that year's harvest and announce the rice-planting season

Japanese Emperor Saga of the Heian period held flower-viewing parties with sake and feasts underneath the blossoming boughs of sakura trees in the Imperial Court in Kyoto. Poems were written praising the delicate flowers, seen as a metaphor for life itself, luminous and beautiful yet fleeting and ephemeral. This was said to be the origin of Hanami in Japan.

The custom was originally limited to the elite of the Imperial Court, but soon spread to Samurai society and, by the Edo period, to the common people. Tokugawa Yoshimune planted areas of cherry blossom trees to encourage this.

It is widely held throughout the United States that the cherry trees in Washington, D.C. were a gift from the people of Japan in March 1912 a few years before World War I. It's true in part, but the full story is much more interesting. This history can be found on the National Park Service Cherry Blossom Festival webpage as follows:

1885: Mrs. Eliza Ruhamah Scidmore was a world traveler, writer, and diplomat at a time when social norms kept many women at home. Upon returning to Washington from her first visit to Japan, Eliza approached the U.S. Army Superintendent of the Office of Public Buildings and Grounds with a proposal that Japanese cherry trees be planted one day along the reclaimed Potomac waterfront. Her request fell on deaf ears. Over the next twenty-four years, Mrs. Scidmore approached every new superintendent to propose the idea of Japanese cherry trees in Washington DC.

1906: Dr. David Fairchild, plant explorer and U.S. Department of Agriculture official, imported seventy-five flowering cherry trees and twenty- (Continued on page 10...)

HANAMI on the HILL:

The grove of Yoshino cherry trees located just southwest of the U.S. Capitol, now with wooden braces installed for support.

At the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) cherry trees are maintained by a team of arborists from the Capitol Grounds and Arboretum jurisdiction. The team works yearround to preserve these historical assets that embellish the landscape with their majestic

The Origins and Meaning of Hanami

Hanami, "flower viewing", is a centuries old practice in Japan. The custom is said to have started during the Nara period (710-794) when it was plum or ume blossoms that people admired in the beginning. The Japanese practice of hanami originated from the Chinese custom of enjoying poetry and wine underneath plum blossom trees while viewing their flowers, that was replicated by Japanese elites. Japanese people initially admired plum blossoms like the Chinese rather than cherry blossoms.

By the Heian period (794-1185), cherry blossoms or sakura came to attract more attention than the plum blossom and hanami was synonymous with sakura. From then on, in both waka and haiku Japanese poetry, "flowers" meant "sakura" (cherry blossoms). The historical text Nihon Koki, documented the first observation of the sakura bloom in the year 812, subsequently observed and recorded over the next twelve centuries.

Hanami was first used as a term analogous to cherry blossom viewing in the Heian era novel The Tale of Genji. Although a wisteria viewing party was also described, the terms "hanami" and "flower party" were subsequently used only in reference to cherry

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Auctions on Parade

By Michael McQuillen HERITAGE AUCTIONS #6311, Feb.2025

The Roger Kimmel Theodore Teddy Roosevelt Collection was the source for a great assortment of Political & Americana items, recently offered by Heritage Auctions of Dallas, Texas. Here we will take a look at many of the lots selling in the \$5000 and up range.



DEAL

Theodore Roosevelt: Mediator of Capital & Labor Cartoon Button. 1 1/4" cartoon button showing TR in very good condition sold for \$5500 (all prices realized are rounded up to the nearest dollar and include a 25% buyer's premium.) Coolidge & Dawes: Great Slogan Jugate. 1 1/4" pinback with oval portraits the 1924 Republicans, inward brought lopina \$5750. Theodore Roosevelt: Exceptional "Hat is in the Ring" Button. 1 1/4" button with TR's hat tipped off at \$6000.

Theodore Roosevelt: Popular Uncle Sam "Huggers" Pin. 1 3/4" cartoon button depicting a joyous Uncle Sam hugging TR made it to \$6875. Theodore Roosevelt: 1 1/2" Panama Canal "Rosy Veldt" Button. This pinback depicts a map of the proposed Panama Canal built to \$7500. At the same price point was a Theodore Roosevelt: Phenomenal Rebus Square Deal 1 1/4" Button.

Calvin Coolidge: 1920 Vice Presidential Pin. This striking variety with its bright red border in 1 1/4" size realized \$8215. A large 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Theodore Roosevelt: Oval "Second Term League" Real Photo Button found a new home at \$8750. Theodore Roosevelt: Fantastic 'Expansion" Button. Possibly unique 1 1/4" Roosevelt button with the slogan "Protection Expansion Prosperity" sold for \$8750.



OUALITY



Theodore Roosevelt: Awesome "Thou Shalt Not Steal" 1 1/2" Button grew to \$9375. A cool \$10,000 was required for a Theodore Roosevelt: Highly Desirable Pro-TR Equality Pin. Theodore Roosevelt: The conic "TR at the Gate" with Uncle Sam 1 1/2" Cartoon Button was gaveled down at \$10,625.

Theodore Roosevelt: Highly Elusive "Ghost" Button. 1/4" button with natural color portrait of Teddy Roosevelt flanked by ethereal images of Washington and Lincoln floated to \$10,625. Roosevelt & Johnson: East Meets West Cartoon Jugate with a r/w/b/ ribbon scored at \$13,750. A true classic, the Roosevelt & Fairbanks: Berryman Cartoon Jugate, 1 3/4" button tipped off at \$13,750



















One non-Teddy item that made the big countdown was a Coolidge & Dawes: Jumbo "Our Candidates" 6" Jugate which sold well at \$15,000. Theodore Roosevelt: Largest Size "Man of the Hour" Real Photo Picture Pin 2 1/4" pinback version stood tall at \$15,000. Measuring 1 1/4" was the Theodore Roosevelt: One of the Best TR Cartoon Button Designs. TR's unmistakable visage on the lion, with "Teddy Our Lion" below and a \$15,000 price tag.







Roosevelt & Fairbanks: "Pretzel Town" Jugate. 2 1/4" button featuring portraits of the 1904 Republicans was wrapped-up at \$21,250. Colorful and with a little scuff was a Theodore Roosevelt: 1 3/4" TR in the Ark

Cartoon Pin. Put out by the Goerke Co. to welcome TR home from his African safari. It camped out at \$21,250. Manufactured in Terre Haute, Indiana was a Theodore Roosevelt: Phenomenal President/Rough Rider 1 3/4" Jugate which managed \$37,500.

Finally, the biggie of the day was a Roosevelt & Fairbanks: 20th Century Club Jugate. 1 3/4" button titled "Railway Employes [sic] 20th Century

Club". Portraits of Roosevelt and Fairbanks appear in the windows of the lead engine flanking the headlight which reads "To Washington 1904" The badge chugged off at an eye-popping \$47,500!





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Auctions on Parade appears monthly in The Political Bandwagon. I invite readers to write me if they would like to suggest auctions to be reviewed or have any other questions or suggestions. Michael J. McQuillen can be reached by writing him directly at P. O. Box 50022, Indianapolis, Indiana 46250-0022, e-mail: michael@ politicalparade.com or through his web-site: www.PoliticalParade.com

ASSASSINATION PARALLELS - LINCOLN & JFK

Separated by 100 years, the parallels between the assassinations of Presidents Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy have intrigued many history buffs. Here are some of these observations:

Lincoln was elected president in 1860. JFK was elected president in 1960.

Both Lincoln's and JFK's first important public office was in the U.S. House of Representatives. Lincoln was elected in 1847 and JFK in 1947.

Both Lincoln and JFK tried unsuccessfully to win their party's vice-presidential nomination -- Lincoln in 1856 and JFK in 1956.

Both men lost a son while in the White House. Willie died of a respiratory condition at age 11. Patrick died of a respiratory condition just 39 hours after his birth.

Lincoln had an aide named John Kennedy who advised him not to go to Ford's Theater the night he was shot. JFK had an aide named Lincoln (Evelyn) who advised him not to go to Dallas, where he was shot.

Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth, whose full name has 15 letters in it, was a southerner who shot the president in a theater, and was himself shot dead before he could be brought to trial. JFK's alleged assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, whose full name has 15 letters in it, was a southerner who was arrested in a theater, and was shot dead before he could be brought to trial.

Lincoln was succeeded in the White House by his vice-president, a southerner named Johnson -- Andrew Johnson -- who was born in 1808. JFK was succeeded in the White House by his vice-president, a southerner named Johnson -- Lyndon B. Johnson -- who was born in 1908.

One final ironic fact is that the car in which JFK was riding when he was assassinated was a Lincoln Continental limousine.

SOURCES: "The Wit an Wisdome of Abraham Lincoln", Edited by Alex Ayres, 1992, Meridian Book Published by the Penguin Group.

PS. Lincoln was shot April 14th, 1865. He died on the 15th. Fourty-seven years letter on the same day the *Titanic* struck the iceberg April 14th, 1912 and sank on the 15th.

George Wallace and Shirley Chisholm never ran on the same ticket. In point of fact they were opponents for the presidential nomination in 1972. But the tragic event of the assasination attempt brought them together and forged an unlikely alliance. After Wallace was shot

In a move that baffled supporters, Shirley Chisholm visited Wallace in the hospital in May to express her concern and sympathy. The gesture attracted widespread media attention and puzzled, to say the least, those who had followed Wallace's career as one of the most vitriolic segregationists of his day. Chisholm wanted to convey, in part, her belief that it was important in a democracy to respect contrary opinions without "impugning the motives" and "maligning the character" of one's opponents. To view it any other way, Chisholm argued, was to encourage "the same sickness in public life that leads to assassinations." (https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2016/10/ the-radical-and-the-racist/497510/)

Wallace was, at the time of the 1972 Democratic primary, a staunch supporter of segregation, though he would later recant this stance. Chisholm was also a candidate in the primary. Chisholm later said that Wallace was surprised to see her. He was so touched by the political risk she took in visiting a vocal segregationist that he cried. (Busy Beaver Button Museum)

"He said, 'What are your people going to say?' I said: 'I know what they're going to say. But I wouldn't want what happened to you to happen to anyone.' He cried and cried," she recalled. (Chisholm quote from article about her titled "Dies at 80", Jan. 2, 2005, 11:43 PM EST / Source: The Associated Press)

Nearly two years before the 1972 election, South AN Dakota Senator George McGovern entered the race as Peace If you like the new third option, you can opt not to receive the an anti-war progressive candidate. McGovern was able print edition. Don't worry. The print edition is not going away, but if to pull together support from the anti-war movement you want to opt out, and get the electronic version instead of the print and other grassroot support to win the Massachusetts version, then it would help lower APIC's costs & help keep membership MCGOVERN primary. Two days later journalist Robert Novak quoted dues as low as possible. a "Democratic Senator" as saying; "The people do not Whether you prefer to receive the Bandwagon in print, electronically know McGovern is for amnesty, abortion, legalization of pot. Once middle America - Catholic middle America or both, we want to hear from you. Send your feedback to Tony Lee in particular - finds this out, he's dead." It was not until by emailing tonylee08560@gmail.com and to Jeannine Coup at much later that it was revealed the quote was from Thomas Eagleton. But the polbandwgn@aol.com. If the feedback is positive, then the APIC will label stuck, and McGovern became known as the canddate of "amnesty, abortion make this new member benefit a permanent fixture. and acid." It was an oft used quote to stop McGovern

In 1968 McGovern led the commission to redesign the Democratic Party's nomination system after that year's divisive nominating struggle at the national convention. The new rules angered many prominent Democrats whose influence was marginalized. They refused to support McGovern's campaign leaving him at a significant disadvantage in funding compared to Nixon. The principals of McGovern's commission lasted for ten years until the Hunt Commission instituted the selection of so-called "Super Delegates" in order to reduce the nomination chances of "outsiders" like McGovern and Carter. McGovern won the 1972 Democratic nomination for president by hard work and grassroot support.

George McGovern had the delegate lead at the Democratic Convention in Chicago, but was not a shoe in. He needed a strong, well known name to run on the ticket as vice president to help him take a victory lap. Today the Democratic and Republican conventions are highly choreographed. Not so in 1972. In modern conventions the American people know ahead of time who will be nominated for president and VP by both parties. Typically there really are no last minute surprises

Former Colorado Senator Gary Hart, who served as McGovern's campaign manager, said on All Things Considered:

Democrats.

Joshua Glasser, in his book, The Eighteen-Day Running Mate, wrote: All their polling told them that Ted Kennedy was the guy they needed on their ticket. If they had him on the ticket, they would have a reasonable shot at actually beating Nixon come the fall... Kennedy was the party's torch-bearer, an unapologetic liberal who railed against the Vietnam War. When McGovern's team arrived in Miami for the convention, McGovern's nomination wasn't assured. That meant the campaign hadn't even started looking for a running mate.

To the very end McGovern assumed Ted Kennedy would be that man. George thought he could persuade Senator Kennedy to join the team until the very, very last minute, said Gary Hart. But Kennedy kept saying no. On the day the convention began, McGovern reached out to Senator colleagues Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin and Abe Ribicoff of Connecticut to run with him. Then he asked Minnesota's Senator Walter Mondale. All three said, "No thanks." The nominating process was only a few hours away. Perhaps they saw more realisticly where the campaign was going.



McGOVERN & THE 18 DAY VP

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attempt by Arthur Bremer on May 15. Wallace was struck by five bullets and left paralyzed from the waist down. The day after the assassination attempt, Wallace won the Michigan and Maryland primaries, but the shooting effectively ended his campaign, and he pulled out in July.



To characterize their connection as a friendship might be a stretch, but Chisholm's gesture of compassion made an impression on Wallace. He later helped Chisholm bring Southern congressmen around on the issue of extending minimum wage protections to domestic workers. (Busy Beaver Button Museum)



We went to the convention very uncertain as to whether or not we could sustain our delegation. McGovern was the insurgent candidate and on the road to the nomination he managed to allienate the party's old guard. So McGovern needed a running mate who could unite the

At the 1972 Democratic National Convention,

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"All honor to Jefferson -- to the man who, in the concrete pressure of a struggle for national independence by a single people, had the coolness, forecast and sagacity to introduce into a merely revolutionary document an abstract truth, applicable to all men and all times, and so to embalm it there, that today, and in all coming days, it shall be a rebuke and a stumbling block to the very harbinger of reappearing tyrany and oppression."

- Letter to Henry Pierce and others, 1859 April 6

Source: "The Wit an Wisdome of Abraham Lincoln", Edited by Alex Ayres, 1992, Meridian Book Published by the Penguin Group.

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there was a grassroots effort to nominate Frances Farenthold, a Texas state representative and unsuccessful candidate for the Demcratic nomination for governor of Texas. She had gained recognition due to her surprising, though unsuccessful, forced run-off against Texas inumbent Democrtic Governor Preston Smith and former state representative Dolph Briscoe, the favorite for the nomination and eventual winner, in the Democratic primaries.

The effort to nomnate her for vice president came after the realization that Shirley Chisholm the first major black candidate for President of the United States, would not have the delegates necessary to win the nomination at the convention. Chisholm had had the endorsement of and had helped found the National Women's Political Caucus, a new organization formed in Washington, D.C. in 1971. Following her convention defeat, the caucus had moved to recruit Farenthold to run for the vice presidency. The individual chosen to place Francis "Sissy" Farenthold's name in nomination for vice president [was] Gloria Steinem, the co-founder of Ms. Magazine.

Although the nomination effort aroused the conventiongoers mired in malaise and anger from the difficult 1972 Democratic National Convention, the campaign for her vice presidency was highly disorganized and last-minute, without a serious chance at denying Senator Thomas Eagleton his



nomination by George McGovern. Despite coming from the state of Texas, the Texas delegation, controlled by Dolph Briscoe, did not support her candidacy. Regardless, the balloting for vice president finished with Farenthold receiving 405 delegates, and 13.73% of the vote, the second-most of all of the candidates.

Farenthold was the first serious female candidate for the nomination for vice president of the United States by

either major party. She would go on to once again compete with and lose to Dolph Briscoe for the Democratic nomination for governor of Texas in 1974

Early that evening McGovern still assumed that Ted Kennedy would be his VP running mate. Gary Hart remarked,

I think under the pressure of time he called Senator Kennedy back and said, "Look, Ted. I've got to make a decision. Are you going to be with me?" Senator Kennedy said, "No. I don't think so.'" That's when McGovern went with Thomas Eagleton. There is a good chance that no VP finalists were vetted at all. The Democrats just ran out of time. There was no easy computerized way of checking on background. No one had anything against Eagleton, so he was chosen as McGovern's Vice Presidential running mate.

Hart claimed that Eagleton was not even on the initial short list.

Thomas Eagleton seemed a good safe choice, if somewhat little known. He had been elected the youngest attorney general in Missouri's history. And by 1972 Eagleton had made a name for himself as a "fiery opponent of the Vietnam War.

NPR's Ken Rudin commented that on the campaign trail McGovern had alienated big labor, and working class Catholic's. "McGovern was in real trouble with these two groups. Eagleton was a devout Catholic and a strong opponent of abortion." McGovern looked at Eagleton as almost the perfect candidate. On the last day of the convention, late in the afternoon George called him and offered him the spot. They spoke about two minutes over the phone.

Gary Hart was in the room and stated, "We went over names casually, didn't do any background checking. It wasn't madated in those days as it is now. Certainly after 1972 it came to be a mandate. But the people trusted other MGOVERN personal problems like alcoholism. That turned out to be KENNEDYCERN McGovern's biggest mistake.

In 1972 vice presidents were not just picked. They MULS had to be ratified by the convention members. With hundreds of delegates displeased with McGovern the vote to ratify was chaotic. Three other candidates names were N nominated with some 70 votes, mostly favorite sons, were put in also. Plus serious grassroots attempts to replace Eagleton with Texas state representative Francis Farenthold gained significant traction, though ultimately did not change the vote.



The vice presidential balloting went on so long that McGovern and Eagleton were forced George Mc Govern to begin making their acceptance speaches at 2a.m. Gary Hart later said, "Within a few days, rumors

started to circulate about a problem. It began with a phone call to McGovern's headquarters in South Dakota." The anonymous caller said, "Check into Senator Eagleton's background, he has a complicated medial background." Then more calls were made to the

getting the details. Staff learned that on three occasions in the 1960's Eagleton was hospitalized for depression and had undergone electroshock treatment. This was the height of the Cold War. Hart wrote, "The 1915: In a gesture of gratitude for the cherry trees, in 1915: Former President Taft sent a kev wasn't how fo we feel about mental illness or therapy or anything like that. gift of flowering dogwood trees to the people of Japan. (Continued on page 23...) The key was – finger on the button. THE POLITICAL BANDWAGON - APR 2025 - PAGE 10





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five single-flowered weeping types from the Yokohama Nursery Company in Japan. He was planning to test the ability of cherry trees to thrive in the environment near Washington DC. Dr. Fairchild planted these trees on a hillside on his own property in Chevy Chase, MD. He observed the trees growing. One year later, the experiment was deemed a success!

1907: The Fairchilds, pleased with the success of the trees, began to promote Japanese flowering cherry trees as the ideal type of tree to plant along avenues in the Washington area. Friends of the Fairchilds also became interested and on Sept 26, arrangements were completed with the Chevy Chase Land Company to order three hundred cherry trees for the Chevy Chase area.

1908: Dr. David Fairchild gave cherry saplings to children from each District of Columbia school to plant in their schoolyard for the observance of Arbor Day. In closing his Arbor Day lecture, Dr. Fairchild expressed an appeal that the "Speedway" (no longer existing, but marked by portions of Independence and Maine Avenues, SW and East and West Basin Drives, SW, around the Tidal Basin) be transformed into a "Field of Cherries." Eliza Scidmore was in attendance, seeing the first big results of her advocacy.

1909: Eliza Scidmore decided to try to raise the money required to purchase the cherry trees and then donate them to the city. She sent a note outlining her plan to the new First Lady, Helen Herron Taft. Mrs. Taft had lived in Japan and was familiar with the beauty of the flowering cherry trees. Two days later the first lady responded.

The White House, Washington, April 7, 1909

Thank you very much for your suggestion about the cherry trees. I have taken the matter up and am promised the trees, but I thought perhaps it would be best to make an avenue of them, extending down to the turn in the road, as the other part is still too rough to do any planting. Of course, they could not reflect in the water, but the effect would be very lovely of the long avenue. Let me know what you think about this.

Sincerely yours, Helen H. Taft

1909 April 8: The day after Mrs. Taft's letter of April 7, Dr. Jokichi Takamine, the Japanese chemist who discovered adrenaline and takadiastase, was in Washington with Mr. Midzuno, Japanese consul in New York. When he was told that Washington was to have Japanese cherry trees planted along the Speedway, he asked whether Mrs. Taft would accept a donation of an additional two thousand

trees to fill out the area. Mr. Midzuno thought it was a fine idea and suggested that the trees be given in the name of the City of Tokyo. Dr. Takamine asked the Mayor of Tokyo, Yukio Ozaki, to support making a gift of cherry trees to the United States.

1909: Tokyo's Mayor, Yukio Ozaki, supported the gift of cherry trees to Washington DC. First Lady of the United States, Helen Herron Taft, agreed to accept a donation of 2,000 cherry trees. The first cherry trees were on their way!

1909 April 13: Five days after Mrs. Taft's request, the Superintendent of the Office of Public Buildings and Grounds, Colonel Spencer Cosby, U.S. Army, initiated the purchase of ninety Fugenzo Cherry Trees (Prunus serrulata "Fugenzo") from Hoopes Brothers and Thomas Co., West Chester, PA. The trees were planted along the Potomac River from the site of the Lincoln Memorial southward toward East Potomac Park. After planting, it was discovered that the trees were not named correctly. The trees were determined to be the cultivar Shirofugen (Prunus serrulata "Shirofugen") and have since disappeared.

1909 Aug 30: The Japanese Embassy informed the Department of State that the City of Tokyo intended to donate to the United States two thousand cherry trees to be planted along the Potomac River.

1909 Dec 10: Two thousand cherry trees arrived in Seattle, Washington from Japan.

1910 Jan 6: The two thousand trees arrived in Washington, D.C.

1910 Jan 19: To everyone's dismay, an inspection team from the Dept. of Agriculture discovered that the trees were infested with insects and nematodes, and were diseased. To protect American growers, the department concluded that the trees must be destroyed.

1910 Jan 28: President W.H. Taft granted his consent to burn the trees.

1910 Jan 29: a newspaper article in the Evening Star mentions that "about a dozen" of the "buggiest trees" were saved for further study, and "planted out in the experimental plot of the bureau, and there will be an expert entomologist with a dark lantern, and a butterfly net, cyanide bottle and other lethal weapons placed on guard over the trees, to see what sort of bugs develop." The Secretary of State sent letters to the Japanese Ambassador expressing the deep regret of all concerned. All parties involved from Japan met the distressing news with determination and good will. Tokyo Mayor Yukio Ozaki and others suggested a second donation be made, and the Tokyo City Council authorized this plan. The number of trees had now increased to 3.020. The scions for these trees were taken in Dec 1910 from the famous collection along the bank of the Arakawa River in Adachi Ward, a suburb of Tokyo, and grafted onto specially selected understock produced in Itami City, Hyogo Prefecture.

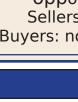
1912 Feb 14: 3,020 cherry trees from twelve varieties were shipped from Yokohama on board the S.S. Awa Maru, bound for Seattle. Upon arrival, they were transferred to insulated freight cars for the

1912 March 26: 3,020 cherry trees arrived in Washington, DC. (12 varieties.)

1912 March 27: First Lady Helen Herron Taft and the Viscountess Chinda, wife of the apanese Ambassador, planted two Yoshino cherry trees on the northern bank of the Tidal Basin, about 125 feet south of what is now Independence Avenue, SW. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the first lady presented a bouquet of "American Beauty" roses to Viscountess Chinda. Washington DC's renowned National Cherry Blossom Festival grew from this simple ceremony, witnessed by just a few persons. These two original trees still stand several hundred yards west of the John Paul Jones Memorial, located at the terminus of 17th Street, SW. Situated near the bases of the trees is a large bronze plaque which commemorates the occasion.

Eagleton staff. Within hours the McGovern campaign was **1913 - 1920**: Workers continued planting Yoshino trees around the Tidal Basin. The cherry trees of the other eleven varieties and the remaining Yoshino trees were planted in East Potomac Park.













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W104-\$68.00 2" Jack Kelly, Veteran's Choice 1902 June 23rd, picturing kids at fence w/sign saying (Grace Kelly's father, served in WWI 1917-19, & 3-time Olympic gold medalist rower) curl: Philadelphia Badge Co.

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W120-\$24.00 1" dia. **Garfield** memorial token.

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Logan fought in the Mexican-American War while in USArmy 1847 1848 and the Civil War Union Army 1861 1865. He was the 2nd

Commander-in-Chief of G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) 1868 1871. He helped lead the effort to establish Decoration Day, later called Memorial Day. After the Civil War he was a U.S. Rep from 1867-1871 and U.S. Senator 1871-1877 & 1879 til he died in 1886. He was one of the House managers of the impeachment trial of Pres. Andrew

Johnson. Sen.Logan received the Republican VP nomination in 1884 to be James Blaine's running mate. They were defeated by the Cleveland & Hendricks ticket.



Side 1: Garfield portrait bust. Side 2: J.A. Garfield, Born Nov. 19, 1831. Died Sep. 19, 1881. center left, & life boat with men rowing bottom right Background looks like tree land. 1.5" embossed metal. G.A.R. c.1895

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Dorothy Elizabeth Harris

Feb 12, 2025

Feb 19, 1923 -

REMEMBERING ELIZABETH A WALK-IN ROLL IN HISTORY

APIC member Clay Harris told us a remarkable story about his mother, Dorothy Elizabeth Harris, who recently passed away one week shy of her 102nd birthday. He was remembering her life while doing what so many families must when a family member has gone, closing out her affairs and sorting through the substance of the physical things left behind. Clay described his memories of what he described as his mother's "walk-in roll in history." What a wonderful way to think of her.

At the age of 20, Elizabeth moved to New York City, where she met and married James Harris, her loving husband for 59 years until his death in 2004. They met in NYC during World War II, and married on September 11, 1945 almost one month after V-J Day. Clay describes this as his "favorite photo of my parents in New York (1946)." In the background a sign on the building says "The Best Years Of Our Lives."

She was in New York's Time Square in

1945 on V-J Day August 15th after news broke of the Japanese surrender in World War II and a spontaneous celebration ensued in the streets.

The celebration was captured in many photographs, including the iconic LIFE photo often referred to as "The Kiss." In the summer before her marriage, she achieved a tiny walk-on role in history. St. Petersburg Times Staff Writer Colette Bancroft tells Elizabeth's story in her 2005 Aug 28 article, "Just Over the Sailor's Shoulder". Bancroft wrote . . . The first time Elizabeth Harris saw the 🌠 photo, she had no idea it was an American icon in the making.

It was not long after V-J Day, Aug. 15, My favorite photo of my parents 1945. She was a 22-year-old from Tacoma, Wash., working in New York City and waiting for her fiance married on September 11 1945. to return from the service

When she saw *Life* magazine photographer Alfred Eisenstadt's joyous shot of a sailor planting a big smooch on a nurse in Times Square amid the victory celebration, what she noticed was herself.

"That's me," says Harris, 82. "You can ust see me over his shoulder.'

She's not the nurse; several women ave claimed to be, and about a dozen men have said they were the sailor. Life has never identified them

"So many people claimed to be them, and I'm sure they all thought they were right,' Harris says. But she is sure she is the darkhaired, laughing woman whose face is partly visible just above the sailor's right arm.



Harris, then Elizabeth Bahler, worked in the accounting department of the I.C. Penney Co., on

34th Street off Broadway. "I *Elizabeth's head peeping above the sailor's shoulder.*

used to ride up on the elevator with Mr. Penney.

When news of the war's end broke, she says, the bosses told everyone to take the rest of the day off. She met her friend Rose Marie Jones, also from Tacoma, and they joined the throngs whooping it up in the streets of the city.

Somewhere near 42nd Street, they saw the sailor and the nurse, "He just grabbed her. Everyone was screaming and hollering," she says. "I guess he hiked her skirt up when he grabbed her, because it wasn't that short." She taps the photograph. "Oh, those stockings with seams. They were horrible.

She and Jones (who is also in the photo, Harris says, although just a smidgen of her forehead is visible) noticed the photographer. "But they were all over the place, too."

In the swirl of the crowd, she didn't see what happened after the sailor turned the nurse loose. But Harris had other things on her mind than photographic immortality. "I felt wonderful. I was engaged, and we were going to get married when he got back. Of course, we were going to get married whether the war was over or not." But the end of the war meant the wedding might come sooner.

World War II had touched her life long before she came to New York. Tacoma, she says, there were often air raids. "The air raid warden lived right next door, and he scared us half to death" with warnings of what could happen if they didn't follow orders.

She had several friends of Japanese descent who were sent to internment camps after Pearl Harbor. "They were second-generation American. They didn't even speak Japanese. "Those families lost everything."

In 1943, at age 20, she decided to head east. "I don't know how I had the nerve to do that, just get on a train and go across the country. But I did."

She met James Harris not long after she came to New York. When she first arrived, she and her friend Jones lived at the YWCA in Greenwich Village. "It was \$6 a week, \$3 for each of us. The bathroom was down the hall. We could eat at the Automat for a total of about a quarter. We made \$30 a week, so we did pretty well.

Meeting her future husband, she says, was "very much serendipity."

"It turned out Bessie worked at the phone company with Rosie, and she took us to her church. The first time we went, we met James. "He told his friend, "I didn't know which one to take (as if he had to take one of us!), so I decided to take the small one.'

"Rosie never did see that sailor again.

James Harris was a student at the Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y., when they met. Soon he was in the service, often performing dangerous duty such as loading and transporting ammunition.

He visited her in New York good about writing, and I always

They became engaged in put it on her finger.

another role on the day they applied for a marriage license: July 28, 1945. That morning, as they were downtown getting the license, the pilot of an Army B-25 bomber became lost in dense fog. flew into Manhattan and

crashed into the 79th floor of the Empire State Building. Fourteen people died. "We were coming home and saw that plane sticking out of the building," Harris says. "Thank goodness it was a Saturday; if it had been a weekday, a lot more people would have been in there working."

The Harrises married in Manhattan on Sept. 11, 1945. [Editor's note: Fiftysix years later two other planes were deliberately flown into the Twin Towers on Elizabeth and James' wedding anniversary.]

After he got out of the service, with both of them working, they made \$60 a week. They lived in an apartment on W 69th Street, where Lincoln Center is today. They later lived in Pennsylvania, then came to Tampa in 1951. They moved into a house near Lowry Park in 1957, when nearby N Boulevard was still a sand road. "I remember getting stuck in it."

James Harris worked onshore for several companies while their three children were young, but he returned to the Merchant Marine after the kids were grown. He died in December.

Elizabeth Harris still [2005] in the house where they raised their family, a tidy place with wood paneling and lots of photos of the children, four grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren. "Almost three," Harris says.

She and her husband were married for 59 years. "We were very fortunate." Their love of travel was one of their bonds; one son lives in London, and, she says, they got to travel all over Europe while visiting him.

In 1995, they spent most of a month in London during the 50th anniversary of V-E Day.

on almost every And anniversary of World War II events, Harris says, she sees that exuberantly romantic photo of a kiss in Times Square, and her own smiling face just above a sailor's embracing arm.

"Throughout the vears, on every anniversary, you see it and say, Oh yes! I remember." - Colette Bancroft * * *

Clay Harris took his mother on a trip to Japan. "My mother, who was born six months before the Great

(spectacles bridge) in Nagasaki Kanto Earthquake of 1923, saw the cherry blossoms in full bloom this year on her first trip to Japan," Harris wrote in his article titled "Taking It In Her Stride", about that trip for the Financial Times, where he worked as a journalist from 1979 to 2007. Elizabeth was 85.

Traveling with an elderly person has its challenges, he says, but also many rewards with careful planning. "We learned to conserve her energy for the exertions that paid high dividends -- climbing long flights of steps at Nikko and within Himoji castle or braving the throngs making their way up the steep shop-lined slope leading to Kiyomizu-dera in Kyoto." She certainly seems to be enjoying herself in this photo at the bridge.

"We were all set to go to Japan again for my 60th birthday in 2011 (she was then 88), along with my husband, brother, sister-in-law, and nephew, but the tsunami/Fukushima-nuclear-plant situation shortly before the planned trip prompted us to cancel."

Now the cherry blossoms of spring remind us of the poignant beauty and transience of life encouraging appreciation for the present moment and the beauty of fleeting experiences.

Thank you for sharing her story, Clay. Rest in peace, Elizabeth.



Tampa Florida, Sunday August 13, 1995 Military and civilian revelers crowd New York 'sTime Square to celebrate after the Japanese surrender in 1945

Elizabeth: "This picture ran in the Tampa Tribune when they celebrated the 50th anniversary. Rosie is the girl in the wild print dress. My face can be seen on the other side of the soldier in white. remember seeing this in the New York papers in 1945, but I didn't save a copy.



Making a spectacle of herself at Meganebashi

1937 April 8: A ceremony attracted thousands of visitors to the Capital. Sakiko Saito, daughter of the Japanese Ambassador and Mme. Saito, was crowned Queen of the Cherry Blossoms by Melvin Hazen, Commissioner of the District of Columbia. The festival was held to celebrate the anniversary of the presentation of the Japanese cherry trees to the capital by the citizens of Tokio, Japan during the Taft Administration. The Queen was photographed with Masako Saito, also a daughter of the Japanese Ambassador, and Barbara Caldwell, an American playmate.

1938: So prominent were the cherry trees that a group of indignant women chained themselves together near them in a political statement against President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Called the Cherry Tree Rebellion, the sought to stop the workers who were preparing to clear ground for the construction of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. A compromise was reached wherein more trees would be planted along the south side of the Tidal Basin to frame the memorial.

Growing Peace

1952: The famed cherry tree grove along the Arakawa River near Tokyo, parent stock for Washington's first trees, had fallen into decline during World War II. Japan requested help to restore the grove in the Adachi Ward. The National Park Service shipped budwood from descendants of those same trees back to Tokyo. These efforts to help restore the original grove from their descendant trees was part of the cycle of giving and friendship symbolized by the blooming cherry trees.

1954 March 30: The Japanese Ambassador to the United States, Sadao Iguchi, presented a 300-year-old Japanese Stone Lantern to the City of Washington. The lantern is one of two; the other stands in Ueno Park in Tokyo, Japan. The lantern was a gift, a rededication of friendship between nations commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first Treaty of Peace, Amity and Commerce between the United States and Japan signed March 31. 1854 at Yokohama on March 31, 1854. The Japanese Stone Lantern, made of granite, is eight feet high and weighs approximately two tons. The National Cherry Blossom Festival officially is opened by the lighting of the lantern.

1957: Mr. Yositaka Mikimoto, President of Mikimoto Pearls, Inc., donated the Mikimoto Pearl Crown that is used at the coronation of the National Cherry Blossom Festival Queen on the night of the Grand Ball. The crown contains more than two pounds of gold and has 1,585 pearls. This magnificent crown is ceremonial, and because of its weight the young lady, who is crowned Queen, will wear the famous piece for just a few moments. She is given a miniature crown of gold, with a pearl topping each point, to wear for the remainder of the evening and to keep thereafter as her own.

start is this 1.25" example 1958 April 18: The Japanese Pagoda, hewn out of rough stone, was placed on the southwest bank of the Tidal Basin and dedicated. It was presented as a gift to the City of eaturing a portrait of William Jennings Bryan. The pin s gold-toned with a decorative border consisting of a Washington DC by the Mayor of Yokohama to "symbolize the spirit of friendship between blue and white star pattern at the top and a red and the United States of America manifested in the Treaty of Peace, Amity and Commerce white striped pattern at the bottom, resembling the signed at Yokohama on March 31, 1854..." The Japanese Pagoda was shipped to the United American flag. A great pickup at \$39. States in five crates and arrived as a puzzle! It was assembled by specialists from the Smithsonian Institution

1965: The Japanese Government made another generous gift of 3,800 Yoshino trees to another first lady devoted to the beautification of Washington, First Lady Lady Bird Johnson. Many of these trees are planted on the grounds of 🎼 the Washington Monument. Lady Bird Johnson and Mrs. Ryuji 🛢 Takeuchi, wife of Japan's Ambassador, reenacted the planting ceremony of 1912 on April 4, 1965 (photo at right).

1982: The cycle of giving and preservation continued. A river rerouting flooded an embankment of Yoshino cherry trees in Japan. Horticulturalists from Japan collected cuttings from the Yoshino cherry trees in Washington DC to help restore the Yoshino grove after the flood. Approximately eight hundred cuttings from the Tidal Basin Yoshino trees were collected by horticulturists to help retain the characteristics of the grove and replace destroyed trees. Through this ongoing cycle of restoration and growth, the cherry trees continued to fulfill their role as a symbol and an agent of friendship.

1986 to 1988: A total of 676 new cherry trees were planted at a cost of over \$101,000 in Park. These trees are being private funds donated to the National Park Service to restore the number of trees to what they were at the time of the original gift.

1994: The National Cherry Blossom Festival was expanded from one week to two weeks.

1996: March 27, signing of the Sister River Agreement between the Potomac, which flows through Washington DC, and the Arakawa, which originates on scenic Mt. Kobushi in Saitama Prefecture.

1997 June 17: In cooperation with the United States National Arboretum, cuttings ceremony during the National were taken from the documented, surviving 1912 Yoshino cherry trees shipment, to Cherry ensure preservation of the trees' genetic lineage. These trees will be used in subsequent (right) replacement plantings to preserve the genetic heritage of the grove.

This year's National Cherry Blossom Festival continues the spirit and traditions of cultural 1999 Nov 15: Fifty trees, propagated from the 1,400+ year old "Usuzumi" cherry tree exchange, international friendship, and taking time to enjoy the blooming of the cherry growing in the village of Itasho Neo in Gifu Prefecture of Japan, were planted in West trees. Thank you for taking time to learn more about the symbolism and history of the Potomac Park. It is said that the 26th Emperor Keitai of Japan planted the tree 1,500 years cherry trees. Enjoy the festival! ago to celebrate his ascension to the throne. The "Usuzumi" tree was declared a National Sources: Treasure of Japan in 1922. By Harper Scott Martin | April 2, 2025

2002 - 2006: Four hundred trees, propagated from the surviving trees from the 1912 https://www.aoc.gov/explore-capitol-campus/blog/hanami-cherry-blossom-capitoldonation, were planted to ensure that the genetic lineage of the original trees is continued. grounds

2011: Approximately 120 propagates from the surviving 1912 trees around the Tidal Basin National Park Service Cherry Blossom Festival, A History of the Cherry Trees were collected by National Park Service horticulturists and sent back to Japan to the Japan https://www.nps.gov/subjects/cherryblossom/history-of-the-cherry-trees.htm Cherry Blossom Association to retain the genetic lineage. Through this cycle of giving, the



in New York (1946). They

occasionally, but much of their courtship was conducted by letter, Harris says. "He was very wrote him back. We wrote just about every day."

January 1945, when they bought a ring at Macy's and then went to the observation deck of the Empire State Building, where he That building played

HANAMI on the HILL (Continued from page 10...)

1927: April 16, the original planting of Japanese cherry trees was commemorated by a re-enactment of the event by Washington school children.

1934: The District of Columbia Commissioners sponsored a three-day celebration.

1935: The first "Cherry Blossom Festival" was sponsored jointly by many civic groups and became an annual event in subsequent years.

1940: The Cherry Blossom pageant was introduced to the festival activities

1948: The Cherry Blossom Festival continued after World War II. Cherry Blossom Princesses were selected from each State of the Union as well as from each federal territory. From these princesses, a queen was chosen to reign during the festival.



THE FRUGAL COLLECTOR - April 2025

By Mason St. Clair and Scott Jasnoch

This month we take a look at a few items found on the PME Facebook page. We hope everyone gets out to a show

First is this 1.25" pin of William McKinley. The portrait, rendered in sepia tones, shows his head and shoulders, with a distinctive side profile view. The pin itself is aged, with visible wear and cracking but still sold at \$45.

Next up is this classic metallic badge, with the word "HARRISON" spelled out in capital letters. The letters have a textured. slightly rough appearance. It was purchased for \$29.

A beautiful pin from the

Another goodie from this era is this 1.25" pin featuring a portrait of William McKinley. The pin has a goldcolored outer ring with a textured edge, and the

portrait is framed by a cream-colored inner ring. On either side of the portrait, there are stylized depictions of the American flag. A must for only \$21.

The bigger of the bunch is this 3.5" pin featuring Franklin D. Roosevelt. The pin is white with black text reading "OUR PRESIDENT" at the top and "FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT" at the bottom, encircling a black and white portrait of Roosevelt. He is shown smiling for his candidacy and just maybe because of the selling price of \$36.

Until next time!

cherry trees continue to fulfill their role as a symbol and as an agent of friendship.

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2016: Cuttings were taken from the trees throughout the Tidal Basin and West Potomac propagated at a nursery and will be planted in 5-6 years once the trees are large enough to be transplanted.

2017 March 27: First Lady Michelle Obama participates in a centennial tree planting





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WAMMEN SIN





By Paul Bengston

I sure had fun watching the Roger Kimmel collection being sold in the recent Heritage auction. I won an item that had been on my want list for almost 30 years. I have always encouraged new collectors to be patient, but 30 years is pushing the limits. The internet sure has changed how these auctions operate. Just a click of the button and you can watch the action unfold until the end. I am sure many of us remember having to call in bids and getting a busy signal for an hour. You never knew if you had won until the snail mail invoice came weeks later. Collectors can get a real education by watching these live auctions. Knowledge is key when out hunting in the wild. It is important to know what things are worth when opportunity

presents



Many of us help finance our collecting by buying things we don't want, selling them, and then buying something we do want with the profits. That describes how I have built my entire collection. You don't have to be wealthy, just informed.

itself

1st up is a 9 ½" x 7 ½" jugate invitation to the 1865 inaugural ball of Lincoln and Johnson. A wonderful addition to any Lincoln collection, this sold for \$1,600.

From 1888, this Fisk and Brooks jugate token is suspended from a "Prohibition Victory" ribbon. The back reads "For God, for Home and Native Land, the Saloon Must Go". This sold for \$236.

This very odd McKinley ribbon has the slogan "Oh say can't you see by the dawn's early light McKinley is the man who will set things right." What a neat ribbon. It sold for a \$150 Buy It Now.



don't recall seeing this McKinley TR jugate belt Buckle before. It sold for \$317.

This Very rare and seldom offered 1 ¹/₄" pinback "People's Candidate for President Hon. Thos. E. Watson of GA" sold for \$766.







Teddy Roosevelt Every collection should have this 2 1/8" "The Winner" pin from 1912. I consider it a true classic. It sold this time for \$556.

This 1 ¼" "Our Next President Cambria Co. Bull Moose No. 1" pin had some light foxing but still sold for \$1,879. One had just sold days earlier in the Kimmel/Heritage auction for less than half this price.

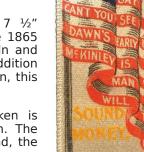
Taft got the key to the White House on this fun 1909 inaugural souvenir pinback. It sold for \$160.

With back paper from the Keystone Badge Co. of Reading PA, this 1 ¹/₄" Wilson Marshall jugate is wonderful With great graphics and in mint condition, it sold for \$2,827.

Another terrific Wilson item offered was this 1 1/4" "The World Must Be Made Safe for Democracy" picture pin. It was offered for at a Buy It Now for \$1,800 with a Best Offer option. A \$1,300 best offer was taken.

















I have collected Minnesota Farmer Labor Party items for 50+ years. I had never seen this "United We Win in 1922" pin from Chippewa County before. It took \$136 to secure it for my collection. AKME

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Long (and still) on my want list, this large oval FDR Curley pin from the July 4th, 1932 "Victory Parade" sold for a strong \$2,025. This pin is often seen off center, but this one was perfect.

The 'Work and Wages" version of the graphic FDR Curley jugate sold for \$223. About what is sold for 30 years ago. There is also a "Economic Security" version that is more common.

FDR held birthday balls all over the country to help fight infantile paralysis (polio). There are many versions of pinbacks and ribbons from these events. This 2 ¹/₄" "Chairman" pin was from a 1938 event in Jackson MS. I am not sure how many chairmen there were, but doubt many. This pin sold for \$164.



PARADE

BIRTHDAY BAL

CHAIRMAN

JACKSON. MISS.

1938

"Happy" Albert Chandler was Senator and Governor from KY. This 7/8" "Our Next Senator" pin sold for \$106.

Handkerchiefs are a specialty collecting area. There are many to choose from and some have very interesting graphics. This 1940 FDR handkerchief is beautiful and full of interesting dogma. It sold for \$338.

This "Smoke Out the New Deal with Landon" corn cob pipe sold for \$82. A neat 3D item.

You see this "All 48 in'48 Dewey Warren" as a sticker very often. The button rarely appears. This one had a big scratch but still brought \$135.

From his 1958 senate campaign, this 1 1/2" "Keep Up with the Kennedys" is seldom offered. Put up as a Buy It Now at \$4,000, it had a Or Best Offer option. A best offer of \$2,000 was accepted. A very

There are a whole series of these David Levine political caricature pins. They come in various sizes too. This 6"

Robert Kennedy sold for \$76 which I thought a very aood buv.

Join us on the Facebook group Treasures on the Web for more detailed comments on these and many other items sold on the web

Best & happy hunting, Paul Bengston APIC #3514



the U.S. Constitution

You all know the story that in 1942, in the midst of WWII, Congress lowered those voters if the controversial law is eventually upheld by the the minimum age for the U.S. Military Draft to 18 from 21, kicking off a decades-Clay Harris Supreme Court. long debate. "If I'm old enough to fight, then I'm old enough to vote," became the slogan of the youth voting rights movement. Some ground was gained in a President Nixon maintains that the voting age cannot be lowered by a few states, like Georgia. In 1943 it was the first state to lower the voting age to legislative act, but must be included in a constitutional amendment. It is on 18 in their state and local elections. Alas, Georgia also implemented Jim Crow these grounds the new law is contested. laws so only white young people could actually use their new voting right. "It should be noted that my decision to allow registration is strictly a local And then there came a President named Dwight D. Eisenhower, a former decision and in no way affects any other county in the state or the country," WWII general who'd led and fought alongside young men and women. In his Sebesta said

1954 State of the Union address he urged Congress to "propose to the States a Dot Glisson, deputy for election in the office of the secretary of state in constitutional amendment permitting citizens to vote when they reached the age Tallahassee confirmed that no other counties in Florida have of 18." yet begun to register 18-year-olds. If LWere

vote" slogan

In Oregon v. Mitchell (1970), the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a 5-4 decision that Congress only had the power to set the minimum voting age in federal elections — not in state or local elections. The Court held that it was unconstitutional for Congress to lower the voting age in state and local elections, and thus that provision was struck down. www.rockthevote.org/explainers/the-26th-amendment-andthe-youth-vote/ The logical next step following the Supreme Court decision was to pass an

place a little more work on this office" than to cause possile amendment to the Constitution. Without an amendment it would have been hardship for the voters. up to each individual state to determine whether to lower the voting age for The lack of wording on registration in the law is the their state elections. The U.S. Senate voted unanimously to pass the proposed fundamental issue at the present time, Sebesta said. Constitutional amendment. The House followed with a vote in favor. The requisite Nothing in the law indicates when under-21 year olds should three-quarters of state legislatures (38 states) ratified the 26th Amendment be allowed to register, he explained. quickly in just over two months. On July 1, 1971 it was ratified.

In Florida there was a 19 year old staff writer for the Tampa Times named Clay Harris. He was a national merit scholar who was a recent graduate of Vanderbilt University. During his senior year at Vanderbilt he was editor-in-chief of The Vanderbilt Hustler student newspaper.

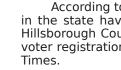
During a phone conversation with Clay about his voter registration story, Harris competed with some 1,200 applicants for a Washington Post he told us that the first presidential election he could and did vote in was the internship after his junior year and won a coveted slot with the Los Angeles 1972 contest between McGovern and Nixon, with Wallace running as a third party Times/ Washington Post News Service. Harris was hired by the Tampa Times after independent. Here are a few of the buttons featuring a lowered voting age. graduation. In '73 the Washington Post offered him a position in London, where And there's more from fellow APIC member, Clay Harris. See the story he would select and edit stories for their syndication clients.

In 1979 Harris became a news editor at the *Financial Times*, which was launching its first international edition. He stayed at the Financial Times for nearly 30 years in a variety of reporting and editing positions and created page 16. Mudlark, a financial diary column, before retiring in 2007. Harris is now a free-Sources: https://www.rockthevote.org/explainers/the-26th-amendment-and-the-youth-vote/ lance columnist for Securities & Investment Review. He said that a liberal arts https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2012/06/21/student-media-hall-of-fame/ education was integral to his success. "I would not be where I am today without a Vanderbilt education or the Hustler," he said in a Jun 21, 2012 article about being WHO IS THE PERSON ON THE BUTTON? inducted into the Vanderbilt Student Media Hall of Fame

How often do we have buttons in our collections, especially non-picture And by the way, Clay Harris is local candidates, where the name and/or party is noted, but it's just a name. a member of the APIC (American Locals collectors are probably more aware of what the individual looks like then Political Items Collectors). He wrote general collectors or even those local collectors who specialize, especially if they a contemporary account of his own have or have seen a picture pin for the experience during the historic time candidate. Here is an example that I between the law signed by Nixon obtained. The button, in my "Mini-Pin" and the subsequent ratification of collection (5/8" or smaller) was a very the 26th Amendment to cure the nice addition faults of that same law in an article I knew that Frederick Zihlman Harris wrote for the Tampa Times. It was a state Senator and later U.S. outlines the complexity and timing Congressman from Maryland in the of implementing the new law at the 1920s and 1930s. But that was all I local level. Let's meet him there in knew. Here is a short biography. his own words. Supervisor of Elections James Schesta watches

FIRST TO REGISTER: 19-YEAR-OLD JOINS VOTERS

This reporter, 19 years old, was the first in Hillsborough County to register under the new law.



Thomas Van Lear was elected Mayor of Minneapolis in

1916 on the Socialist Party ticket. This 1 1/4" pinback sold for \$126.



good buy I thought.







APIC in the NEWS - FIRST TO REGISTER TO VOTE

The 1972 presidential election was the first in which the voting age had been lowered from 21 to 18 as a result of the passage of the 26th Amendment to

The right of citizens of the United States, who are 18 years of age or older, to vote, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of age. (Section 1, 26th Amendment)

Widespread public support for lowering the voting age followed in the 1960s when the Vietnam War recentered the youth voting rights movement on its original "old enough to fight, old enough to

Five years after the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Congress voted to add an amendment to the law lowering the voting age to 18 in federal, state, and local elections nationwide. After being signed into law by President Nixon [1970 June 22], the states of Arizona, Idaho, Oregon, and Texas sued the federal government.

by Clay Harris, Times Staff Writer, 1970

Times staff writer Clay Harris (right), 19, register to vote. 1970. Staff photo by Fred Fox.

Hillsborough County yesterday became the first county in the state to register under-21-year-olds to vote under the Voting Rights Act signed into law this week by President Richard Nixon.

Although the new law, which will be contested before the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold its constitutionality, will not become effective until Jan. 1, 1971, James Sebesta, county supervisor of elections, announced yesterday he is registering 18, 19, and 20-year-old youths to vote.

According to the secretary of state's office in Tallahassee, no other counties in the state have registered persons under 21 years of age to vote. In fact, Hillsborough County may have set a nation wide precedent, as no other young voter registrations have been publicly announced to the best knowledge of The

Sebesta, when this reporter had previously tried to register to vote on Tuesday, refused on the grounds the new voting rights provisions are not yet



In changing his policy yesterday, Sebesta said although the new law provides that 18-year-olds man not vote until January 1, "the law itself makes no provision about when people shuld be allowd to register."

The 34-year-old elections supervisor emphasized that registered voters under 21 "cannot under any circumstances vote in 1970."

Sebesta said he has opened registration to those under 21 as a "public service," in order to avoid causing hardship to

One consideration that prompted Sebesta's move to open registration was the possibility of a consolidation election next March [1971]. Because the election books must be closed one month before the election, under-21 year olds would have only two months to register if the January 1 effective date were interpreted as applying to registration.

Sebesta said the decision to register would be "left up to the person's own discretion whether they should come down and register now or wait until the court decides of the law is constitutional." The latter "would probably be the wise thing to do," he added.

Because the under-21 year olds will not be allowed 🔌 to vote in any election this year, Sebesta's office will keep separate books for these voters. He said he would "rather



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Noting that his action is in no way, a judgement on the law's consitutionality, Sebesta stated, "This thing is far from resolved.' * * *

in honor of his recently deceased mother who was in Times Square at the spontaneous celebration of the end of World War 2. She is behind the sailor and the nurse in the photo of the famous kiss seen round the world. Check it out on



Frederick Nicholas Zihlman (October 2, 1879-April 22, 1935) was an American politician. He was born in Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Zihlman moved to Maryland with his parents and the family settled in Cumberland, MD in 1882. He attended public schools, and became an apprentice glass blower in a local factory in 1890. Zihlman was later president of the local glass workers' union from 1904 to 1909 and was also a member of the union's national executive board in 1905 and 1906. He served as president of the Allegany Trades Council from 1904-1909 and as president of the Maryland State Federation of Labor in 1906 and 1907.

Zihlman served as a member of the Maryland State Senate from 1909-1917, serving as Republican floor leader in 1914 and 1916. He had become a real estate and insurance broker in 1912. He was an unsuccessful candidate for election to the Sixty-Fourth U.S. Congress, but was elected two years later as a member of the Sixty-Fifth and re-elected to the six succeeding Congresses, serving from March 4, 1917 to March 2, 1931. In Congress Zihlman became chairman of the Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department. He was also a member of the Committee on the District of Columbia (67th and 69th Congresses through the 71st Congress). He was



unsuccessful in his re-election bid in 1930 and ran unsuccessfully again in 1934. After his time in Congress, he returned to his former businesses in Cumberland, Maryland until his death in 1935. -- Harvey Goldberg



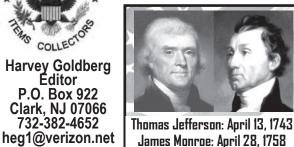
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The A.P.I.C. NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2025 HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOANNE 4/13/71

Not only were Presidents Jefferson and Monroe born in the same month in different years, they both died on July 4: Jefferson in 1826 and Monroe in 1831.

RECENT APIC LOSSES

APIC lost long-time member Mitch Kuhn (APIC #8570) of West Bloomfield, Michigan who passed away in February. Mitch was a past president of the Carter Chapter. He was a graphic designer who created a large number of pins that were used by the Carter campaign. He was a personal friend of Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, and Ted Kennedy among others. He will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Charles "Charlie" Lavine of Lawrenceville, NJ passed away on March 3, 2025, after a brief illness. Charlie rarely missed the Titusville and Langhorne shows. His collecting interests included most Democratic candidates and presidents. But he always valued the fellow collectors he met more than the items he collected. His outgoing personality and friendliness will be sorely missed.

MORE ON THE 2026 NATIONAL

The National will be held at the DoubleTree Boston North Shore Hotel in Danvers MA, running from Monday July 27



Hotel Phone: (978) 777-2500

The bourse will run Thurs-Sat. Hal Ottaway and Wes Berger have agreed to steer the Auction Committee with the event planned for Thursday of the show week. We are hoping to have a wonderful private collection to offer at auction as well.

We're planning on all the usual activities including room opping, exhibits, chapter meetings and seminars, along with some side trips into Boston and Salem MA. Members of the New England Chapter are working on organizing special events during the convention week. Additional details are forthcoming.

Bandwagon Extravaganza

June, 6-7, 2025. The show will again be held in Grantville, PA at the Holiday Inn, 604 Station Rd., Grantville. Phone 717-469-0661. Exit 80 on I-81. (Group rate is \$134/night) Bourse Friday, June 6, Noon-8:00pm & Saturday. June 7. 9am to 1pm The 2-Day Bourse Returns!



A Premiere Silent Auction will be held for high quality items (starting bids at \$200,00.) Auction preview from 5:00-6:30pm Sellers – 10% of starting bid per item inserted.

The bourse will be open during the Premiere Silent Auction. No buver's premium Send IMAGES ONLY. Do not send items bring them to the show. For any special needs call Jeannine.

Items will be advertised in the April and May Bandwagon.

Send pictures of your items with complete descriptions to OLBAND/VGN@AOLCOM

For table reservations contact Jeannine Coup polbandwgn@aol.com

TO ALL SHOW MANAGERS: IT WOULD BE **GREATLY APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD** SEND A BRIEF SUMMARY WRITE UP **AFTER YOUR SHOW!**

THE APIC CALENDAR

Vernon Houston (Dixie) Chapter The Vernon Houston (Dixie) Chapter

will hold its 2024 annual show 30

Friday/Saturday, April 4-5, 2024 at the Wyndham Garden Greensboro, 415 S. Swing Road, Greensboro, NC 27409.

Room Hopping/Hospitality on Friday night with a full day of bourse 9am-3pm Saturday. Tables are \$60.00 for wall, \$50.00

interior. Make checks payable to WINSTON BLAIR. (PO Box 1455, Clemmons, NC 27012)

Rooms are \$109/night (plus tax). Call the hotel at 336-399-7650 and select "Sales" from the menu and mention the "APIC Show"

PACK IS BACK!

PACK - the Political Americana Collectors of Kentucky is back with a COLONEL SANDERS' Dixie Doubleheader with Greensboro RECIPE and Louisville on back-to-back Kentucky weekends. Lots of fun, early Kentucky Derby activities, bourbon trail, and much more. Zachary Taylor American

featuring Fried TL_ Chicken

Legion, Post #180, 4610 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40207. Saturday April 12, 9am-3-pm Eight-foot tables available \$35.00 each or 3 for \$100.00. Contact Gene Heid at 502-499-1543 or email g.heid@twc.com

New England Spring Show



The New England Spring show will meet on Saturday, Ápril 26, 2025 at the Northern Essex Community College, Hartleb Technology Center on College Avenue in Haverhill Massachusetts. DEALERS ONLY FROM 8am-9am NO

EARLY BIRDS! Public show runs

from 9am-1pm Admission: \$3.00 for adults, 12 & under are free. Students free with ID. Free onsite appraisals will be offered as well as the opportunity to auction items (with reserve) at the show.

Table rentals are \$30.00 for the first. \$25.00 for each additional. For table reservations contact Susan Roman and send table rental checks (payable to NE Chapter APIC) to Mike Dunham, 440 Central Street, Holliston MA01746.

Questions? Email Susan Roman (reganroman@comcast.net), Mke Dunham (burdun@comcast.net), Tom McGrail or (tmcgrail2@verizon.net). Or phone Susan: 603-868-2293.

APRIL 26, 2025

April 26, 2025 - Allentown Paper Show. Come join a wide range of APIC dealers and dozens of other vendors at this biannual show featuring paper, pinbacks and ephemera. Allentown Fairgrounds Expo Hall, 17th and Chew Streets, Allentown, Pa. 9am to 5pm Contact Tony Lee at 609-310-0817 for more information.

CHICAGO APIC - APRIL 27, 2025

The Chicago APIC will host their spring show on Sunday April 27th, 2025 at the Orland Park Ovic Center 14750 S Ravinia Ave Orland Park IL 10-2pm Contact Barb Zaczek to reserve tables & further details: barbarazaczek@yahoo.com or 720-545-8484 text/cell.

Come to New Orleans!

May 3, 2025 - New Orleans Political Collecting Meet-Up. Gather with fellow collectors at a local coin shop where we'll sell and trade items from our collections. Gulf South Coins, 5101 West Esplanade Avenue, Metairie, LA 70006. For more information contact Bob Stone at 504-782-2705.

Political Pop Culture Show

The 57th Annual Political Pop Culture Show will be held May 9-10, 2025. Show Saturday 9am-3pm at the Delta Hotel by Marriott, 31500 Wick Rd, Romulus M. Room reservations 734-721-3315

Room Rate: \$114.00. Thursday & Friday, May 8-9 Room Hopping. Friday Reception (at 6:30pm) and Auction at 7:00pm Dealer Tables: 1/\$60, 2/\$110.00, 3/ \$150.00. 4/\$180.00. Contact Ken Hosner. 56592 Comstock Ave. Kalamazoo, M 49048. Phone 269-345-5983 or email mrbuttons1964@charter.net.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

South Florida shows in January and February

said they see it as a welcome addition. And the

Bandwagon staff and I are still receiving emails

from members saying how they would prefer to

receive the Bandwagon moving forward: in

print, online only or both (it's been a pretty even

from the print edition to reading it online only,

please let me know and we'll make that change.

which will save APIC money and help us avoid

enhancement to the website in the My APIC

section: we recently started adding more

members-only resources. The first is the Locals

Project, authored by long-time Texas member

Dave Quintin. The project includes in-depth

overviews of political campaign items by state.

For example, the New York Project is 377

pages long and includes a wide range of items

for governors, senators and others, all indexed

by candidate. Dave has completed 10 projects

so far covering 16 states, and each one will be

Project by a fellow long-time member, Ken

Florey of Connecticut. The Clarion is a

publication of the Woman's Suffrage and

Political Issues chapter of the APIC, and the

latest issue (as well as all future issues) can be

found on the APIC website. We also plan to

publish back issues, so stay tuned for more to

to the members-only section and will keep you

share. The good news is that the Smithsonian's

National Museum of American History has

approved the return of the APIC internship after

a 6-year absence, which is exciting for

prospective graduate school-level interns who

want to gain invaluable experience at one of the

nation's most esteemed museums. The bad

news is that this summer's selected intern has

declined that opportunity due to the current

political situation in Washington, D.C., so we

will hold off on launching the internship until the

next year's internship opportunity, the primary

requirement is that you're enrolled in a graduate

-level program and you're willing to spend six

weeks working on political campaign items a

the Smithsonian in the nation's capital, with

room and board provided by APIC. For more

information about applying, please contact Scott

Thanks, Tony

Jasnoch at jasnochscott@gmail.com.

For any student interested in applying for

updated as those become available.

We're working on adding other resources

I also have some good news-bad news to

Another new resource is the Suffrage

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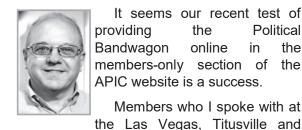
posted on the APIC website.

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summer of 2026.

A reminder that if you're ready to switch

I'm also pleased to announce another



mix between the three).

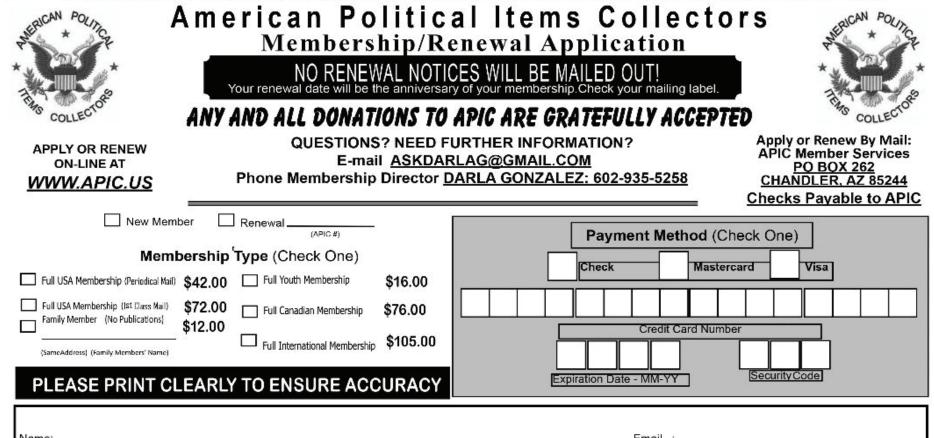
It seems our recent test of providina Political the Bandwagon online in the members-only section of the APIC website is a success

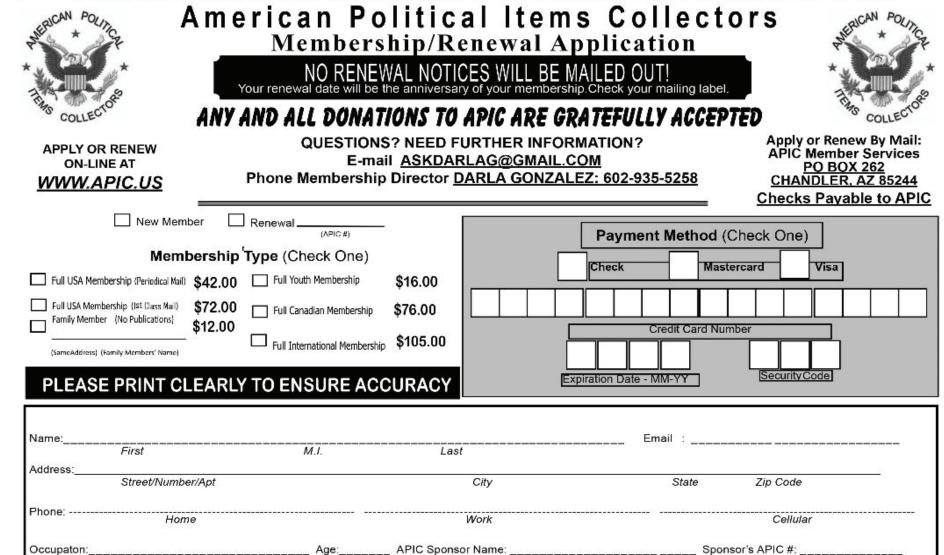
Members who I spoke with at



Philadelphia. just a month after taking office. Presidential veto.







Got a show or meeting coming up? Send details ASAP: APIC NEWSLETTER, P.O. Box 922, Clark NJ 07066 or email heg1@verizon.net. And don't forget a post-show summary afterward. HG

APIC NEWSLETTER April 2025, Continued

PRESIDENTIAL HISTORY IN APRIL

April 1, 1944: FDR encouraged all Americans to plant "victory gardens" to provide food during the war.

April 2, 1792: Congress established the first U.S. Mint at

April 3, 1948: President Harry S. Truman signed the European Recovery Program: The Marshall Plan.

April 4, 1841: Wm. Henry Harrison's presidency is the shortest in U.S. history, ending when he died on April 4, 1841,

April 5, 1782: George Washington issued the 1st U.S.

April 6, 1917: Following a vote by Congress approving a declaration of war, the U.S. entered WWI in Europe.

April 7,1922: the Teapot Dome scandal began as Interior Secretary Albert B Fall signed a secret deal to lease U.S. Navy petroleum reserves in Wyoming & California.

April 8, 1917: President Woodrow Wilson asks Congress to declare war against Germany

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April 9, 1959: Robert E. Lee surrendered, starting the end of the American Civil War.

April 10, 1942: The Bataan Death March began during WWII, resulting in the death of thousands of POWs. April 11, 1968: President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the

1968 Civil Rights Act. April 12, 1861: The U.S. Civil War began as Confederate

troops opened fire at 4:30 a.m. on Fort Sumter, S.C. April 12, 1945: President Franklin D Roosevelt died

suddenly

April 13, 1743: Thomas Jefferson was born in Albermarle County, Virginia.

April 14, 1828: The 1st Webster Dictionary copyrighted. April 15, 1912: Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. Also the RMS Titanic sank with over 200 Americans aboard.

April 16, 1862: President Lincoln signed an act abolishing slavery in the District of Columbia.

April 17, 1961 the US launched the unsuccessful Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba to overthrow Fidel Castro.

April 18, 1942: The Doolittle Raid bombed Tokyo Japanone of the first American offensive actions of WWII. April 19, 1775: The Revolutionary War for American

independence began with battles in Lexington & Concord.

April 20 is also known as Volunteer Recognition Day, National Cheddar Fries Day, Nat'l. Pineapple Upside-Down Cake Day, & Nat'l. Lima Bean Respect Day.

April 21, 1836: The U.S. defeated Mexico at the battle of San Jacinto in the War of Texas Independence.

April 22, 1994: Former President Richard Nixon died.

April 23,1791: James Buchanan, the 15th U.S. president, was born near Mercersburg, Pennsylvania.

April 24. 1898: Spain declares war on the U.S., the Spanish -American War of 1898.

April 25, 1945: President Harry Truman is briefed on the Manhattan Project for the first time.

April 26, 1865: Lincoln assassin John Wilkes Booth is shot & killed by U.S. soldier Boston Corbet in Caroline County VA April 27, 1822: Future U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio.

April 28, 1758: Future President James Monroe was born in Westmorland County, Virginia.

April 28, 1961: I first dated my wife, Joyce.

April 29, 2004: The U.S. World War II monument opened to public. It was formally dedicated on May 29-Memorial Day. April 30, 1789: George Washington was inaugurated as the first President of the United States.

DISPLAYING PARTS OF YOUR COLLECTION

What do you think when you look at a riker mount full of buttons? Most say "I have that" and "I have that" and "I don't have that", etc.

I love to display items from my collection. I don't want to see volume; I want to see the individual pins. So I do 'individual subject' frames such as these: McKinlev & Brvan (left) and Truman & Dewey (right).

I don't overwhelm the pins with how many I can fit into a riker mount. Although I do have them as well. Lots of them.

These frames and others are part of the enjoyment I get in the hobby, designing the frames. Not for my whole collection but for select items in small groups.

Here we refer to it as "Playing with my buttons" doing layouts, designing frames, arranging the contents, and all of that. Not just for my politicals, but for my WWI & II collection and my Manned Space Flight collection of pinbacks. If it ever stops being fun, I'll quit. HG



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shows & events of interest to political items collectors. *It is recommended you confirm dates & times*



APR 4-5, 2025 - VERNON HOUSTON CHAPTER SHOW (formerly the Dixie Chapter) annual show at the Wyndham Garden, Greensboro, 415 S. Swing Rd, Greensboro, NC 27409. Fri eve 4/4: Room Hopping/ Hospitality. Sat 4/5: full day of bourse 9am-3pm. Tables: wall tables \$60 each, interior tables \$50 each. Room reservations: contact the hotel directly at 336-299-7650 and select "Sales" from the menu. Mention the APIC for the \$109.00 +tax per night room rate. Questions? Contact Winston Blair, 336-830-2727 or email wblair1987@gmail.com

APR 6, 2025 - WISCONSIN APIC CHAPTER SPRING SHOW The Wisconsin APIC chapter is hosting a spring show on Sunday April 6th at the Cudahy Public Library. Hours are 12-3pm. Free parking, no stairs. For table reservations and further information contact Pat Kehoe at pjkehoe@gmail.com

APR 12, 2025 - PACK IS BACK, POLITICAL AMERICANA COLLECTORS OF KENTUCKY with a Dixie Doubleheader with Greensboro & Louisville on back-to-back weekends. Lots of fun, early KY Derby activities, bourbon trail, & much more. Zachary Taylor American Legion, Post #180, 4610 Shelbyville Rd., Louisville, KY 40207. Sat, Apr 12, 9am-3pm. 8ft tables: \$35 each or 3 for \$100. Contact: Gene Heid. (502) 499-1543, or email g.heid@twc.com.

APR 26, 2025 - NEW ENGLAND APIC SPRING **SHOW** Join the New England Chapter for their Spring show at Northern Essex Community College, Hartleb Technology Center, Haverhill, MA on Sat, Apr 26, 2025. (Exit 111, off I-495). DEALERS ONLY FROM 8am-9am, NO EARLY BIRDS! Public show runs from 9am-1pm. Admission: adults \$3.00, 12 & under FREE, students FREE with ID. To assist potential sellers and new collectors, free on-site appraisals will be offered, as well as the opportunity to auction items (with a reserve) at the show. Rental fees: first table \$30; each additional table \$25. Free table for first time dealers. For table reservations contact Susan Roman and send table rental checks (payable to NE Chapter APIC) to: Mike Dunham, 440 Central Street, Holliston, MA 01746.Any questions? Email Susan Roman (reganroman@comcast.net), Mike Dunham (burdun@comcast.net) or Tom McGrail (tmcgrail2@ verizon.net); or call Susan Roman at 603-868-2293.

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APRIL 2025 - Earth Day 4/22

May 3, 2025 - 51st ANNUAL MONROE D. RAY **SHOW,** Come join us in Geneva, NY, in the heart of the Finger Lakes to make it another memorable event. This is the 3rd this year in Geneva, NY. The show will run from 8:30 am-2:00 pm at the Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge, 31 Prospect Avenue Geneva, NY 14456. Dealer tables will be \$25 each (cheapest in the hobby). Admission will be free. For table reservations and additional information, please contact Anthony Noone by phone at (315) 651-8313 or by email at noone.anthony21@gmail.com We hope to see you there!

MAY 9-10, 2025 - 57th ANNUAL POLITICAL POP CULTURE SHOW Sat. 9am-3pm at the Delta Hotel by Marriot, 31500 Wick Rd, Romulus, MI. Room reservations: (734) 721-3315. Room rate: \$114. Fri., May 9: Room hopping, Reception @ 6:30pm, and Auction @ 7pm. Dealer tables: 1/\$60, 2/\$110, 3/\$150, 4/\$180. Contact Ken Hosner, 5692 Comstock Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49048, (269) 345-5983 or email mrbuttons1964@charter.net. (See our ad on pg 3)

JUNE 6-7, 2025 BANDWAGON EXTRAVAGANZA **POLITICAL & HISTORICAL MEMORABILIA SHOW**, Fri 6/6 & Sat 6/7 at the Holiday Inn, 604 Station Rd Grantville, PA 17028. Located at EXIT 80 ON I-81 Group room rate: \$134 per night. Room reservations Call the hotel at 717-469-0661. Thur room hopping Dealer tables: \$70/wall table; \$65/interior table. NEŇ THIS YEAR we are hosting a Premiere Silent Auction riday evening. Watch the Bandwagon for updates. Contact person: Jeannine Coup, polbandwgn@aol com or 717-656-7855. (See our ad on pg 15)



WANTED: DONATIONS OR PURCHASE OF POLITICAL AND HISTORICAL MEMORABILIA. A portion of the proceeds from sales to benefit the Foundation for Language Education and Development (LEAD) that raises funds to provide scholarship aid to needy students to attend college. www.languageeducate.org. Contact Phil Kellerman, Treasurer, LEAD, at (352) 262-5421 or philkellerman77@gmail. ****************

FOR SALE: LARGE POLITICAL COLLECTION. 50 years of collecting pinbacks, tabs, ribbons, posters, all in showcases and binders, APIC#15070. Call Wayne (573) 468-5023.



Make APIC Part of Your Estate Planning

As you consider next steps for your collection, please remember that APIC is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt non-profit organization that would greatly value any contribution you'd like to make in your estate planning. A financial bequest or the donation of all or part of your collection would help us greatly as we fund our projects moving forward. You can designate a specific purpose, such as underwriting the APIC Smithsonian Internship or a marketing campaign to help attract new members.

Your bequest or donation also will help us maintain the publication of the Keynoter and the Political Bandwagon without the need to raise membership dues to the rising cost of printing and postage.

If you have questions, please contact APIC President Tony Lee or tonylee08560@gmail.com or call him at 609-310-0817. Thank you!



DID YOU KNOW?



Accompanied two womer riends who Democrats, vere incumbent Republican First Nellie Taft Lady attended the 1912 National Democratic Convention (photo the first left), First Lady to ever appear at a political convention and the

only one to do so at the convention of the political party opposing her husband.

Although she remained a loyal Republican, particularly supportive of Herbert and Lou Hoover, she also attended several events to meet Eleanor Roosevelt, including a tribute.

After son Charlie Taft took a job with the Roosevelt Administration, Nellie Taft was alleged to have told a reporter in Mexico that she supported FDR in his bid for a second term, in 1936. Her other son, Robert Taft, then a Republican U.S. Senator, quickly issued a statement denying that she had done so. When her son ran for the Republican nomination in 1940, Nellie Taft attended the Philadelphia convention and loyally supported him. However, she also signed a public letter with other women, including FDR's mother, Sara Roosevelt, calling on Republican Senators - including her son to permit Roosevelt's war-preparedness legislation o come to the Senate floor for a vote.

Nellie Taft is the first of two First Ladies buried at Arlington National Cemetery. The other is Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

Source: http://archive.firstladies.org/biographies/firstladies. uspx?biography=27

LIBERTY

'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. -- Preamble to the Declaration of Independence

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America". -- Preamble to Constitution

"The shepherd drives the wolf from the sheep's throat, for which the sheep thanks the shepherd as his liberator, while the wolf denounces him for the same act . . . Plainly the sheep and the wolf are not agreed upon a definition of liberty.

-- A. Lincoln, Address at Sanitary Fair, Baltimore, 1864 April 18

"The world has never had a good definition of the word liberty. And the American people, just now, are much in want of one. We all declare for liberty; but in using the same word we do not all mean the same thing. With some the word liberty may mean for each man to do as he pleases with himself, and the product of his labor; while with others the same word may mean for some men to do as they please with other men, and the product of other men's labor. Here are two, not only different, but incompatible things, called by the same name, liberty. And it follows that each of the things is, by the respective parties, called by two differenct and incompatible names -- liberty and tyranny."

-- A. Lincoln, Address, Baltimore, 1864 April 18

"What constitutes the bulwark of our own liberty and independence? It is not our frowning battlements, our bristling sea coasts, our army and our navy. These are not our reliance against tyranny. All of those may be turned against us without making us weaker for the struggle. Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in us. Our defense is in the spirit which prized liberty as the heritage of all men, in all lands, everywhere. Destroy this spirit and you have planted the seeds of despotism at your own doors."

-- A. Lincoln, Speech at Edwardsville, IL,1858 Sep11

"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." -- Benjamin Franklin

The phrase "finger on the button" followed McGovern on the campaign trail. The initial strategy was to address the problem and in this Eagleton was forthcoming. He told reporters, "On three occasions in my life I have voluntarily gone into the hospital as a result of nervous exhaustion and fatigue. As a young man, I must say that I drove myself too far, and pushed myself terribly, terribly hard, long hours, day and night."



Nixon, running for re-election "emphasized the strong economy and his success in foreign affairs." McGovern, on the other hand, ran on a platform calling for an immediate end to the Vietnam War and a guaranteed minimum wage. McGovern's election compaign was damaged by the perception that his platform was just too radical. The most damaging problem was his last minute choice of Eagleton for his running mate. On the eighteenth day after the convention, Eagleton arrived in Washington, D.C. to hold a press conference to announce:

Eagleton was quickly replaced by Sargent Shriver. Shriver was a brother-in-law to John, Robert and Ted Kennedy, former Ambassador to France, and former Director of the Peace Corps. Shriver was officially nominated by a special session of the Democratic National Committee. Unfortunately, by this time, McGovern's poll ratings had plunged from 41% to 24%.

At first the Watergate scandal caused little reaction outside of Washington, D.C. Even as the story grew, the incident had little impact on the success of Nixon's campaign. It was not until Nixon's second term when further damaging revelations in the Watergate scandal were revealed along with his reactions to them that it finally engulfed him completely.

Presidential elections were held November 7th, 1972. It was the first election held since the passage of the 26th Amendment lowering the voting age from 21 to 18. Though McGovern mobilized the anti-Vietnam War movement and other liberal supporters to win the nomination, he could not garner enough votes to prevail in the general election. McGovern achieved only 37.5% of the popular vote. He and Shriver lost overwhelmingly.

president since Thomas Jefferson.

| 15,993,965 | 100 In another historic first, Nixon and his Vice President, Spiro Agnew, both resigned from their office in disgrace within two years of the 1972 election - not even listed as possibilities. Above in the chart from the convention is a list of Agnew in October 1973 due to a bribery scandal, and Nixon in August 1974 staring true hopefuls, favorite sons and a few people who wanted name recogn down impeachment and convicion as a result of the Watergate scandal. House the future along with the amount of votes they each received at the convention. Minority Leader, Gerald Ford, replaced Agnew as Vice President in December In today's political arena if there are five people still running after the 1973 by nomination of Nixon under the 25th Amendment, then succeeded Nixon primary season and before the general election debates, voters are surprised. as President in 1974. Ford became the first person in American history to assume By the time the debates are over the race has usually been whittled down to one the office of the president as a result of appointment and not election. Democrat versus one Republican. The 1972 election cycle party realignment and McGovern spent another decade in the Senate. Eagleton served two more the changes to our primary system continue to impact our politics today. We'll terms as a Missouri Senator. have to wait to see the impact of the mopst recent presidential election cycle.

Sources: https://www.audible.com/podcast/Of-The-People/B09KW2Q476 With sixteen hopefuls running for president on the 1972 Democratic ticket, finding the best choice for a winning combo proved difficult. The chart (next Joshua M. Glasser, "The Eighteen-Day Running Mate: McGovern, Eagleton, and a Campaign in Crisis", 1 Aug 2012. Yale University Press column) is illustrative. McGovern was not even on the top of the list and his https://millercenter.org/the-presidency/secret-white-house-tapes/financing-kennedy-write-campaign possible running mate, Ted Kennedy, received only 0.1% of the primary vote. Wallace & Chisholm For All of U.S. (https://buttonmuseum.org/buttons/wallace-and-chisholm-all-us)

Even at the convention there were twenty presidential hopefuls still trying The Radical and the Racist--A very short book excerpt, By Ellen Fitzpatrick Oct 2016 Issue, The Atlantic (https:// for the nomination. Moreover, the two eventual vice presidental candidates were www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2016/10/the-radical-and-the-racist/497510/)

McGOVERN & THE 18 DAY VP (Continued from page 10...



Despite Eagleton's best efforts to address what happened in an "honest way, the pressure became overwhelming." Democratic party partisans requested Eagleton to resign. McGovern took the high road at first, believing he could ride out the storm. At one campaign stop he told the crowd, "It's hot here tonight, but I'll tell you one thing. I can take the heat and I'm going to stay in the kitchen." It was even worse for Eagleton. He was asked every day if he would "remain on

the ticket." Each time he would answer defiantly ves. In Hawaii he said, "I'm not guitting. I'm not getting out. We're going to win this election, and I'm going to be the next Vice President of the United States." But as the story draged on the polls began to look ominous for the McGovern/ Eagleton ticket.

Many people on the campaign staff were frustrated and wanted to get rid of the Eagleton problem. Gary Hart claimed, "The hardest part was we couldn't get hold of the data, we couldn't get the medical reports, and we couldn't talk to his doctors." Under increasing pressure McGovern asked Eagleton if he could speak to his doctor. Eagleton agreed. Based on that conversaton, McGovern made the "medical decision that Eagleton was to much of a risk to have his finger potentially on the metaphorical button," Joshua Glasser wrote in his book The Eighteen-Day Running Mate.

Ladies and gentlemen, I will not divide the Democratic Party. Therefore, tomorrow morning I will write to the chairman of the Democratic Party withdrawing my candidacy."

Joshua Glasser wrote, "The way Eagleton handled himself during those eighteen days was very admirable. It earned him tremendous respect from the

people of Missouri. They did not like the way he seemed to appear to be treated by McGovern, and he was a very able and respected public servant.



On June 17th Nixon's re-election committee broke into the Watergate complex to wiretap the Democratic National Committee's headquarters. It is hard to understand the reason why. Nixon had been leading in the polls since the beginning of the election cycle. After the Eagleton issue, most polls projected Nixon would win the presidency in 1972.

Nixon won 60.7% of the popular vote, the largest share of the vote by any Republican presidential candidate at that time. He carried 49 states in his 1972 re-election and was the first Republican to sweep the south since the Civil War. In addition Nixon was the only two-term vice president to be elected a two-term

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1972 Democratic presidential primaries				
Candidate	Votes	%		
H.H. Humphrey	4,121,372	25.8		
George McGovern	4,053,451	25.3		
George Wallace	3,755,424	23.5		
Edmund Muskie	1,840,217	11.5		
Eugene McCarthy	553,955	3.5		
Henry Jackson	505,198	3.2		
Shirley Chisholm	430,703	2.7		
James Sanford	331,415	2.1		
John Lindsay	196,406	1.2		
Sam Yorty	79,446	0.5		
Wilbur Mills	37,401	0.2		
Walter Fauntroy	21,217	0.1		
Unpledged Delegates	19,533	0.1		
Edward Kennedy	16,693	0.1		
Rupert Hartke	11,798	0.1		
Patsy Mink	8,886	0.1		
None of the names shown	6,269	0		
Others	5,181	0		
TOTAL VOTES	15,993,965	100		

Nominee	Votes
George McGovern	1864.95
Henry Jackson	525
George Wallace	381.7
Shirley Chisholm	151.95
Terry Sanford	77.5
Hubert Humphrey	66.7
Wilbur Mills	33.8
Edmund Muskie	24.3
Edward Kennedy	12.7
Sam Yorty	10
Wayne Hays	5
John Lindsay	5
Fred Harris	2
Eugene McCarthy	2
Walter Mondale	2
Ramsey Clark	1
Walter Fauntroy	1
Vance Hartke	1
Harold Hughes	1
Patsy Mink	1

1972 Democratic National

Convention

