

STEP RIGHT UP, FOLKS, AND PLAY...

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY GAME

WILD CARD
During the Chamber's action, a staff aide is a night editor on a framed copy of the signed Statute Commission signed by an all-Mahon Thomsen's appointment to the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Women. Lose 20 votes.

WILD CARD
Tom Rush, J.D. Sanger, Leta Jacobs, Catherine Fox, Phyllis Pheu, Jane Black and Dudley Lauffman hope to spend more money on their campaign than they expect for your campaign. Gain 20 votes and look to the treasury.

WILD CARD
As lunch at the Highway Hotel in Concord, Merrill Goldberg pledges his support for your campaign. You pay for his Spelunker Steak. Lose 10 votes.

WILD CARD
While touring the Grape Manufacturing Company in Bedford, you ask "What a wild strange smell!" No one knows. The employer arranges to remove leading of food substances in the workshop. Gain 10 votes.

WILD CARD
The Congressional Commission on the Causes of the Seaboard Shipwreck in the Seaboard of Captive Nations in Europe, investigating the Trojan horse and finally issuing a report. You and your associates turn and promise to rebuild the harbor.

WILD CARD
Your daughter is arrested at a demonstration at the Seaboard nuclear power plant. You support her but she says reports that emergency funds were used for bail money. Gain 10 votes.

WILD CARD
You get stuck in a "gridlock" traffic jam in Hampton Beach in August. Lose one turn but make a winning statement on the radio by talking of insurance in the Seaboard in the event of a nuclear accident at Seaboard. Gain 10 votes.

WILD CARD
You attend the Manchester YMCA's annual Susan B. Anthony dinner. Gain 40 votes and receive forward two letters.

WILD CARD
You receive an anonymous \$1500 cash campaign contribution in a plain brown envelope that also includes \$1000 color glossy photograph of Rocky Kluwe and James Hoff. At a press conference you donate the money to charity. Gain 20 votes.

WILD CARD
You stay overnight at the home of a supporter in Portsmouth's Seaboard Village Housing project. Gain 20 votes, live in the project, and see helpings to distribute helpings—only.

WILD CARD
Wink on a tour of a Seaboard shellfish factory, a clam-brother asks you what you'd do about the flap. Top if elected President? You reply that we have to get it at Seaboard before it reaches the Rio Grande. Lose 20 votes.

WILD CARD
At a meeting of the Portsmouth People's Alliance you support in-closed? voter funds for law and moderate income housing and financing housing costs so what you get the city's new clock. Lose 20 votes.

WILD CARD
A Concord police disables the press bus following your call to a Seaboard night bring you in a T-bone. Lose one turn and one day's press coverage.

WILD CARD
Former governor Madeline Thomsen encourages Taiwan, the Philippines and South Korea to issue a joint memorandum calling you "the Free World's last hope to issue Communism." You receive large amounts of cash from anonymous donors. Wink you 20 votes but endorse your candidate. Lose one turn.

WILD CARD
An order is arrested for interfering after throwing a sock bottle out his car window in Newmarket. He turns deficit into votes by taking the opportunity to endorse the sock. Gain 30 votes.

WILD CARD
The owner of a Hudson vehicle company offers you a \$1000 gift certificate of a Hudson vehicle company. You both respectfully decline the gift. Gain 10 votes.

WILD CARD
Your rented car breaks down late one Sunday night in January on a one-lane road. Make two turns.

WILD CARD
A key campaign contributor is arrested for employing fringe firms from Latin America in the Manchester textile sector. Lose 30 votes.

WILD CARD
At a bar and been support in Dublin you support strengthening the nation's highway system and endorse the widening of Rte. 101. Lose 20 votes and eat quickly.

WILD CARD
Maui Nigati, Grand Currier and Herb Phiback endorse your candidacy in a one-way race. Next two spaces backwards.

WILD CARD
You tell the Manchester Historic Association that you've always wanted to visit Manchester because of its historic site in your favorite beer. Lose 30 votes and cry a lot.

WILD CARD
An on-site schedule for a hard-charging tour of West Berlin on the grounds of West Berlin. Lose 10 votes and ask a friend for the 1000 backdrop on the side for another CIA Connection. Lose one turn.

WILD CARD
You and your family had a great time at the Lanes last fall. You and your family had a great time at the Lanes last fall. Lose one turn but gain 10 votes.

WILD CARD
Merrill Thomsen, Noble Lord, Robert Murkin and Louis Desjardins issue a 20 page statement endorsing your candidacy. Next two spaces to your right.

WILD CARD
No one calls during your appearance on a radio talk show in Portsmouth. No one calls during your appearance on a radio talk show in Portsmouth. Lose one turn but gain 10 votes.

WILD CARD
You appear on the radio during a broadcast of the Seaboard shipwreck. You appear on the radio during a broadcast of the Seaboard shipwreck. Lose one turn.

WILD CARD
You attend a campaign event in Concord. You attend a campaign event in Concord. Lose one turn.

WILD CARD
On your way to speak at the Portsmouth American Legion your car breaks down and you have to take a job. You get the car after 20 for the \$6.70 fare. Lose 10 votes.

WILD CARD
At a Salem luncheon with top Republican Party officials, you comment that you're anxious to learn more about the Susan Welch Trust during your visit. Lose 30 votes.

WILD CARD
You are enticed by a Susan in New Ipswich. Gain the Finnish vote and one turn.

PITTSBURG 20 VOTES WILD CARD A canoe carrying an ABC TV film crew collapses while filming you while water carrying in the Andromeda in Errol. Lose one turn.	WILD CARD A staff member is caught smuggling harbor refugees across the border near West Stewartstown. Lose 20 votes.	MILAN 1 VOTE You fire a campaign worker from your home who scheduled an outdoor chicken barbecue in Concord at the height of the black fly season. Lose 20 votes.
LANCASTER 10 VOTES More members of the press than newspapermen fail to hear you speak in Whitefield. Lose 30 votes.	WILD CARD The press have two days before the primary in your Berlin campaign headquarters. Campaign workers change to 3,000 campaign workers. Lose 20 votes.	BERLIN 30 VOTES Blue collar
FRANCONIA 15 VOTES You respectfully decline to check the North Sea of M. Eisenhower with members of the Appalachian Mountain Club. You lose 20 votes and the better part of your vote. Gain one turn.	WILD CARD You tell Senator Ted Kennedy a great American at the annual meeting of the New Hampshire Chapter of the National Rifle Association. Lose 20 votes and such.	WILD CARD
PLYMOUTH 15 VOTES You warn the Manchester Union Leader is interviewing your college friends for a power episode. Subsequent doctor's visit for treatment of a serious condition costs you one day's work.	WILD CARD A supporter discovers Wilbur Mills' abandoned campaign bus deep in the woods of the New Hampshire Highway near Lanes. Documents found in the bus prove costly to your campaign.	CONWAY 10 VOTES
HANOVER 15 VOTES \$	PLYMOUTH 15 VOTES \$	WILD CARD THE GREAT NEW ENGLAND "WILD WEST" SHOW 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Live Free and Vote: What Fifty Years of the New Hampshire Primary Can Teach a Candidate

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ANYONE WHO has wanted to be president of the United States in the last fifty years has had to start in New Hampshire. In preparation for the late winter primary, the campaign trail starts long before the first snowflake. A full nine months ahead of the primary, candidates are swarming like the black flies that greet hikers during a June morning on Mount Success.

First, some basic statistics might prove helpful. In the 2000 census, New Hampshire had 1,235,000 residents, about 700,000 more than Wyoming but just one-eighth the Latino population of California. Ninety-seven percent of New Hampshire residents identify themselves as Caucasian, 40 percent being of Irish, Italian, or French Canadian descent.¹ The remaining New Hampshire population is 1 percent Black and 1 percent Latino, with seven thousand residents claiming at least one Native American ancestor.

New Hampshire is an educated state. Eighty-seven percent of the over-twenty-five-year-olds have graduated from high school. Almost 20 percent have at least a bachelor's degree. Compare this with Arkansas, which proudly claims a citizenry of 75 percent high school graduates and 17 percent college graduates.

One in five of New Hampshire's adult population has never married, as opposed to 27 percent nationwide. A little over 10 percent are currently divorced,

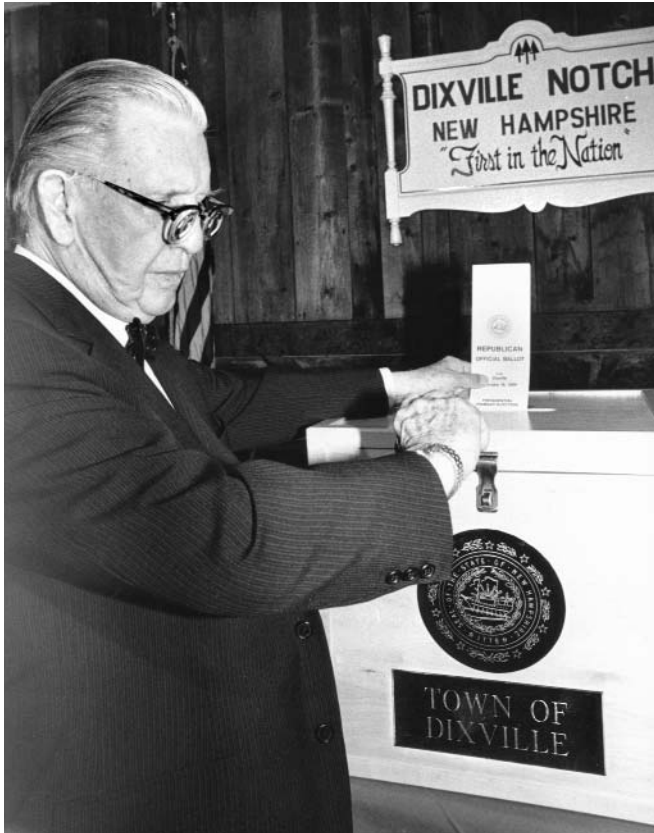
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comparable to the national average. Fifty-five percent have lived in the same house since 1995, 12 percent more than in the country as a whole. During the same years, a little over 15 percent of adults living in New Hampshire have moved into the state, 4 percent more than typical elsewhere. Thus, while welcoming more and more people from “away,” New Hampshire remains somewhat less influenced by change than the rest of the nation.

Ninety-two percent of the 928,422 adults living in New Hampshire in 2000 were registered to vote: approximately 32 percent Republicans, 24 percent Democrats, and 35 percent claiming, “I’ll keep my politics to myself, thank you.” In the November of 2000 general election, 578,656 voted, nearly a 62 percent voter turnout.²

The way to the White House starts in the northern part of the state at Dixville Notch, a community of fewer than twenty-five voters. Dixville Notch boasts the distinction of being the first in the nation to announce primary results by dint of all the town voters showing up to vote at one minute past midnight each Election Day.³ From there, the campaign trail trends south through Coos County.⁴ Coos is pronounced in two syllables, and any candidate who does not know this fact risks being banished to Oregon. A typical candidate ventures next through either Crawford or Pinkham Notch, emerging south at Bartlett and Conway. Once a quaint mecca for skiers and hikers, with a population of 4,109 in 1940, Conway is now a not-so-quiet, outlet-shopping destination, with a population of over 8,600 in 2000.

Unlike other towns in Carroll County, Conway has residents who tend to be swing voters. With its tourist orientation, Conway has three times as many people in the entertainment, recreation, and food service industry as does the rest of Carroll



Neil Tillotson (1898–2001) of Dixville Notch casting the first ballot in the first-in-the-nation primary, February 16, 1988. In every presidential election from 1960 to 2000, Tillotson, who long served as town moderator for his closely watched community, was the first American to cast a vote. UPI Collection, New Hampshire Historical Society.

County. Moreover, the county's median income is 12 percent above Conway's. Even though there were twelve hundred more registered Republicans than Democrats in Conway in 2000, Gore won over Bush there by three hundred votes.

From Conway, the trail winds west across the Kancamagus Highway to Lincoln (if it's January, probably best negotiated by snowmobile or dog sled) and onward to Hanover and Dartmouth. Alternate itineraries for candidates wind south along Route 16 to Dover and Portsmouth, or southwest through the lake country and down to Concord, Manchester, Nashua, and Keene.

While the bears at Clark's Trading Post in Lincoln are entertaining, a candidate who wants to

see the real New Hampshire should drive to Bristol where a hike provides a beautiful vista, or to Warren to see the town's Redstone missile, or, on the way to Boston, stop by Seabrook to see fireworks and tattoos for sale in the same building, as well as the only nuclear power plant in the state.⁵ While the trip might be interesting in itself, the following rules, based on a study of past election results, would probably help any candidate on the way to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Don't Stay in the United States Senate

From Senator Robert Taft of Ohio in 1952 through Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah in 2000, a plethora of Republican senators, including Senator Phil Gramm of Texas and Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona, have ventured to the Granite State in their quest for the presidency. They seem not to have been aware that the only sitting Republican senator to win the presidency in the twentieth century was Warren Harding of Ohio in 1920. Potential candidates should remember, at the same time, that the only sitting Democratic senator to win the presidency since the Civil War was John F. Kennedy. It is not impossible to win while serving as a senator, but it is extremely difficult. Just ask Senator John McCain of Arizona, who won the Republican primary in 2000, only to lose the nomination.

If Senator Robert Dole of Kansas, for instance, had known this, he could have saved himself considerable time and effort. Though Dole entered most of the primaries between 1980 and 1996, he never did well, nor did his wife, Senator Elizabeth Dole, in 2000. Even a primary recount failed to help Bob Dole in 1980. On election night, the original canvass gave the senator 607 votes, just ahead of the write-ins. In the recount that followed, Dole received ten less votes and fell behind Jimmy Carter, the candidate with the most Republican write-ins.

In the 1988 primary, Bob Dole challenged George H. W. Bush in the race to select President Ronald Reagan's successor. Bush, with backing from New Hampshire Governor John Sununu, coasted to



Kansas Senator Robert Dole (center), pictured with his wife, who later became North Carolina Senator Elizabeth Dole, and with New Hampshire Senator Warren Rudman, greeting voters in Nashua the day of the primary, February 16, 1988. Despite three primary attempts in 1980, 1988, and 1996, Bob Dole never won, losing to Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, and Patrick Buchanan. UPI Collection, New Hampshire Historical Society.

a statewide victory. The sole exception was Cheshire County, which went for Dole by three hundred votes. On election night, Dole, ever dour, appeared on split-screen television with Vice-President Bush. The conversation went something like this:

“Is there anything you’d like to say to the Vice-President?” asked the announcer.

“Tell him to stop lying about my record,” snarled Dole.

From that moment, Dole’s national chances disappeared like a melting snow bank.

In 1996, Dole appeared to be leading the New Hampshire primary over Pat Buchanan and Lamar Alexander. In their campaigning, Alexander was earnest and Buchanan happy-go-lucky. Dole continued dour. On election night, Buchanan rode to victory with a Hillsborough-Coos plurality. Though support for

Dole in New Hampshire had proven weak, he eventually succeeded in securing the national nomination, through his strategy of capturing the southern states where Buchanan was strongest. Yet, in the November election, despite a 70,000-voter Republican edge in registration, Dole lost New Hampshire to President Bill Clinton by 50,000 votes.

At the beginning of the 2000 primary season, Elizabeth Dole, then head of the American Red Cross, came to New Hampshire to test the waters for her own presidential campaign, but did not stay long. Today she is senator from North Carolina and seems to be yielding the pleasures of the Granite State to her distinguished state colleague, Democrat John Edwards, whose own chances, since he is a senator, are also slim.

Find a Trustworthy Map

Before campaigning in New Hampshire, every candidate should get a good road map. Finding the way from one campaign stop to another can be a challenge, or, as the proverbial New Hampshire farmer explained to the tourist, “Can’t get there from here.” A story, told often by Maine’s Republican Senator Margaret Chase Smith, seems worth repeating. Sometime in the 1950s, the distinguished senator, campaigning on her own in western Oxford County, Maine, spotted a secondary road going in a leafy northwest direction. As she drove along, she found the road more and more rural. After some miles, the senator at last came to a rather decrepit, but open, country store. Parking the car, she entered to find the storekeeper and two local residents standing at the counter. Always the politician, she introduced herself and gave her standard short speech on what she was doing for the residents of Maine. When she finished, one of the fellows thanked her, noting that he’d always wanted to meet her. He then said that he would be glad to vote for her but couldn’t, since she had passed the state line a mile or so back. The store was, in fact, in New Hampshire.

If you are going to Portsmouth, Keene, Nashua, Manchester, Concord, Lincoln, or Hanover from Boston or Bradley Airport in Connecticut, you will have few problems, since you can stay on the interstate highways. In the 1952 primary, most Republican voters lived in the state’s four southeastern counties—Rockingham, Strafford, Hillsborough, and Merrimack. Even as late as the most recent primary in 2000, things had not changed significantly. The same four counties made up 55 percent of the GOP vote. In 1968, the first major Democratic primary got 71 percent of its vote from these four counties. By 2000, the figure in the Democratic primary was up to 75 percent.

It is probably just as well that the voters are in southern New Hampshire, otherwise there’s a good chance, come mud season, we’d find a candidate somewhere between Gilmanton Iron Works and

Center Barnstead still trying to find the highway. With few exceptions, it is often difficult to get from one New Hampshire point to another. Of course, most New Hampshire natives like it that way, figuring that those who really need to find them should be willing to make the effort. Indeed, even the official New Hampshire website begins with, “Getting to New Hampshire by road is, no matter which route you access, a stunning journey.”⁶

Incumbents, Take Care

President Harry Truman dismissed New Hampshire as inconsequential. He lost the 1952 Democratic primary and, soon after, chose not to run for reelection. Sixteen years later, also in the Democratic primary, President Lyndon Johnson barely bested Senator Eugene McCarthy. By mid-April, Johnson was making plans to head back to his spread in central



Truman decides to sit it out at the top. A 1952 cartoon by Jim Berryman pokes fun at the incumbent president’s decision not to enter the New Hampshire primary. The eventual Democratic winner, Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, is shown here clad in a Davy Crockett-style coonskin cap. Reproduced from *The Campaign of ’52 in Star Cartoons*. © 1952, The Washington Post. Reprinted with permission.

Texas on the Pedernales River.

In 1976, President Gerald Ford, who had succeeded to the office upon Richard Nixon's resignation, barely beat then California Governor Ronald Reagan. Ford's victory in New Hampshire saved him, allowing him to win the GOP nomination. He lost, however, to Jimmy Carter in November.

In 1980, President Carter won in the New Hampshire primary, albeit by only 10 percent over Senator Edward Kennedy.⁷ In New Hampshire's Republican primary that year, Reagan won with 50 percent of the vote, besting six opponents, and then galloped away to a convincing victory in November.

Finally in the 1992 GOP primary, President Bush, having overseen a military victory in Kuwait and Iraq but with the country suffering from a recession, ran against Pat Buchanan. Bush won in New Hampshire, receiving 92,000 votes to Buchanan's 65,000, and Bill Clinton's 41,000 in the Democrat primary. But by November, with much of the Buchanan vote heading over to support third party Independent candidate H. Ross Perot, Clinton coasted to victory, winning thirty-two states including New Hampshire.

Focus on Attitudes Rather Than Issues

New Hampshire voters don't like whiners. Over the last three decades, the New Hampshire primary has become a place where the candidate's attitude and handling of emotional situations can very well affect the course of history. George H. W. Bush lost his momentum to the powerful personality of Reagan in 1980; Dole and Bush tangled in 1988; Buchanan's cheerfulness did in Dole in 1996. In 2000, George W. Bush finessed Senator John McCain's win in New Hampshire, by waiting to begin negative campaigning until he had reached the next primary state, South Carolina, a far piece from Franconia or Bartlett.

New Hampshire also has become the place where, from time to time, individual candidates have found it necessary to explain sundry past activities, statements, and indiscretions. In 1980, Senator



"Viola Clark reads her New Hampshire Primary Ballot prior to voting at the Chichester Town Hall," February 28, 1984. In 2000, 60 percent of the registered voters in New Hampshire went to the polls. UPI Collection, New Hampshire Historical Society.

Edward Kennedy never recovered from his inability to convincingly explain the accident at Chappaquiddick. In 1987, it was Senator Gary Hart and an unfortunate Florida sea voyage on the good ship *Monkey Business* with a young lady who was not his wife. And, in 1992, it was the then Governor of Arkansas, Bill Clinton, who faced during the New Hampshire primary his first charges of past extra-marital activity.

The voters of New Hampshire are prepared to be the first to ask tough questions, and everything is fair game. Mind you, they aren't inclined to judge harshly or peremptorily—as we all have that odd relative whom we whisper about. They'll give every candidate a chance to commit his own political hanging, before deciding to step in and help out.



Former Minnesota Governor Harold Stassen (left) meeting in 1951 with New Hampshire Governor Sherman Adams at the Rumsford Coffee House in Concord. Stassen was at this time considering running for president the next year. This would be the second of many such attempts—all unsuccessful. Levensaler Collection, New Hampshire Historical Society.

To Avoid Oblivion, Stay in for the Long Haul

In 1938, Harold Stassen was elected governor of Minnesota at the age of thirty-one. After holding the position for three terms, he stepped down to become Admiral Halsey's chief of staff during World War II.

In 1948, Stassen made his first and strongest run for the presidency, but lost the GOP nomination to Thomas Dewey. By 1952, he was back, scouring New Hampshire for votes against General Dwight Eisenhower and Senator Robert Taft. He finished "up the track," a distant third with 7 percent of the vote. It got worse. In 1964, he finished sixth, eight hundred votes behind Senator Margaret Chase Smith. In 1968, he barely beat then California Governor Ronald Reagan, who wasn't even a candidate.

By 1984, in his seventies, Stassen was still running and losing, this time garnering 2.3 percent of the vote against President Reagan. In 1992, he won 205 votes, coming in behind Tom "Billy Jack"

Laughlin, a write-in. The "boy governor" died in 2001 at the age of ninety-three, after running for president nine times.

Stassen appeared in New Hampshire so often that he became like the hired hand that poet Robert Frost immortalized—a person whose appearance foretold the seasons. Interestingly, it was Stassen's own favorite poet, Robert Browning, who wrote:

*Ah, but a man's reach should
exceed his grasp, Or what's a
heaven for?*⁸

Though Harold Stassen comes around no more, fans of long shots should fear not. Gary Hart was spotted recently at St. Anselm College. He ran George McGovern's campaign in 1972, and won the

New Hampshire primary himself in 1984. Born shortly before Stassen became governor, Hart has a good quarter century ahead of him.

Join in the Fun and Even Be Silly

Running nine times for the presidency may sound silly, but to New Hampshire voters, silly is trying to behave as the locals do, no matter how strange. Remember Senator Robert Taft, who posed for the camera holding a live rooster, and John Kennedy, who ventured a ride in a dog sled? The voters of New Hampshire like a good time, and if a laugh is at the expense of a dignitary from Washington, so much the better.

Some politicians have tried, usually unsuccessfully, to turn the joke around and entertain the potential voters. Senator Muskie, for instance, tried a lobster hypnotizing trick. For those who never saw it, the procedure involved standing the poor crustacean on its tail and stroking the creature until it would stand alone seemingly hypnotized. After a few times, however, this

trick was effective only at putting Muskie's audience asleep. But, in general, when a candidate can give as good as he gets—as when, for instance, George H. W. Bush chucked snowballs at reporters in 1988—his willingness to participate has usually won more votes than it lost. Take Senator John McCain in the 2000 Republican primary. There was no food too exotic, no dance too silly, and no action too outrageous that he wouldn't try, and New Hampshire loved it.

Bill Bradley, despite a genuine effort, never quite figured this out. In a series of articles, the *Washington Post* spoke of his quest for the presidency as “meandering.”⁹ Bradley carried two of New Hampshire's



Then Massachusetts Senator John F. Kennedy prepares to go for a dogsled ride in Berlin during the 1960 primary. Although he is shown here participating in such local rituals as are required by the primary, Kennedy's refusal to wear a hat would, within little more than a year, single-handedly change men's tonsorial fashion. Courtesy of the New Hampshire Political Library.

ten counties: Belknap (with only 4 percent of the registered Democrats statewide) and Grafton (home to Dartmouth where Bradley beat Gore 2 to 1). There were few reports of Bradley dancing.

Try to Get Them to Listen

In the 2000 primary, Andy Martin, Dorian Yeager, Anthony Capalbo, Jeffrey Peters, and Randy Crow all put themselves before the New Hampshire voters. All ran and lost and—even this soon afterwards—few still remember their names. Each one, however, spoke out about what he felt was important. Below is a brief description of some of those who dared the people to listen.

Andy Martin is currently running for the United States Senate in Florida, billing himself as the first cyberspace consumer advocate. He lives in southern Florida, which has a large Spanish-speaking population. He, however, supports a constitutional amendment making English the official language. In 2000, Martin captured eighty-one votes in New Hampshire's GOP primary.¹⁰

Dorian Yeager is a mystery writer who resides in southern New Hampshire. She ran in 2000 as a Republican. She “considers” herself pro choice, favors capital punishment and drug decriminalization, and tends to be a Goldwater conservative. She won ninety-eight votes in 2000.¹¹

Kenneth Capalbo, a retired prison employee from Rhode Island, ran as a Republican on a flat national income tax (1.66 percent) and a consistent foreign policy. He garnered fifty-one votes in 2000.

Jeffrey Peters is an activist from Jackson, New Hampshire, now running on the We the People ticket. He and his wife favor campaign reform and a return to the nation's grass roots. He captured three votes in the 2000 Democratic primary.¹²

Randolph Crow of North Carolina ran as a Democrat in 2000. Given his belief in Yale's



“Democratic presidential hopeful former Senator Gary Hart is the center of attention as he speaks to reporters outside a polling station,” February 16, 1988. Fifteen years later, he was considering one more try for the presidency. UPI Collection, New Hampshire Historical Society.

links to a world-wide conspiracy and his reaction to Bush, Cheney, and Lieberman having ties to Yale, he’s going to be upset once again that Kerry, (Yale ’66) and Dean (Yale ’71) are running in 2004. Crow captured no votes in the 2000 New Hampshire Democratic primary.¹³

These and twenty-five others paid their presidential primary filing fees to appear on the ballot in 2000 and share their views with the voters. A combined total of 233 voters cast their ballots for these five candidates. Utah Republican Senator Orrin Hatch got a mere 163 votes.

Beware the Media

In 1972, Senator Edmund Muskie, a Democrat who had served Maine for two decades, decided to

ford the Piscataqua and work his political magic in the neighboring state. Where he came from, the newspapers were neutral at worst. Thus, it came as a shock to the senator when the *Manchester Union Leader* chose to work its own brand of political magic on him. Finally, fed up with the editors’ attacks on his record and incensed over their decision to consider his wife Jane Muskie fair political game, the senator forgot the first rule of politics, “Never pick a fight with someone who buys printer’s ink by the gallon.”

At a news conference called in front of the *Union Leader* building, Senator Muskie all but fell apart as he attacked the paper and its publisher. Muskie nevertheless beat McGovern in the primary but, to all intents and purposes, the nomination struggle

was over. Eight years later, Muskie would retire from public service, never coming closer to the White House than as secretary of state.

Nowadays, candidates can expect critical press coverage year-round. On April 10, 2003, the *Union Leader* rated the Democratic candidates on their support of Bush's foreign policy. The conservative newspaper, not surprisingly, found them all wanting. The more liberal *Concord Monitor* eleven days later attacked the Bush administration and called upon Gary Hart to run again. Senator Muskie's public ordeal in 1972 was at least comparatively brief, for he withdrew less than six months after beginning his campaign.

Get Them to Write in Your Name

There are conservatives who mark their political coming of age by the 1964 Goldwater campaign. A fight for the heart and soul of the GOP took place during the winter of 1964 'midst the snows of New Hampshire.

By early 1964, it was apparent that the hand-picked choice for eastern, liberal Republicans, Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York, was not going to beat conservative Barry Goldwater for the Republican nomination. Ever since capturing New Hampshire for Eisenhower in 1952, the eastern Republicans had seen their success in the Granite State as essential to winning the national election.

The Republican establishment was helped by Goldwater's campaign liabilities. Senator Norris Cotton, Goldwater's campaign manager, summed it up best: "Goldwater really isn't the type of politician that enjoys mingling with people too much—he gets tired." Cotton went on to describe "the antithesis [as] Styles Bridges . . . , who just loved people."

By the mid-1960s, Rockefeller's divorce and remarriage had handicapped him. His new wife had given up custody of her four children and was now carrying Rockefeller's child. All of this caused the Republican voter to hesitate.



Supporters of the movement to draft Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge wave to potential voters from in front of New Hampshire State House, 1964. Lodge's victory in the New Hampshire primary would come to naught when he, unlike Eisenhower in 1952, failed to return from overseas to campaign for the nomination. Courtesy of the Concord Monitor.

Henry Cabot Lodge was the chief American envoy to Vietnam. Leaders of his son's failed senatorial campaign against Edward Kennedy in 1962 flooded New Hampshire with a write-in Lodge effort, reminding the voters of his military service, his work as Massachusetts representative and senator, and his service at the United Nations. They neglected to point out that his last campaign success, election to the United States Senate from Massachusetts, had come in 1946. The national media helped out, much as it had in 1940 and 1952.

On election night, the returns showed a Lodge landslide: 33,007 votes to Goldwater's 20,692. But Lodge, wanting a legitimate draft, like Wendell Wilkie's in 1940, chose not to enter the fight as Eisenhower had done after his New Hampshire primary win in 1952. Instead, Lodge did not return from Vietnam to the United States to campaign in person for the presidency. His name and reputation might have resonated in Pinkham Notch, but it counted for little in the low country of South Carolina and the broad suburbs of Orange County, California. Goldwater won the nomination. When he lost in November, the same media that supported Lodge nine months before wrote Goldwater's obituary. They interpreted it broadly as the death of conservatism, but their reports of its demise were premature.

Advice to a Democrat

In 1968, Eugene McCarthy—liberal, anti-war, and cut from the same cloth as Stevenson a decade and a half earlier—took on President Lyndon Johnson, who, though a liberal in domestic matters, was pro-war and more in the tradition of Truman and Kefauver. That year, 46 percent of the Democrats voted for McCarthy; Johnson resigned within sixty days; Martin Luther King and Bobby Kennedy were assassinated; the streets of Chicago erupted as the Democrats met in convention; and the liberal Democratic landscape was changed forever.

Forty-three percent voted for McGovern over Muskie in 1972. A similar percentage backed Carter

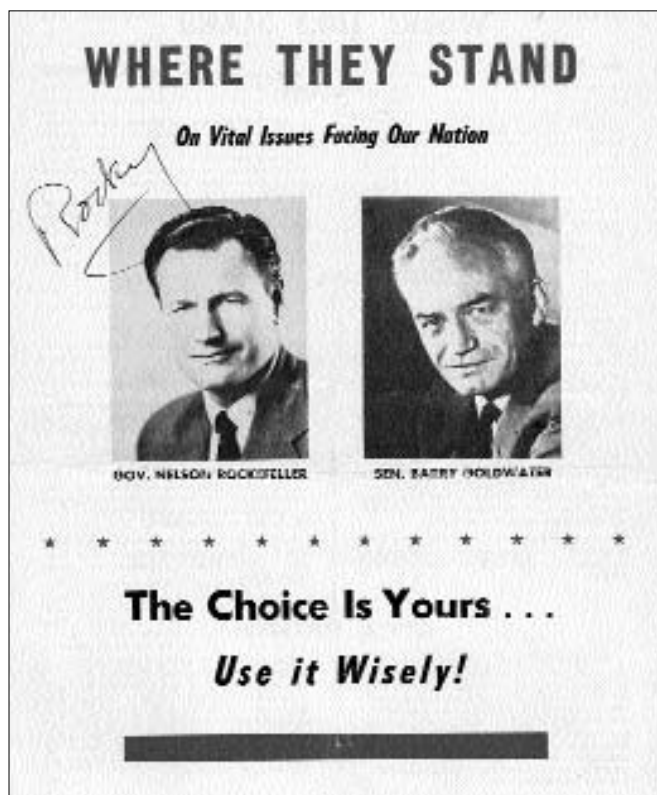
in 1976, enough for a plurality victory among the top three. In 1980, Carter barely eked out a victory over the combined vote for Edward Kennedy and Jerry Brown. From 1984 to 1992, the Democratic vote split among literally hordes of candidates. Clinton was essentially unopposed in 1996, but still the Democrats were divided between the "pure" left and the traditional party.

Finally in 2000, the two sides within the party got the race they wanted: Bill Bradley versus Vice President Al Gore. A nominal Republican would maintain that the candidates had no distinction in their philosophies. To Democrats, there were clear differences. Seventy thousand Democrats voted for Bradley, six thousand less than voted for Gore. An analysis of the general election vote indicates that 12,000 Democrats, mostly Bradley voters, transferred their allegiance to consumer and environmental advocate Ralph Nader, just enough to offset Gore's take of 40,000 Republican voters and his 4 percent edge among the unenrolled voters. Put more simply, Nader received 22,999 votes. Gore lost by 7,000. One-third of the Nader vote going to Gore would have given the Democratic candidate the election in New Hampshire and the nation.

So the trend continues. The New Hampshire Democratic Party remains split between the ethnic Democrats of the cities and the intellectual and back-to-the-land Democrats of the college communities and rural towns. Occasionally, a New Hampshire candidate for office, such as Jean Shaheen or Dick Swett, has managed to put together a winning coalition, though too often it cannot hold. In sum, Democratic candidates need to reach both sides; there are too many Republicans in this state to risk losing critical registered Democratic support.

Advice to a Republican

In 1995, a national citizen's group decided to poll the anticipated New Hampshire Republican primary voters on their choice for president should Colin Powell run. Because a race by Powell



An autographed copy of a Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller campaign brochure, picturing as well Rockefeller's principal opponent for the presidential nomination, Senator Barry Morris Goldwater, 1964. Despite Goldwater's eventual overwhelming loss to Lyndon Johnson, he would go on to define the Republican conservative movement. Rockefeller became vice president under President Gerald Ford in 1974. New Hampshire Historical Society.

was problematical, those favoring him were also asked for their second choice should Powell not run. (He eventually decided not to.)

Powell easily bested Dole, by an even larger margin than most political professionals anticipated. With Powell removed, Buchanan, previously in third place, surged to the front. There, seen in microcosm, was the ongoing problem for the modern day Republican Party of New Hampshire. Just over half of it has stood for the old staid party of William McKinley and William Howard Taft and just under half of it has stood for the party of Teddy Roosevelt and the "Progressives." But more importantly, it has been split, with the issues being personality and

the party power structure. This split allowed a significant number of New Hampshire Republicans to move with surprising ease from supporting Colin Powell, a social liberal and internationalist, to supporting Pat Buchanan, a social conservative and isolationist. Thus, what was so in 1952 remains so in 2000.

But, while New Hampshire's GOP has remained the same, the national party has changed. Consider that in 1952, Eisenhower beat Taft 51 to 39, principally on personality, and went on to a smashing November victory. Then, in 1964, Goldwater finished a distant second to Lodge, but the new South ignored New Hampshire and gave Goldwater the nomination. Goldwater was crushed in November.

In 2000, Senator McCain, with a lifetime American Conservative Union rating of 84 out of 100 points, became the liberal GOP candidate. He beat Governor Bush by 43,000 votes. What was neglected in the carnage was that the other two major candidates, Forbes and Keyes—representing the libertarian wing—garnered enough votes to hold McCain to under 50 percent overall. By April, Bush was rolling through the South, and the nomination race was over.

While the New Hampshire GOP remains split, the national party has fused itself into a modern conservative monolith, winning two-thirds of the presidential elections since 1964.

You Cannot Skip New Hampshire

It's 1962, and a young man walks across the campus of St. Paul's School in Concord. He is headed for Yale in a year, but one wonders, does he dream of a day four decades away when he will come back to New Hampshire, a war hero, a senator from Massachusetts, and a candidate for president?

It's the early nineties, and a physician in his forties, transplanted from Park Avenue, begins his quest to become Vermont's governor. As he shakes hands in St. Johnsbury, does his eye wander across the river and does he think, "Some day. . . ?"

Every major American political figure in the last half century has at one point or another during his climb to power set foot in the Granite State. And frankly, we enjoy their coming, much as a Frost character enjoys “funning” with the flatlanders. Some candidates, like Rockefeller, Muskie, and Dole, may have regretted their New Hampshire forays. Others, like Carter, Clinton, and McCain, remember us fondly, though it remains unclear if any will return. Mrs. Clinton certainly will be back. Still others, most notably Harold Stassen, have become, like Banquo’s ghost, condemned forever to wander Crawford Notch in search of one last voter who will give him ear, converse awhile, and then give him the definitive New Hampshire answer to the candidate’s request for support, “Ayah, I’ll think about it.”

Notes

The source for quotations not cited specifically is the *Manchester Union Leader*.

1. All census figures are from the 2000 census.
2. All election statistics are from Elections Division, Office of the Secretary of State, Concord, New Hampshire.
3. The vote in the 2002 Republican primary in Dixville Notch split as follows: Bush-12, McCain-10, and Forbes-1. There were no registered Democratic voters in Dixville Notch.

4. Among the other towns in Coos County, nineteen went for Bush and six for Gore (Green’s Grant, Pinkham’s Grant, Northumberland, and Randolph—with a combined margin of 46 votes—plus the perennial northern Democratic strongholds of Gorham and Berlin, with a Gore margin of 944 votes).
5. In Lincoln, Bush won by 8 votes over McCain in February and by 45 votes over Gore in November. In Bristol, Bush won over Gore by 240 in November; however, McCain had won over Bush by 100 nine months earlier. Sixty-nine percent voted for Bush in Warren with 29 voters backing Nader. In Seabrook, Bush lost both the primary and the general election.
6. For a most interesting information guide to New Hampshire, see the official state Web site: <http://www.state.nh.us>.
7. Carter won over Kennedy 48 to 38 percent, with former Governor Edmund Pat Brown of California trailing.
8. For a reminiscence of Governor Stassen, see the *University of Pennsylvania Gazette* for April and May 2003.
9. See the series of articles published by the *Washington Post* in December 1999.
10. Further information can be gained from Andy Martin, U.S. Campaign, 1574 South Ocean Lane, Suite 111, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33316.
11. Further information on Ms. Yeager can be secured at the following Web site: <http://selectsmart.com/PRESIDENT/yeager.html>.
12. For further information, contact We the People, P.O. Box 253, Jackson, N.H. 03846.
13. For background on Crow’s political philosophy, see www.randycrow.com.

Paul Newman campaigns with you at the Mall of New Hampshire. Manchester’s worst traffic jam ever results. Lose one turn but gain 20 votes.

WILD CARD

A Concord pothole disables the press bus following your car to a Saturday night bingo game in Tilton. Lose one turn and one day’s press coverage.

WILD CARD

An aide is arrested for littering after throwing a coke bottle out his car window in Newmarket. You turn defeat into victory by taking the opportunity to endorse the bottle bill. Gain 30 votes.

WILD CARD

At a meeting of the Portsmouth People’s Alliance, you support increased federal funds for low and moderate income housing and blame rising housing costs on what you call “the city’s new class, the hipgeoisie.” Gain 10 votes.

WILD CARD

The Congoleum Corporation helicopter flying you to Concord crashes in the Graveyard of Captive Nations in Epsom, decapitating the Trojan Horse and barely missing a car carrying 4 state legislators. Lose 2 turns and promise to rebuild the horse.

WILD CARD

While campaigning for you at New Hampshire College in Manchester, a college student from your home state is asked what your position is on the nuclear freeze. He says you are still studying whether freezing is the best way to solve the nuclear waste disposal problem. Lose 20 votes.

WILD CARD