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Not too long ago, former Governor of Virginia Mark Warner inquired, "What is the history of mathematics? Is it about the problems or the people who solve the problems?" Beginning with the former governor's curiosities, this talk introduces the history of mathematics as a vibrant field that considers technical questions within a broad framework that includes issues related to biography, institutional settings, and political dynamics among others. (Received September 26, 2006)