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Wavy Gravy and son Howdy: Supporters waited, but Nobody never arrived

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Waiting for Nobody . . .

By Dexter Waugh

Nobody never showed up at the rally for "Nobody for President" in Berkeley yesterday, but of course no one had expected that nobody would.

"Nobody is scheduled to speak," said Wavy Gravy, who did most of the speaking in the park across from Berkeley's City Hall. "I'm nobody's fool, and I can speak for nobody," he explained.

The Rally for Nobody was the latest in a series of informal events for the apparently popular candidate. "More than 40 per cent of the eligible voters in the last election voted for nobody," Gravy noted.

"We were at the Jimmy Carter rally in San Francisco when Carter said that nobody has all the answers. We all broke into cheers but he didn't know why."

"When Gerald Ford was at Walnut Creek, we had a big 'Nobody for President' banner. We were all painted up like clowns. I've discovered over the years nobody hits a clown.

"No, wait, nobody doesn't hit a clown. You've got to watch that, it's slippery.

"Anyway, Ford looked at us, he saw the banner, his face went into a total spasm. Everybody's afraid of nobody."

Gravy, who was known as Hugh Romney during his days as a comedian in Greenwich Village and with The Committee in San Francisco, said he was not alone in boosting Nobody-ism.

"There are various folks attached to the campaign, although nobody is in charge," he revealed.

Gravy, Hog Farm commune head and one of the bright lights of the counter-culture, said he and his friends were quite serious about the campaign.

While Billy Faier plucked his five-string banjo and a feminist rock group, the Ways in Meringue, warmed up, Gravy's associates did a brisk business, stamping out "Nobody for President" and "Nobody Makes Better Apple Pie Than Your Mom" buttons at 50 cents a crack.

Not only should nobody be president, nobody should be vice president, senator, etc. etc., said Gravy. "Gov. Brown said it himself, that less government is best."

Gravy said he quite seriously hopes to generate enough funds before the general election in November to rent the Goodyear blimp and flash "nobody" from coast to coast.