

Today: Cloudy, chance of rain near the coast. Highs in the 50s. Lows in 30s and 40s.

Tomorrow: Cloudy, chance of rain in south. Highs in low 50s.

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Who's Best? Nobody!

AUSTIN, Texas (UPI) — His rhetoric is indisputable and his record is spotless. Nobody's perfect.

The Nobody for president campaign charmed a crowd of 500 at the University of Texas Monday, offering an alternative to the sombodies on the ballot.

Working the crowd for Nobody in particular was a character called Wavy Gravy, Hugh Romney of the Hog Farm commune in the San Francisco Bay area. Gravy is Nobody's chief aide, a position he calls Nobody's fool.

"Who was president before George Washington?"

Gravy, dressed in a clown suit, asked the crowd.

"Nobody!" the crowd responded.

"Who honored the treaties with the Indians?"

"Nobody!"

"Who will free the hostages?"

"Nobody!"

"Who do you want to run your life?"

"Nobody!"

The address was so stirring — it was obvious Nobody cares — that one man stepped forward and said, "I've never voted for anybody but this year I'm going to vote for Nobody."

Curis Spangler, his campaign manager, went on to explain that Nobody knows how to dispose of nuclear waste. Nobody has brought peace. Nobody feeds the hungry and Nobody keeps all his campaign promises.

The campaign is financed by the sale of bumper stickers, T-shirts and campaign buttons. It is the second campaign for Nobody.

In fact, Spangler argued that Nobody actually won in 1976, although Jimmy Carter was permitted to take office. Fudging a bit, Spangler said only 40 percent of eligible people voted, leaving 60 percent voting for Nobody.

Doubtless his theme song is the Bert Williams standard of the same name.

October 29, 1980

Who's Minding Store? Practically Nobody

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is a good thing President Carter hasn't called a Cabinet meeting for today. He would have found only Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, Secretary of State Edmund Muskie and Secretary of Energy Charles Duncan home.

Everyone else will be on the road, campaigning for him. A schedule put out by the Carter-Mondale Re-Election Committee listing surrogates campaigning for Carter made it appear that hardly anyone was left to, run the government.

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Some 500 University of Texas students resorted to mudslinging and demagoguery of the lowest sort Monday on behalf of their candidate for president: Nobody. Wavy Gravy, coordinator of the Nobody for President Committee, led the rally in Austin with cheers of "Who will lower our taxes?," "Who do you want to run your life?" and "Who cares?" while the crowd shouted in response: "Nobody!" The frenzied students confessed that they would vote for Nobody and sang "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen."

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The Scene In the nation and the world

Rallies, Nobody should read this

Some 500 University of Texas students in Austin turned out to cheer on Wavy Gravy, coordinator of the Nobody for President Committee.

To repeated shouts of "Nobody," Gravy brought the crowd to its feet with a series of exhortations. "Who was president before Washington? Who honored the treaties with the Indians? Who will lower taxes? Who do you want to run your life? Who makes chocolate pie better than your mom?"

Campaign songs are "Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out" and "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen." Slogans include: "If Nobody wins, nobody loses. Nobody Cares. Nobody should have that much power." Gravy is really Hugh Romney, who said the campaign is being sponsored by a San Francisco commune called the Hog Farm.

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