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## Everybody's candidate

Spirits were high Tuesday as Nobody — the presidential candidate who always keeps his promises — hit the campaign trail.

In a gala sendoff featuring a two-piece band at San Francisco International Airport, Wavy Gravy, who considers himself Nobody's fool, and campaign

manager Curtis Spangler carried the candidate onto an airliner bound for New Hampshire, site of the first major presidential primary.

"Nobody is still perfect," said Gravy, who like Spangler was dressed in a clown suit.

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## Nobody

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"Who will lower your taxes? Nobody!" shouted Gravy.

"Who will help the poor? Nobody!"

"Who knows the truth about Chappaquiddick? Nobody!"

Bemused, confused and suspicious fellow passengers stood waiting for Nobody, then cheered lustily as a set of plastic chattering teeth was paraded around the departure lounge on a velvet cushion.

With the band playing "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," Nobody made two additional appearances for television cameras, but he was listless the third time out after being wound up to start with.

Both Gravy, a longtime Bay area counterculture figure, and Spangler, a local artist, have been with Nobody since his introduction to the world of politics in the 1976 presidential campaign.

"We saw what Nobody was doing for the world," so we decided to run Nobody for president," said Spangler.

"If Nobody wins, Nobody loses," he said.

Someone from the crowd added, "And Nobody cares."

