

## New Republican hero steps into the spotlight

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A new Republican candidate has entered the scene, causing many people to consider him the forerunner of candidates for the upcoming Republican primaries. Woodrow Davis is likely the most well-known and liked candidate of all the nomination hopefuls.

Davis has been hailed a "modern-day rugged individualist" and an "all-American man" by CNN, which also points out the candidate's relative political correctness — despite being one of today's most well-known examples of "Old West" culture which has historically promoted prejudice — in comparison with his counterparts, who have been accused of racism, sexism, and homophobia in varying degrees.

However, it seems Davis already has a supportive, close-knit, and diverse group of campaign workers backing him, many of whom have been with him since the beginning of his political involvement as mayor of Mesa, Ariz.

"The dynamic of this group is inspiring," said Russell Pearce to The New American. "They are honestly like family. They've had their skirmishes in the past, but continue to be supportive, listen to one another's ideas, and work through the conflict. They are all very supportive of Davis."

According to CNN, Davis and his right-hand man once campaigned against one another for governor, but Buster Liteyer chose to drop out and will almost certainly be Davis' vice president.

"This town really is big enough for the both of us," said Woodrow at the time of the election.

"Despite many seeing a united front between the two, it is possible that there is still some competition between them," said Associate Professor of Political Science Kyle Dell. "It will be interesting to see how this pans out."

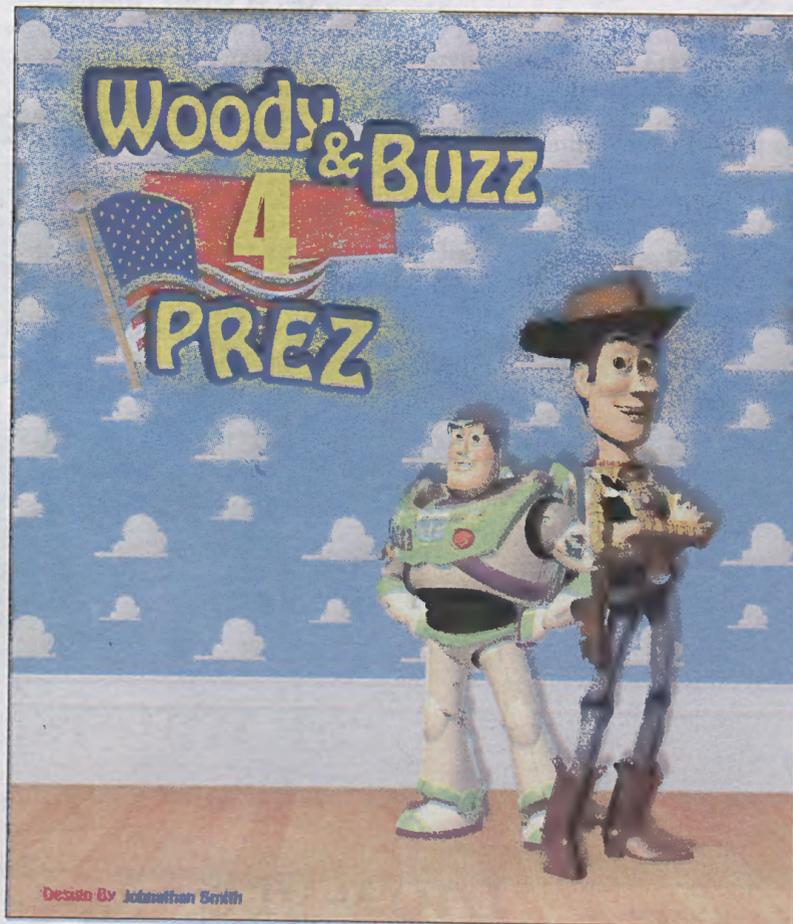
Many who are not associated with the Republican Party have shown support for Davis' campaign, according to The Huffington Post. His dedication, fairness, and compassion for the "underdog" are appealing on their own, but even more impressive is his dedication to putting his values into action.

Davis has been hailed as a hero and a voice for those who do not have a voice. He has remained popular with the public despite controversy, primarily because of his courage and morality. These characteristics are more than his public persona, he has proved his courage many times over.

According to CNN, Davis and some of his companions were held hostage in 1995 by Sid Phillips, an emotionally disturbed individual who fancied himself an amateur surgeon. Thanks to the quick thinking and determination of Davis, his companions and other hostages were able to escape and Phillips ended his surgical days.

Davis' "rugged individualist" characteristics are shown in his courage as well as his strong desire for success. When asked why he aspires to run for president, Davis replied that he always felt he should "reach for the sky."

This incident is just one of many heroic acts by Davis. With a track record like this, it's no surprise that so many consider "Woody" a prime candidate for the Republican primaries. Potential VP Liteyer believes the campaign will go "to infinity and beyond."



## Earth's demise due to a black hole

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The Large Hadron Collider — located at the European Organization for Nuclear Research in Geneva, Switzerland — created a super-massive black hole on Monday, March 28. The earth has been sucked into the black hole; the end is not only here, it is now.

According to About.com, a black hole is created when an object with large mass undergoes gravitational collapse, causing its mass to be compressed into a small amount of space. Once a black hole is created, nothing can escape from its border, including light.

Resulting in a deformation of space-time, its event horizon is an undetectable border, which marks the edge of the black hole according to Wikipedia.com.

After forming, a black hole will continue to suck in anything that gets close to it, such as planets and stars. In this way the black hole continues to grow larger and larger.

Prior to the LHC being fired up again, on Feb. 20, 2010, death threats were issued to CERN scientists and theoretical physicists by people claiming that the risk of a black hole creation was too high to be ignored.

CERN should have listened.

While CERN discounted the possibility of the creation of a black hole, now that we've been devoured by one you may be wondering what happens now. I'll put it to you simply using the words of R.E.M. — it's the end of the world as we know it and I feel fine!

Should you be displeased with that answer, here are two popular theories regarding the fate of the Earth after this oh-so-tragic occurrence.

The first is that we won't know we're in a black hole until the effects start taking place because information can't escape a black hole. Once we start to feel the effects, we'll all be running around, screaming hysterically like chickens with our heads cut off. Aren't you excited?

"Eventually, however, the person would start to feel the forces," according to Eric Bland in a Sept. 10, 2008 Discovery.com article. "The huge differences in gravity in the black hole would slowly stretch a person out while simultaneously compressing his or her sides. Eventually, a person would stretch out like a strand of spaghetti."

Should we survive, we will end up being immortal as time will essentially stop. I promise, this is not a good thing. We, as spaghetti strand

things, are going to have an awful time adjusting to the new us. This occurrence will affect everything; we will live as spaghetti strand things in a world of unending blankness.

When asked how a spaghetti strand populace might alter the "Green and Beyond" initiative at Guilford College, Vice President for Enrollment Services Randy Doss replied:

"Spaghetti and Beyond will be our new theme."

The second theory is singularity. Gravitational singularity is the region of the black hole where the curvature of space-time becomes infinite.

Once we fall into this gravitational singularity, which is unavoidable, we will be crushed to infinite density, while our mass adds to the black hole, according to Wikipedia.com.

My only response to the singularity theory is this: OH GOD, OH GOD, WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE!

Now then, on to the bad part: we're either going to be immortal spaghetti strand things in a timeless void or we're going to sacrifice our bodies in order to feed this life-stealing black hole we're in. Either way, the remainder of our existence on earth will be spent in eternal oblivion. THANKS CERN!

## Toyota unveils fecal-powered car

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At last week's auto show, Toyota unveiled their newest pioneering car, seeking to revolutionize the industry once again. This time it is not with solar panels or a 50 mile-per-gallon fuel economy. Rather, it is a car that has an intricate system of enhancing comfort on the road, while recycling human bodily waste in order to create electricity.

"The Toilus is the ultimate car for energy efficiency and comfort," said Toyota's President Katsuaki Watanabe. "Not only will we be helping the environment, but we will be maximizing relief on the road."

According to Toyota, this will provide for a more leisurely drive that will appeal to both long trips and commuting. The Toilus will be complete with a toilet under each seat, with remote controls that open, close and remove the under-clothing of the passenger.

"It's great because I can just continue driving and not worry about pulling down my pants," said Washington, D.C., commuter Frederick Johnson. "The best part is probably the fact that it has an automatic washer."

The Toilus is not only taking consumers by storm, but it is also reaching the interest of major corporations and organizations. News Corporation, the parent company of numerous media companies such as Fox News, has received influence from the new car. They are considering going on a carbon-neutral campaign, but it is still unclear whether they will.

"Often when I wake up, I have to go to the bathroom," explained News

Corporation Chief Executive Rupert Murdoch. "Now I can get up 10 minutes later. Not only that, I usually have to go again in 30 minutes due to my sphincter problem. With the Toilus, my car ride experience is much more satisfying."

The car was inspired by a long-known concept that fecal matter can be turned into electricity. The car's intricate system revolves around extracting methane to use for fuel.

As the waste produced by the passengers is flushed down the toilet, it travels into a tank where the water and solids separate. This stresses the feces, where the solid waste is sticky and soft, which is called "sludge." The sludge then goes into a fermenting stage and decays, producing methane. The methane is then produced into gas in an oxygen-free process, generating heat.

One of Toyota's first promotion strategies is to quell the idea of an unwanted smell.

"The smell shouldn't be a problem," said a spokesman for Toyota. "We took that into consideration. The only thing that we can't guarantee is the odor that might emit from your own bowels."

Bumper stickers are also being sold to promote the car. Such bumper stickers read "S\*\*\* Happens," or "Don't like my driving? Call 1-800-EAT\*\*\*\*."

Toyota may very well define the future of energy-efficient cars. Only time will tell how successful the Toilus will be. But, by the looks of it, defecation may be new the face of automobiles.