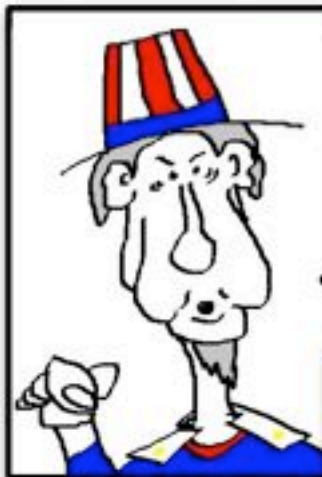


MANY YEARS AGO, THE COMMANDER IN CHEF COMBINED HIS PASSIONS OF POLITICS AND GLUTTONY TO FORM THE KITCHEN FORUM OF IDEAS. IN ORDER TO CREATE NEW, FRESH, COMPLEX AND CONTROVERSIAL DEBATES, HE ASSEMBLED A GROUP OF SKILLED POLITICIANS HE CALLS THE IRON CANDIDATES!



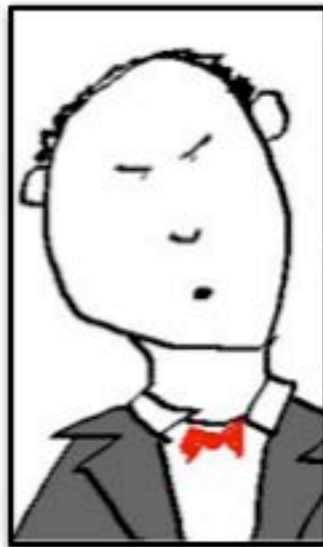
MANY CHALLENGERS WILL COME TO MY KITCHEN TO BATTLE MY IRON CANDIDATES. THE SECRET THEME INGREDIENT THAT I CHOOSE WILL MAKE THE DEBATE WORTHY OF MY DESIRES AND TASTES. MANY WANT THE GLORY BUT FEW CAN MATCH MY IRON CANDIDATES IN THE 60 MINUTE BATTLE.

POLITICAL SATIRE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS ARE DELIVERED HERE!

**IRON CANDIDATE**

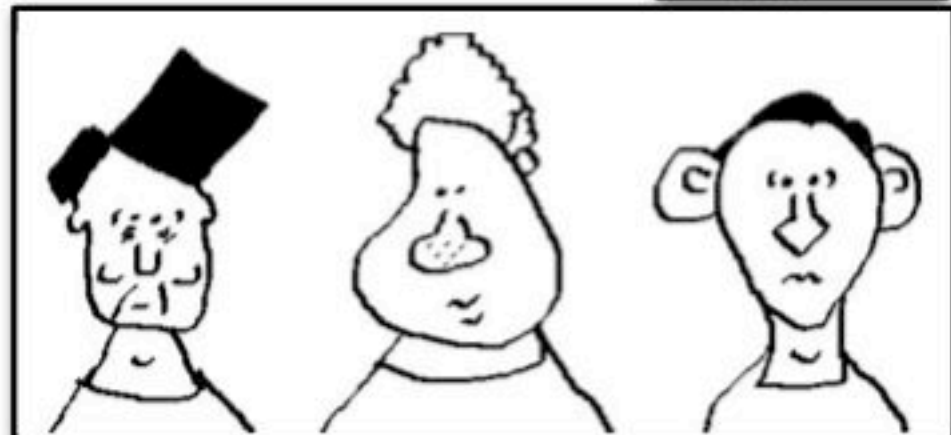
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WHO ARE THE  
COMMANDER  
IN CHEF'S  
IRON  
CANDIDATES?

IRON  
CANDIDATE  
RAY GUNN,  
IRON  
CANDIDATE  
CLINN TONN  
AND IRON  
CANDIDATE  
GORGE  
AMBUSH!



RAY GUNN

CLINN TONN

GORGE AMBUSH

*IN THE KITCHEN ARENA, CHALLENGERS WILL DO BATTLE TO CREATE MEMORABLE NATIONAL POLICY TO BE JUDGED BY THEIR PEERS. EACH CHALLENGER MUST USE THE SECRET INGREDIENT TO COOK UP A WINNING NATIONAL STRATEGY ON AN IMPORTANT ISSUE. IF A CHALLENGER DEFEATS AN IRON CANDIDATE, HIS FAME AND STATUS WILL REACH ICONIC LEVELS! WHAT DOES THE COMMANDER HAVE IN STORE FOR US TODAY? WHAT WILL BE PUT ON THE FRONT BURNER?! TURN UP THE OVEN, BECAUSE THE DEBATE IS ON!!!!*



# IRON CANDIDATE

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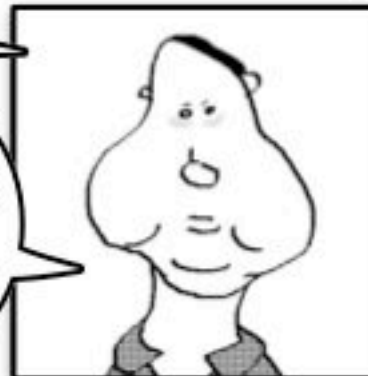
TODAY'S CHALLENGER IS THE PROTOTYPICAL PERSON, USING A CAREER IN ENTERTAINMENT TO CROSS OVER INTO THE BLOOD SPORT OF POLITICS. HE WILL BE SURELY TESTED TODAY BECAUSE HE WILL HAVE TO THINK ON HIS FEET. WELCOME, FORMER SENATOR AND ACTOR DEAD STOMP GUMS

STOMP GUMS, YOU WILL BE TESTED TODAY. WHO WILL BE YOUR TEACHER?

NICE SET Y'ALL GOT HERE.

IN ORDER TO WIN IT ALL, I HAVE TO TAKE DOWN THE OLD MAN---RAY GUNN!

IT'S THE TEFLON CANDIDATE TODAY!





IRON CANDIDATE RAY GUNN IS UNDEFEATED IN KITCHEN ARENA. TODAY'S CHALLENGER PRETENDS TO BE HIS HEIR APPARENT. LET'S SEE THE COMMANDER'S CHOICE OF WEAPON TODAY FOR THIS COUP ET TAT!



TWO CONSERVATIVES POISED FOR BATTLE. IF MEMORY SERVES ME RIGHT, WE HAVE BEEN MEAT AND BONES HEAVY IN THE PAST FEW SHOWS. SO I WILL DO THE UNEXPECTED!

A VEGETABLE BATTLE PERHAPS?

THE THEME FOR TODAY'S BATTLE IS WILLOW!



WHAT THE HELL IS A WILLOW?

SO YOUR TASK IS TO COMPLETE AS MANY THEME DISHES TO IMPRESS THE JUDGES IN 60 MINUTES. NOW, BEGIN!



AH, HUNTERORI-SAN, DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THE THEME INGREDIENT TODAY?



RAY GUNN SEEMS IN BAD MOOD AND STOMP GUMS SEEMS CONFUSED.

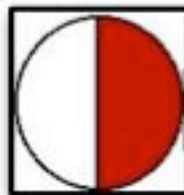
WELL, HUNTERORI-SAN, ANY INFORMATION FROM YOUR RESEARCH?

BOY, THE  
INTERNET  
MUST BE  
DOWN OR  
SOMETHING.  
BUT IF I  
REMEMBER  
THE  
OUTDOORS I  
THINK A  
WILLOW IS A  
TREE.

I NEED  
A  
CLOSER  
LOOK.



HUNTERORI-  
SAN, I WILL  
OBTAIN A  
FEW  
BRANCHES  
FOR YOUR  
INSPECTION



30 MINUTES  
HAVE ELAPSED.

O'DUH,  
REPORT!

WELL, I HAVE  
ROLLED UP  
SOME LEAVES,  
AND TO BE  
HONEST, I AM  
GETTING NO  
BUZZ HERE.

THIS COULD  
BE A RIGHT  
WING  
CONSPIRACY.



'THE CHALLENGER HAS OUT A BOOK, AND THE IRON CANDIDATE APPEARS TO HAVE GONE OVER TO THE FREEZER.'



PANDA, PERHAPS?



"BOTH HAVE WILLOW BRANCHES NOW."



WELL, D'UH.

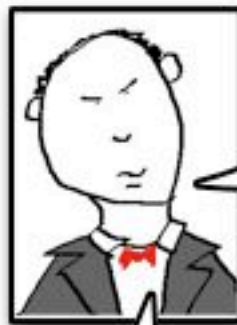


FIVE MINUTE WARNING

IF THESE WERE CAT TAILS I'D GIVE YOU A BEATING.



DON'T GIVE OUR CRAZY LEADER ANOTHER WEIRD IDEA. THIS BATTLE WILLOW IS OVER!



NOW FOR THE MOMENT OF TRUTH -- POLLING AND SPIN.



NOW LET'S INTRODUCE OUR JUDGES FOR TASTING.

SPEECH WRITER HACK PUKECANNON, FOOTBALL PLAYER, HEX GROSSHAM, AND DEATH!

LET'S DINE ON THE PAIN OF OTHERS.



DEATH?

FIRST THE DISHES OF THE CHALLENGER



WELL (MUMBLE MUMBLE), IN NEED A RE-WRITE HERE. I AM NOT MUCH OF A COOK, BUT I AM NOT A COWARD EITHER. I CAME TO FACE THE SHADOW OF THE MAN WHO IS IN MY WAY.

THE FIRST DISH IS WILLOW SOUP, WILLOW BRANCHES STEWED IN WATER. THEN, I PUT SOME LEAVES INTO A BLUE BERRY MUFFIN. IT JUST SEEMED A CONSERVATIVE ROUTE TO TAKE. I MEAN WHAT THE HELL IS A WILLOW ANYWAY? BUT MY FINAL DISH IS ...





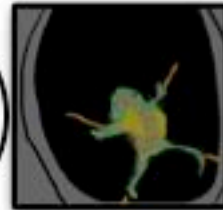
NEXT THE DISHES OF THE IRON CANDIDATE, RAY GUNN



FIRST, I THOUGHT 'WEeping WILLOW,' OR CRYING, SO I THOUGHT OF ONION SOUP OF MY YOUTH IN ILLINOIS. WARM HARDY.



NEXT, I USED THE BARK TO GRILL WHOLE FROGS IN A WETLAND FASHION.



AND LASTLY, TREES HAVE SAP, SO I THOUGHT MAPLE SYRUP SO I MADE PANCAKES FOR DESSERT. THIS IS A STORY OF MIDWEST BOGS COMING HOME TO ROOST.



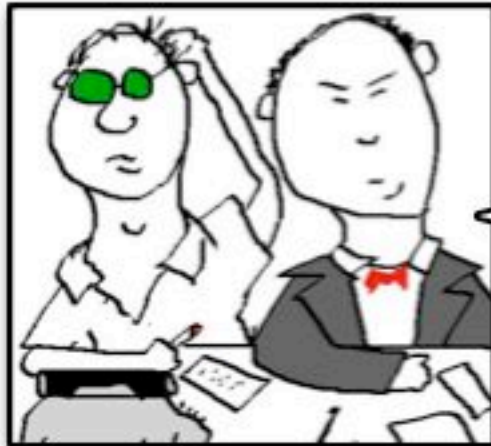
WELL, RAY GUNN'S DISHES HAD A BELIEVABLE STORY ATTACHED TO HIS WORK. I ENJOYED EVERY CORNPONE MOMENT OF IT. EXCELLENT.

HEY, DEATH, HE'S BEGINNING TO STINK.



INTERCEPTION!! OF HIS SOUL, HAHAH!

HE WAS THAT WAY BEFORE TODAY.

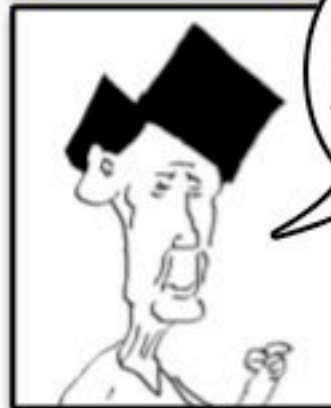


I GUESS THIS IS THE MOMENT OF JUDGMENT AND SHAME, BUT WE APPARENTLY LOST ONE JUDGE DURING THE LAST SEGMENT. NOW THE COMMANDER IN CHEF WITH THE VERDICT FROM THIS INQUEST.



WHEN I GAVE YOU THIS THEME, WILLOW, I KNEW IT WAS GOING TO BE TOUGH. BUT AMERICA NEEDS TOUGH LEADERS IN TIME OF CRISIS! YOU MUST BE UP TO ANY TASK!

TODAY'S VICTOR MET THAT CHALLENGE WITHOUT EXCUSES. BATTLE WILLOW GOES TO  
--  
RAY GUNN!



ANOTHER VICTORY FOR THE AMERICAN WAY.

WELL SAID.

JOIN US NEXT TIME FOR ANOTHER EXCITING BATTLE HERE ON IRON CANDIDATE!

