

IRON CANDIDATE

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Four years ago, the Commander in Chef decided to combine his passions of politics and gluttony. So he created Kitchen Forum of Ideas.

In order to create new, exciting, complex and controversial debates, the Commander assembled a group of skilled politicians, and he called them his IRON CANDIDATES...



Iron Candidate
RAY GUNN...



Iron Candidate
CLINN
TONN...



Iron Candidate
GORGE
AMBUSH...



Kitchen Arena is the forum where challengers come to do battle, create memorable policy, and be judged by their peers. Each challenger has an hour to use the theme ingredient to cook up a winning national policy statement. If ever a challenger defeats an Iron Candidate, his fame and status shall rise to immortality in history! What does the Commander have for us today? What issue will be put to the forefront? Turn up the heat-- the Debate is On!!!

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Throughout today's battle, we will have the expert commentary of Dr. Hunterori and floor reporter O'Duh.



And now, the Commander---
If Memory serves me well, when in the majority then lose power to become the minority leader is a bitter taste to a politician.



*... So today's challenger is the minority leader, a man on a mission to regain his place in society--
DASH SHOVEL!!!*



Welcome to my Kitchen Forum. It is no different than Capitol Hill. I expect no filibuster today, sir. Just a good, tasty, clean fight. Which Iron Candidate do you summon for battle????!!!

The man who cost me my job.... RAY GUNN!!!



It's the IRON CANDIDATE RAY GUNN !! He has been called the Teflon President because no scandal could ever stick to him. He lead the conservative revolution to power. This is a classic grudge match in the making.



For today's battle, I go to the heart and soul of the struggle between the executive and majority leader. So today's theme ingredient is:



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**PORK
BARREL
POLITICS!!!!**



Pork parts and political promises. This should be a battle!

**IF YOU CAN'T STAND
THE HEAT, GET
OUT OF MY
KITCHEN!!!!!**



GO!!!!!!!



The contestants are off to the stage to gather pork parts for their dishes. Hunterori-san, you thoughts on the opening salvo by the Commander?



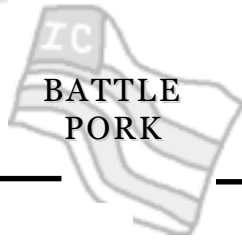
This is Ray Gunn's first battle in Kitchen Forum of Ideas. He was the Great Debater; can he be considered a Great Cook?

Spending was not his strong suit.



This is what Iron Candidate is all about. Testing the political wills and skills of the most powerful men in America for our collective entertainment.





We are back at Kitchen Forum. The Commander has chosen Pork as today's theme ingredient.

O'Duh has a report.

YES, MR. SHOVEL HAS PROMISED THE AUDIENCE SIX DISHES FOR TODAY'S DIVERSE BATTLE. I BELIEVE THAT WOULD BE A FORUM RECORD.



One must not bite off more than one can chew. Six plates is quite a balancing act for a challenger. Dash may be shoveling a lot of horse rhetoric.



I am salting this pork roast like I will be assaulting the positions of my opponent. Mercilessly.

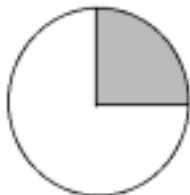


Ray Gunn-san has an interesting cooking device on high heat.



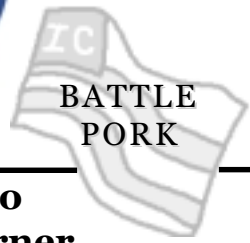
THE IRON CANDIDATE HAS BUILT A BLAZING CHARCOAL FIRE AND PUT ALL HIS BITS INTO A DUTCH OVEN.

HE THEN COVERED THE TOP WITH HOT COALS. THIS IS ANOTHER FIRST AT THE FORUM.



15 Minutes Have Elapsed.

Is this why some
call Gunn-san
Dutch?
What will
he do next?



Toast
marshmallows.



Now let's get back to
the challenger's corner....



Clever this
Old Man....

Don't try
this at
home kids!

*Dash is welding that cleaver like a
mad man. He should be mad! He
lost an election and his post as the
Big Tuna in Congress.*



Wait a minute--- it looks like
Gunn-san has taken, taken a
NAP? In the middle of battle?

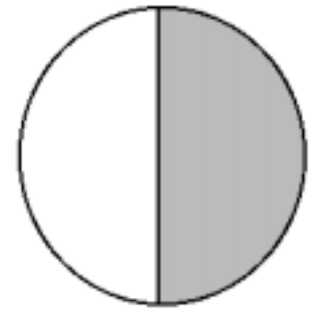


*That is over confidence or arrogance
at its fullest, boldest conservative
moment.*

**That is the hallmark of the Iron
Candidate, Ray Gunn-san.**

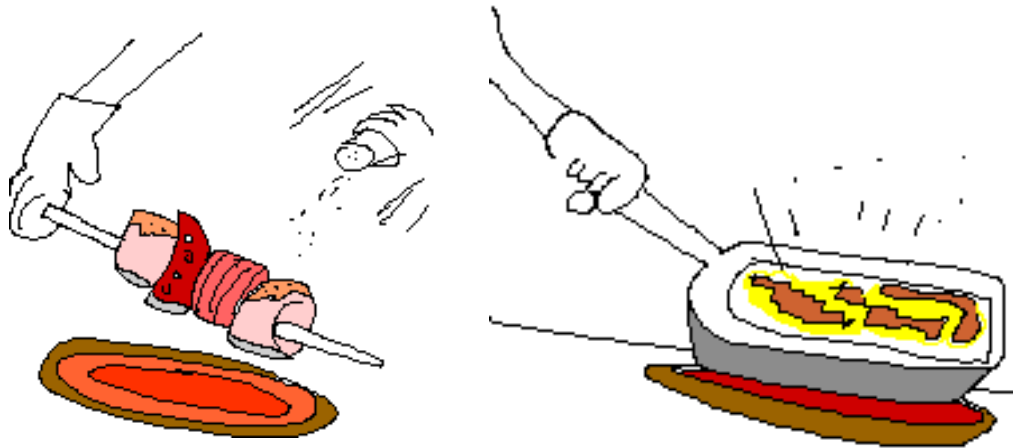


**30 Minutes
Have Elapsed.**

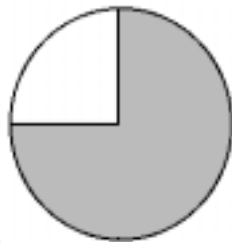


**Let's go to O'Duh for a report on
Shovel-san....**

THE CHALLENGER IS WORKING TWO BURNERS AT THE SAME TIME. A PIG SNOUT KABOB, HEAVILY FLAVORED WITH CURRY AND NOW PEPPER. ON THE OTHER HAND, BACON BEING FRIED ON HIGH HEAT.



**45 Minutes
Have Elapsed.**



**The challenger
continues to work to
complete his ambitious set of
dishes while the Iron Candidate
continues to sleep... no, he has
opened his eyes and is pouring
rice into the Dutch Oven.**

The old man had a plan after all...





I don't deny that I have special interests like this troll helping me.



But here is my big finish, what this Battle is all about. My famous Greenback Salad. This will surely win over any person on the panel. Cold, crisp, fresh cash. This is the fuel that keeps the people coming back to the table called Congress. I used to be head chef at this pork trough. I want it back and I will do anything to win.



I CAN REPORT THAT SHOVEL-SAN WILL FALL SHORT ON HIS BOAST OF SIX THEME DISHES FOR TODAY'S BATTLE ROYALE.



**One Minute To Go!!
One Minute!**

Thank you, O'Duh. GUNN-SAN will carry only one dish to the table. Hunterori-san, will that be enough?

NOT IF I WAS EATING, ERRRRR JUDGING...



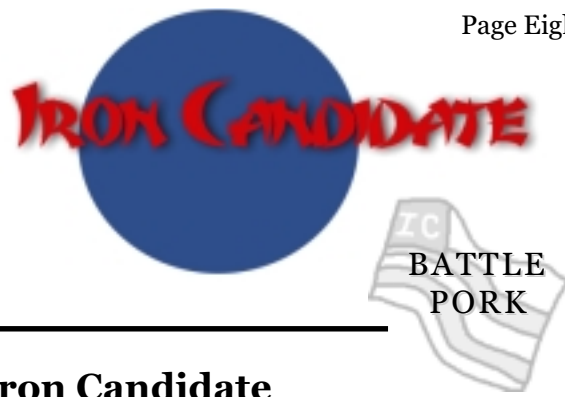
Mad Dash to the finish . . .

Three, two, one.....

Tme is up--- the Pork Barrel Battle is now OVER!!!!

After 60 minutes of Battle, our competitors have completed their theme dishes. Let us review their Pork Barrel presentations:

First, the challenger. Dash Shovel has made Pig Snout Kabobs, Curry & Pepper flavor. Next, Crispy Bacon de Jour, symbolic of the backstabbing backdoor deals a leader must make. Third, the main dish, Pork Roast Congress, a large piece of meat smothered in ethnic flavors. To end the meal, Greenbacks Salad, sure to influence the panelists.



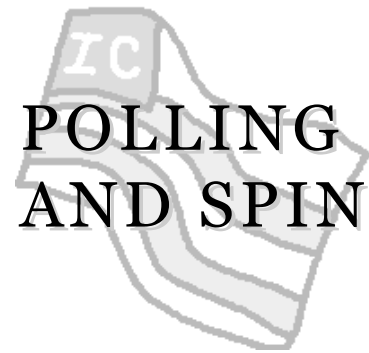
Iron Candidate surprised us with only one dish, Dutch Oven Stew... all the parts of the pig are stewed together to blend a diverse harmony of flavor. At the end he added rice to soak up all the juicy gravy and vegetable stock used to create this signature, understated theme of his administration.



And now, the Moment of Truth. **POLLING AND SPIN.** On today's judging panel . . .

Chef Emerald Lasagna; pop singer Brittany Spare Rib; and Sumo wrestler Fatjo.





First, the challenger....



I have prepared for you a platform that includes everyone because that is my vision of America. Pork snout, a lower class food, leads my presentation because no one should be left behind. Next, crisp bacon because it crosses both the upper class and field workers on the plantation table. The main theme, the roast, seasoned with every ethnic flavor I could find. Lastly, the Greenback salad, a staple in the Congressional dining room. Enjoy.

***Thank you.
The panel may begin
the challenger's menu.***

I understand what he is trying to say on his plates, but I think he had too much spice content. In fact, it burned most of the snout and roast. Some people like char, but the whole meal left me with the taste of tar in my mouth. Good try.

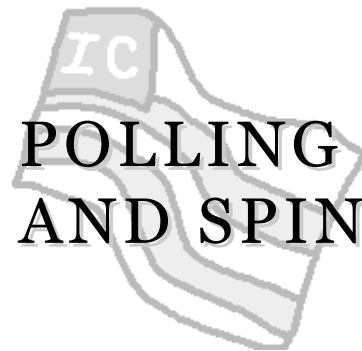


The black-eyed peas with the roast dish tasted like marbles. It hurt my teeth. And the salad made me, how can I put this properly, hmmm, uncomfortable. I mean, really, why \$50 bills? It's sort of weak statement if you ask me.



I agree, why skimp with just \$50s. When I train for a major domo, I have to eat properly. With so many flavors trying to fit into the mix, they canceled each other out and made a mess of things, I think. I ate everything because I was hungry. I'm a hungry boy.





Next, the Iron Candidate . . .

Now, well, you know . . . I believe the simple things can create great things. Small things together can conquer big things. So when I went about this event, I went back to my days as a cowboy riding the ranges of this great land. America is still the world's melting pot. So I took all the bits and pieces of this noble animal and simmered them in an old fashion Dutch Oven, just like the cow hands did in my youth. Just before the time was up, I added rice to represent the new immigrants who have come to America for its diverse opportunity, its vast resources, its growing wealth, and its international reputation for stability and honor. I am honored to present to you, my fellow panelists, the Melting Pot of America, my special creation which I hope will warm both your hearts and minds to the greatness that is our America.



Thank you, Ray Gunn-san. The panel may begin the Iron Candidate's menu.

Wham bam thank you Man... this has all the flavors of the pork in its own mellow juices. And the rice is just out of this world. Outstanding.



It had balance. It had a little of everything for everyone's individual's tastes.

Sometimes the old out of fashion ways work well. Except for my diva clothes.-

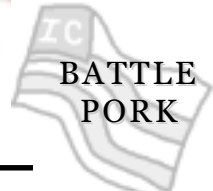


Rice is the mother food of the world. This was the mother of all dishes. Can I have more?



The judges will have cast their votes. Whose presentation will reign supreme in Kitchen Forum of Ideas?

Now, the Moment of Truth.



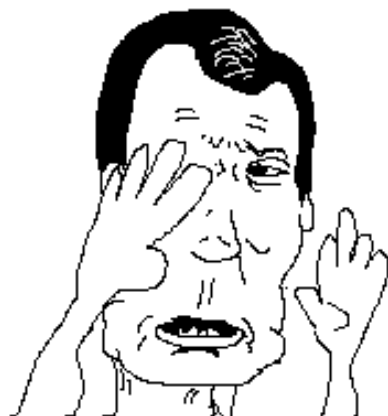
Today, quality met quantity. The redistribution of resources was the underlying theme of today's battle. I found the different roads of making each player's point an exciting match. As in life, there can only be one winner. That's means a bitter defeat for one of our warriors. Gentlemen, the panel has spoken clearly.



Strong words from the Commander in Chef. It was another big stakes battle. Pork... the staple of government. Who will control today's purse strings, who will reign Supreme?



IT IS THE IRON CANDIDATE, RAY GUNN!!!!



An other victory for an Iron Candidate!
Another defeat against a rival.
MORE BATTLES TO COME!
Join us soon for another exciting episode of IRON CANDIDATE™