

Game openings: Gunboat, Snowball Fighting.  
August 5, 1985 (512) 343-8202

Don't forget about DIPCON in Seattle on the weekend of August 23-25, as well as RazorCon in Pasadena TX on the weekend of August 17-18. For DIPCON info write to Pete Gaughan at 3121 East Park Row #171A, Arlington TX 76010, and for RazorCon info write James Early at 3705 Uruguay Dr., Pasadena TX 77504. The name of the Houston event is NOT "Texas DipCon."

This issue has (in this order): Hobby news, PP, George Will, ZWILNIKS, and a letter column. No Gonzo as of this printing, but my mail never came today, so I may end up printing it separately. The second game of Gunboat has opened and will be named as of August 16, so send in those suggestions. If you are interested in playing Snowball Fighting let me know by the 16th as well. I lost the list, and as I remember it I only had 3 entries anyway. If I get four I will open a game.

#### HOBBY NEWS

I hear that DW is actually out and in the hands of subbers. Since I paid for a First Class sub, and I still don't have a copy I can only assume these are vicious rumors perpetrated by my enemies in retaliation for my 'folded' remark a while back. Again, I will believe it when I see it.

In the meantime, two more new zines to report on. First, for those of you who are politically motivated and like to mouth off about it (Freudian Oral fixates), there is Pommes mit Mayo published by Scott Hanson and Frauke Petersen, 2626 Stevens Ave., Minneapolis MN 55408. It is strictly a letter column and is dedicated to international politics, with opinions from some Europeans who are subbing. Subs are 35- per issue. The first issue, numbered #51, had comments on Nicaragua, SDI, terrorism, a speech by the West German President, and a write up in MinnCon. Well, there had to be some Dip in it. It should be interesting if they can keep the conversation going without any games to carry over the readership. It is good that the Europeans will participate, except that whatever they say will be taken as representative of all of Europe, which is obviously not necessarily true. I will be trading for the zine, and commenting as well.

In addition I got a sample from Mark Lew of his exsubzine benzene. He has some interesting ideas about economics, child abuse, Reagan, and various other issues and if you can get through his lack of page numbers and the total absence of CAPITAL LETTERS, then you will find it enjoyable. He dedicated about a page griping about the use of 'that' instead of 'which' or 'who' and did the entire thing in lower case. I hope to trade for BZ (HAHAHA) as well.

#### PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS NOTES

DUE NEXT TURN: (FF only-)

Media bids and Spotlight issues in North Plains; declare candidacy in California and Ohio; maintain whatever organizations that you have already set up; seven days travel. Possible issues: Fair Housing on 1 or higher; Energy Mobilization on 8 or higher.

TIME FACTOR NOW STANDS AT: 48 (FF) and (HPG)  
NEXT DATE TO CHECK THE DJIA: August 16, 1985  
DEADLINE: (FF) August 22, 1985

# PENNSYLVANIA

## LARZELERE WINS BIG DESPITE LAST MINUTE PUSH BY HALVERSTADT

CANDIDATE	JIM	PETE	JAKE	MARK	STEPHEN
ISSUES:					
Wind II	-152	+279	+279	+279	-152
IDB	+183	+183	+183	-447	+183
MX Missile	? 97	+193	+193	+193	-619
Oil Import	?	+	+	+	-
SPOTLIGHT ISSUE ----		Wind II	Wind II	IDB	MX
VISITS:days/votes					
Philadelphia			4.7/241	3/154	1.6/ 82
Pittsburgh			1.8/108	2/119	
N.E. Penn			.9/ 30	1/ 33	
Allentown				1/ 45	.4/ 18
Harrisburg			1 / 43		
Lancaster			1 / 35		
ORGANIZATION:					
weeks/votes 4(-3)/ 70	----	4(-1)/243	5/341	4/322	
MOMENTUM BONUS:		260	260	260	
MEDIA:					
Votes				520	
number/cost				2/ 87	
TOTAL VOTES:	502	871	1781	2607	1852
PERCENTAGE:	6.59	11.44	23.40	34.24	24.32
DELEGATES:	12	21	43	64	45
CFP GAINED:	-0-	-0-	32	85	33
BALANCE	<72>	<12>	625	584	669
This week					
SPENT	-0-	-0-	<39>	<209>	<24>
GAINED	-0-	-0-	32	85	33
BALANCE	<72>	<12>	618	460	678
Available Funds	-0-	-0-	708	550	768
TRAVEL:					
DAY 1	*	*	Philly	Philly	Norfolk
DAY 2	*	*	Philly	"	"
DAY 3	*	*	Harris	"	"
DAY 4	*	*	Lancstr	Pitts	"
DAY 5	*	*	St. Paul	"	"
DAY 6	*	*	"	NEPenn	Richmond
DAY 7	*	*	"	Allentn	"
ORGANIZATIONS:					
North Plains	N	N	4	2	N
Texas	4(-3)	N	N	N	N
Virginia	2(-3)	N	3	N	1
Michigan	2(-3)	N	N	N	N
Rocky Mountains	N	N	1	N	N
DECLARED FOR:					
Texas	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Virginia	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Michigan	N	N	Y	Y	N
Maryland	N	N	Y	Y	N
TOTAL DELEGATES:	260	313	348	521	451

# PENNSYLVANIA

## HARE WINS; YOUNG CLOSES TEXAS CAMPAIGN OFFICE

CANDIDATE	DAVE	TY	JAMES	DAN
ISSUES:				
Nuke	-220	+532	-220	-220
Dom Spend	-306	+274	-306	+274
Chrysler	-165	-165	-165	+596
Food Stamps-	-	+	+	
MX Missile	+	-	-	-
Oil Import	?	?	-	-
SPOTLIGHT ISSUE	----	Nuke	Dom Spend	Chrysler
VISITS: days/votes				
Philadelphia		3/292	1.9/185	
Pittsburgh		2/157	.9/ 70	
N.E. Penn			1/ 63	
Allentown		.5/ 21	1/ 42	
Harrisburg		.5/ 14	1/29	
York		.5/ 36		
Lancaster		.5/ 35		
ORGANISATION:				
weeks/votes	5/341	4/322	3/353	3/341
MOMENTUM BONUS:		260	260	
MEDIA:				
votes	-0-	260	260	-0-
Number/cost	-0-	1/ 87	1/ 87	-0-
TOTAL VOTES:	1032	2368	1953	1431
PERCENTAGE:	15.21	34.91	28.79	21.09
DELEGATES:	13	29	24	17
CFP GAINED:	-0-	84	38	28
BALANCE	26	335	188	491
This Week				
SPENT	<49>	<136>	<161>	<49>
GAINED	-0-	84	38	28
BALANCE	<23>	283	65	470
Available Funds	-0-	373	155	560
TRAVEL:				
DAY 1	*	Philly	NEPenn	Frigo/Linc
DAY 2	*	"	Allen	Tpka/Dulth
DAY 3	*	Pittsbgy	Philly	Wichita
DAY 4	*	"	Harris	Omaha
DAY 5	*	Alln/Wrrs	Houston	Minniapls
DAY 6	*	York/Lanc	San Ant	"
DAY 7	*	Philly	Austin	"
ORGANIZATIONS:				
North Plains	N	2	1	1
Texas	4	N	4	2(-1)
Virginia	3	1	N	2
Michigan	N	N	2	N
Kentucky	3	N	N	N
California	3	N	1	N
DECLARED FOR:				
North Plains	Y	Y	Y	Y
Texas	Y	Y	Y	Y
Virginia	Y	Y	Y	Y
Michigan	N	N	Y	Y
Maryland	N	N	N	Y
TOTAL DELEGATES:	191	314	297	227

## DEMOCRATS

Senator Mark Larzelere, the delegate leader for the Democrats, rode a strong media presence and the International Development Bank issue to victory in Pennsylvania today. Colorado Governor Jake Halverstadt made a strong last minute push in visiting 3 more cities before heading to St. Paul. The effort fell far short when it became apparent that Larzelere was willing to purchase the media necessary to guarantee victory. Senator Wilcox of Texas had little hope in the eastern industrial state, and except for his opposition to MX missile fund cuts he drew only token support.

The Pennsylvania campaign was the last gasp for the efforts of former Governor Gaughan of California. He had hoped to pull in enough donations here to enter the California primary, but he fell 9% short of receiving funds. Rhode Island's Jim Burgess has ceased all his campaign activities, although he has not stated who he will be endorsing at the convention.

All three of the remaining Democrats have enough money to last them through the rest of the primary season, although the leader is presently the most vulnerable. Larzelere only has one-third the number of delegates necessary to sew up the nomination, so it appears that there will be a convention fight. All the delegates are bound on the first ballot to vote for their stated candidate. At the moment a Larzelere/Wilcox ticket could control enough delegates to take the nomination. Wilcox, however, could possibly form a coalition with both Burgess and Gaughan and win the top spot on the ticket for himself. Anything at all is still possible from this point.

## REPUBLICANS

Former California senator Ty Bare took a large step toward securing the nomination today as he won the Pennsylvania primary by six points over Senator Wall of Wisconsin. Dan Young shocked his opponents today by closing his Texas campaign office. Word that the office had closed leaked out early this week amid rumors of financial difficulties in the Young campaign. The rumors proved to be false when FEC records showed Young to be the healthiest of the Republican candidates at this point with almost 200 CFPs more than delegate leader Hare. No explanation of the incident has been given by the candidate.

One candidate that is now in financial straits is Wall. After this weeks activity he is left with only 65 CFP, which will carry his current organizations for only one more week. He is expected to enter the California race, but since it is a winner take all primary he would have little chance of helping his cause any without the money to win. Congressman Frick of Texas has already spent himself out of the race, and with only 191 delegates at this point it will be difficult for him to gain a spot on any ticket. If the convention were held today Frick still couldn't help any other candidate over the 50% mark. He is, however, entered in two more primaries, including his home state of Texas. Unfortunately, since Texas is an open primary state, Texans are much more likely to vote in the still viable campaign of Democrat Stephen Wilcox, also a native son.

The Republicans appear headed for a Hare/Young ticket, which is geographically very weak. For that reason, Wall still cannot be counted out.

# GEORGE WILL

## SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUSTRIA	Vie, Tri, bud-----	2 -1
ENGLAND	Home, Nwy, BEL-----	5 +1
FRANCE	Rome, SPA, POR, mun-----	5 -1
GERMANY	Ber, Kis, Hol, MUN, den-----	4 --
ITALY	Home, TUN-----	4 --
RUSSIA	Home, Rum, Swe, DEN, BUD-----	8 +2
TURKEY	Home, Bul, SER, GRE-----	6 +2

BEL, SER, AND GRE WERE NEUTRAL LAST YEAR

## AUTUMN 1902

Austria retreats Army Bud - TRI  
 France retreats Army Munich OTB  
 Germany retreats Fleet Bel - HOL

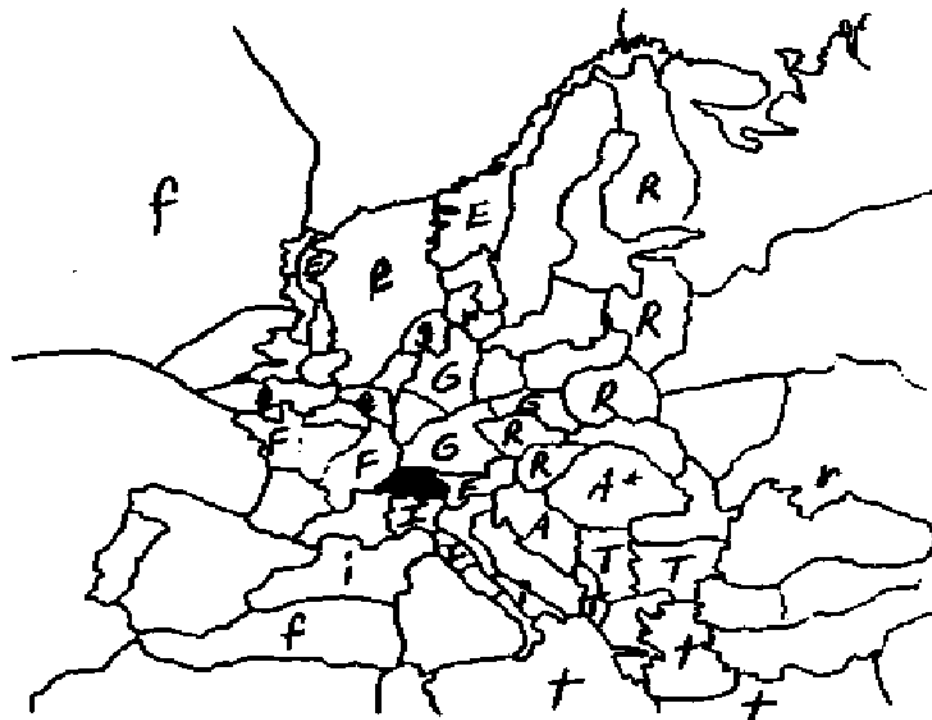
## WINTER 1902

AUSTRIA Remove Fleet Albania  
 ENGLAND Build Army Edinburgh  
 RUSSIA Build Army Moscow, Army Warsaw  
 TURKEY Build Army Constantinople, Fleet Smyrna

## SPRING 1903

AUSTRIA A Vie - BUD(A TRI S)  
 ENGLAND A EDI H, A NWY H, F ENG - Mid, F Nwy - NTH(F BEL S)  
 FRANCE A BRE H, A BUR - Bel, F WES - Mid, F Mid - NAO, A TYO S  
Aus A VIE (OTH)  
 GERMANY A Ber - SIL(A MUN S), A KIE - Den, F Hol - HEL  
 ITALY A Tus - PIE, A Ven - TUS, F Tyh - LYO, F Adr - APU  
 RUSSIA A WAR - Sil, F DEN H, F Rum - SEV, A Mos - LIV, A Stp -  
FIN, A Gal - VIE(A BOH S, A Bud S(ret. Gal, Rum, OTB))  
 TURKEY A Con - BUL, A Gre - ALB(A SER S), F Smy - EAS, F ION S  
Pre F Wes - Tun(NSO) (F AEG S)

DEADLINE FOR FALL '03 IS AUGUST 16, 1985



# ZWILNIKS

AUSTRIA, GERMANY BITE THE DUST AS ENGLAND/RUSSIA TURN SOUTH  
FRANCE AND TURKEY STABBED FOR ONE CENTER EACH

AUTUMN 1903

AUSTRIA Retreat F Hol - HEL

FALL 1903

AUSTRIA F Tri H (ret. Adr, OTB)  
ENGLAND F Ska - DEN(F NTH S), F HOL S Rus F Den - KIE, A BEL -  
Bur, F Mid - POR  
FRANCE A PAR - Bur, A Bur - RUH, A Pie - TUS, F Wes - TYH, F NAF  
S F Wes(OTM)  
GERMANY A Boh - GAL, F Hel - Kie(A Mun S(ret. Boh, OTB))  
ITALY F TUN MS F Ion(ret. Adr, Apu, Eas, Nap, OTB), A Ven -  
TRI, A Tyo - MUN  
RUSSIA F Den - KIE(A BER S), A Ser - BUL(F RUM S), A Bud - SER,  
A SIL S Ita A Tyo - MUN(A PRU S), A VIE S Ita A Ven - TRI  
TURKEY A CON - Bul, A Bul - Ser(ret. Gre, OTB), F Gre - ION(F  
ALB, F AEG S)

## SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUSTRIA	vie, tri, bud-----	0 -1
ENGLAND	Home, Nwy, Bel, DEN, HOL, POR-----	8 +3
FRANCE	Home, Spa, por -----	4 -1
GERMANY	ber, kie, hol, mun -----	0 -4
ITALY	Home, Tun, MUN, TRI -----	4 --
RUSSIA	Home, Rum, Swe, BUD, SER, KIE, VIE, BUL, den	12 +4
TURKEY	Home, Gre, bul-----	4 -1

Capitalized centers are retained; ALL Caps are gained; all lower  
case are lost. If this isn't accurate in that respect then I'm  
sorry, but be assured that the centers listed as owned are  
correct.

DEADLINE FOR WINTER BUILDS AND SPRING '04 IS August 29, 1985

## ZWILNIKS PRESS

Turkey Larry's back- Anyone miss him?

GME - Tur Woody must have missed him. If he had hit him he  
wouldn't be back. Silly question.

Sevastopol The Russian government today acted in a way most  
unbecoming a civilized power in its brutal attack on  
Turkey, its former "Loyal Ally." The Russian foreign  
minister stated the rumors about a Turkish move on  
Russia were confirmed by Sidney Riley and Basil 2.

Rus - Fra See Larry, no R/T. I will not allow you to influence  
my decisions.

Rus - Ita I hope you took my support at last.

Rus - Ger Sorry Melinda. Next game I will not listen to that  
Imperialist French Whine.

Turkey What happened to all the abuse Woody was giving poor  
Melinda in early press?



## LETTER COLUMN

In Feuilletonist's Forum #12, Greg commented on my view of the hostage situation, my telegram to President Reagan and he also wrote me the following letter: "I was truly shocked at the irresponsible position you took concerning the recently released hostages- Much more than 40 lives were at stake in Beirut, and with your comment on the 'Macho Moron' President, I won't waste my time trying to explain the importance of our international posture. Instead I will point out the effects of appeasement (in case the lessons of the first two World Wars are completely lost on you). How many more hostage situations will we have to endure? I am not sure if we really capitulated to the terrorist's demands, but they are acting like we did. If it works, do it again- Maybe next time they won't let off the women and children, and maybe kill a few more people. How many lives, in the long run, will saving these forty cost? If you can answer that argument, please do so. I plan an editorial in FF on this, and I think I will include your comments."

I am in closer agreement with Greg than he suspects. My feelings can best be summed up by a letter to the editor in a recent issue of U.S. News and World Report by a William D. Siddens of Amarillo, Texas, who stated, "If the U.S. is the 'Great Satan' as the Ayatollah Khomeini and his gang of assassins think it is, then it is time that they reap the hellfire and damnation of this devil and meet their Allah face to face. It is time that civilized peoples realize that they are dealing with savages who will not compromise to the ideas that form the basis of civilization. If we must stoop into the gutters with these scum, then let us climb down and exterminate the vermin once and for all."

In brief, I, like most Americans, have had enough. What I don't want is big talk from Reagan who is long on warnings and short, if nonexistent, on actions. Indeed his "macho" bluster detained the American captives unnecessarily. Reagan has reversed Roosevelt's maxim by "Speaking loudly and carrying no stick."

My telegram was sent before the captives release and was based on 3 major premises: 1) Israel intended to release the Shiite prisoners anyway and had stated that the US need only ask Israel to release them and they would. (Israel is known, or was until last April, for being the toughest nation on terrorists); 2) I don't value abstract symbolism over human lives when it appeared the choice was between ending the captives' agony or having Reagan, at long last, take responsibility for his actions; and 3) Once the captives were out, and while the anger was remembered, that we take action, preferable in concept with our allies. But this could not be done until the captives were released.

And there is some precedent for acting in concert with allies, or for the US to act alone. Let me mention three of them: 1) The US is a world power today; in 1801 we were not. Yet from 1801 - 1805, Americans routed the Barbary pirates, located in present day Tunisia and Libya and freed American seamen who had been held captive for years. We also paid ransom to ensure their release at the end of that war. And in 1815 we deemed it necessary to send a squadron back to Tripoli (in Libya) to force the Pasha there to stop harassing our people.

2) In 1900, a fanatical group of Chinese fanatics called the Boxers attacked foreigners and the German minister was murdered by them. One of their slogans was: "Protect the country, destroy the foreigner," and Chinese Christians were called "secondary foreign devils," and also murdered. A joint expedition of 20,000 troops, including 2,500 Americans,



intervened to restore order. Reparations were collected, participating officials of the Chinese government punished, arms imports were prohibited for two years, anti-foreign agitation outlawed and the Germans received a formal apology. Troops from the US, Russia, England, France, Germany, and other countries participated in this cleanup.

3) Russia: Americans, Japanese, English, and French intervened in Russia in 1918-1919 to try and restore a non-Communist government and keep Russia in the war. A bad cause, as it turned out, but still a precedent for international cooperation.

I think the West should jointly tell Syria: "You've got one month to clean up the situation in Lebanon. And if you don't, we will." I would dismiss any complaints from Greece or Lebanon about restrictions on their airports. The Greek government is notoriously anti-American, and the Lebanese government, as far as I know, had absolutely nothing to say in condemning the terrorists at the time.

I do disagree with Greg on several points. I do agree the bounty idea is a good idea and that Reagan was not tough enough, especially considering his rhetoric during Carter's situation in Iran. We need a President who is realistic and who lives in the real world; we don't need a Reagan. It is ludicrous to suggest that we are not negotiating with terrorists. Of course we are, and all the world knows that there was a link between the hostages' release and the Shiite release. Those who dispute this are only fooling themselves.

Greg stated: "The largest mistake I have seen made in this affair is the comparison to the Iranian crises ... The two situations are as different as night and day." I agree. We were told in 1979-80, that Teheran was too far away for our force to reach; Beirut is on the sea, easily accessible, at minimum cost to our Navy and Air Force. We were told that in 1979-80, that we were dealing with a government; in Beirut we were dealing with no government, all the more reason to step in -- a lawless situation existed anyway. And if no government could keep order, to me, that is a clear reason to go in.

Greg mentioned appeasement in World Wars I and II. I am aware of no appeasement in World War I. As for World War II, Churchill and had his moments of appeasement. He was perfectly willing to let Italy have her African Empire. He closed the Burma Road under Japanese pressure when that was China's only means of receiving aid from the outside. In an informal deal, he agreed that Rumania would be in Russia's "sphere of influence" in return for Greece being in England's. It's called practical politics or Realpolitik and it is time Americans learned it.

We lost the war in Viet Nam, no matter how many people would deny it today and assert that we got "Peace with Honor." We sheltered nazis after the war. We handed over Russian troops who deserted for freedom back to Stalin and certain death. Our treatment of Indians in this country was a scandal. The lynchings of blacks, especially in the South, should shame us all. But we live in a brutal world and sometimes, like William Siddens, we have to recognize that and deal with it.

And Greg, I am certainly under no illusion that President Reagan even read my telegram, much less being turned off by the last line: "End your selective morality." After all, this is the man who ignored Congress, the majority of the American people, and the feelings of the Holocaust veterans and American veterans, to stubbornly go his own way and go to Bitburg. My telegram was to let whoever at the White house announces what percentage of

telegrams are for and against, that someone was against. And since it only cost me \$6.45 to send it, I'll probably send more--

<<That was Gary Coughlan. First, after seeing the comments that I wrote to Gary in print in two different zines now, they seem rather harsh. I didn't intend for them to be; I only intended to state my vigorous opposition- I can't tell which side Gary is fighting for. It seems that our enemies should be left alone and our allies interfered with. That was Carter's foreign policy to a 'T,' is that a trait common to the deep south?

The type of action that we took in the Barbary coast, China, and to a small extent (too small an extent-) Russia wouldn't be allowed or tolerated by the Democratically controlled Congress. The debacle in Viet Nam has ended our positive intervention, even for good causes like Viet Nam was. An excellent example is Central America. The Salvadorans are doing very well with a truly elected government running things. The Nicaragua sponsored revolution there still hampers the efforts of the government, and that is where our aid helps. Of course, because the government isn't in full control of the situation, there are incidents of barbarism inside the troops. The same happened during the civil war here after the North had won. The liberals want to tie our aid to human rights violations, which only fuels the fires of the rebels. If they can get the US to reduce the aid they can probably succeed in toppling the government.

A few miles south we have Nicaragua. Already possessing the largest army in the region, mostly Soviet supplied, they have been exporting revolution freely. There is also a revolution occurring here with the Contras fighting an oppressive dictatorship. Sure there was an election; would anyone in the US stand for a Presidential election with only one candidate? The liberals want us to leave well enough alone here. Give aid freely to the government of Nicaragua and cut the Contras off completely. Again, help our enemies and chastise our allies.

In one paragraph you criticize Reagan for not acting, then in the next talk about Realpolitik, then again in the next criticize the US cooperation with our Russian ally to return deserting soldiers after WWII. You find fault with the Presidents lack of Diplomacy, yet when he makes a move to tell the German people that they are not going to be continually punished for the atrocities of the Nazis you find fault again. Or do you believe we should berate all the Germans for Hitler's crimes? Which is it Gary? Do we recognize the real world and strike up the best deal we can find, or do we stick by our ideological guns, regardless of circumstance? We have died by our ideology in Viet Nam and Lebanon. Should we be isolationist, or intervene whenever US interests are at stake?

Finally, either write a clever phrase to get the President's personal attention or write a dull "I am for/against" telegram and save your money. I am sure the poor college student or Data processor whose lot in life is to count these things got a real thrill out of your telegram. Why bother with the cute stuff unless you think someone important is going to read it?>>

From Nick Felella:

As far as the political stuff, well, I don't have much to say. The only local races are for some NYC city offices. Koch is running for re-election, but I don't think it has anything to do with the national races. Koch will probably win again because people like his personality, not his politics.

I agree with most of the comments about the hijacking, but would like to make a few comments myself. I don't really believe you think we should have bombed Iran. I don't know if it would have deterred future terrorist acts, but I do think it would have brought us down to their level. You may not agree with this, but I think that bombing Iran would have hurt our own foreign policy. As for back home, I don't remember a majority of Americans were asking for that type of retaliation.

As far as the terrorist groups themselves, some groups do have just causes. That doesn't give them the right to bomb planes, of course. But if we saw to it that they got their rights, we wouldn't have to deal with these problems.

Lastly, about those hard working elected officials. I can't speak for the Texas legislators, but it seems Congressmen and the President have a lot of vacation time to go on fact finding missions to Bermuda.

<<I don't mind being on their level if that is what it takes to communicate with them. Not only do I think we should have bombed Iran during or after the Hostage crises, I think we should have let Patton finish off the Russians in '45, and we should have used the threat of Nuclear weapons, if not the weapons themselves, in Viet Nam. After WWII we should have made Japan a state, as well as Germany and if we were going to set up a Jewish state in the Middle-East we should have made that a state as well. I can't think of a single nation that wouldn't be better off as a state in the Union. That should get a reaction.>>

Dan Young:

Your article on writing Representatives was very informative; it reminded me of BRUX Linsey's Diplomacy articles. How? Well, BRUX's articles always seemed to be filled with advice that seems so obvious to the reader, yet for some reason or another the reader never "realized it" before. Same with your article, one realizes how commonsensical the advice is, and one is amazed that he never thought of doing it-

Tell me, what happened to Joe Bob Briggs? I read in USA TODAY that he was dismissed after writing a controversial column, "We are the Weird." I, for one would be interested in hearing more about this, like what was in the column? Care to elaborate?

In response to your election in Texas commentary: It would surprise me if no Republican wrote in, "You don't mean 6 Democrats, 1 weirdo, and 1 Republican, you mean 7 weirdos and a Republican-" (Sounds like something Senator Young of California would say, as he watched Pete Gaughan hit the roof.) Of course, you might get a Democrat to write "7 Democrats and 2 weirdos."

Reading through some old FFs reminded me of an amusing (I thought) anecdote: A girl and I were politically almost opposite and on more than one occasion used to debate/argue politics. For instance, once our teacher gave us a scenario where the U.S. was suffering both domestically and overseas. <<Sounds like the Carter administration- Sorry, but I couldn't resist. GME>> She said foreign intervention was paramount, and I said taking care of the home front was more important, etc.

Two years later, during the '84 primaries, she was arguing for Mondale (pretty odd, considering her stance in the paragraph above) and I for Reagan. We got into the old "Well tell me what's so good about Reagan/Mondale" argument. I mentioned the fact that Mondale would probably cancel the B-1 bomber program

again, and the last time cuts were made under Carter, hundreds of my Dad's fellow employees were laid off. So she complained about what selfish voting that was, etc., etc., nag, nag, complain...

Having finished arguing for Reagan, I asked why I should selflessly vote for Mondale. She said, and I quote, "Well, for one thing, Mondale is a stronger supporter of student loans--"

Prosecution rests its case.

<<The Republican wanted to save his job, the Democrat her handout. How stereotypical. I was recently placed in bad position for a Republican to be in: I was offered a Pell grant from the Federal government. I despise Federal handouts of any kind. So should I take the money, which I could very definitely use (Texas tuition just tripled this fall-)? I decided yes. If I don't take it, and other like minded Republicans did the same, all the money would go to educate more Democrats who would then work to increase the program. I figure that if I can manage to not spend it by the end of the year, I will donate it to the Government to help reduce the deficit, thereby personally causing the Pell program budget to be cut by \$250 to reduce the deficit. Wouldn't it be nice if they put a place on the 1040 so that they could mark where you wanted how much of your money to go? Like the \$1 checkoff for Presidential elections, only for defense and AFDC and the rest. Hardly workable, but a nice thought.

The Republican lost by 2000 votes out of 100,000 cast in CD1 in east Texas. Now we get to try and figure out what it all means. The Democrat proudly displayed his party only long enough to point out that his opponent was Republican, then quickly cloaked it again when asked about his National party platform. The Republican hid that he was Republican except when he tied himself to Reagan and Gramm, or to call his opponent a liberal. Expect another strong race there in 1988, and expect the Republican to win. I am predicting Teddy K. to get the Democratic nomination, and I will even go so far as to say that Andrew Young will be his V.P. Except for the Blacks, the solid south will be solidly Republican again in '88.

Joe Bob Brigg's we are the weird column was a parody of the popular famine relief song. He purportedly was sending the proceeds, after skimming a good portion off the top to meet expenses and also after making a healthy profit on advertising, to the United Negro College Fund. His comment: "We need to educate the Negroes, especially the stupid Negroes." His protest was supposedly against the radio stations who made a bundle on advertising when they all played "We are the World" at the same time. Many stations had long ads both before and after the song. Somehow the NAACP lost the point. Actually, so did I. But to each his own. He is now in syndication and has agreed to speak at UT Austin, which has brought protests. If the minorities succeed in blocking the speech, I hope it comes back to haunt them a hundred times over as other groups block their speakers. If anything is sacred in a Democracy it is free speech. And that is what PF is dedicated to. So if you have something to say, say it here. Thanks to Gary, Dan and Nick for their thoughts.>>

That's it for this month's first issue. I am contemplating a mid-monthly to publish the General Election rules and standings, as well as any other correspondence that comes my way. And I will have the next set of PF moves out before Labor Day. Call this "Blue Moon PF" month.

# WALL TAKES VIRGINIA BY FIVE PTS. , SCREWHEADS TO OPPOSE THE DOOMED!

Wisconsin Gov. James Wall continued his late-inning rally in the race for the Republican presidential nomination as he rolled to a five-point win in the Virginia primary.

But, in what will be remembered as the "Screwheads vs. Doomed" decision, both the Republican and Democratic races may take on a new texture.

Three candidates--Republicans Kevin Tighe and James Woodson, and Democrat Doug Brown--have either declared or implied their intention to drop out of the nominating process.

Noted political analyst Dr. Hunter S. Thompson has divided the masses into two groups, the "screwheads" and the "doomed." Former president Richard M. Nixon at the same time allegedly dismissed one of these groups with a four-letter epithet.

In the Gonzo spirit, we, too, will free those candidates who choose not to carry on. Should any of the doomed candidates declare that they have merely been hiding in the weeds in ambush, they shall be cheerfully reinstated.

Otherwise, fuck the doomed.

Wall's five-point victory over Texas Sen. Greg Ellis was directly attributable to a last-minute swing through Norfolk and Richmond. "Flash" polling three days before the election had Ellis a five-point leader. Wall visited the state's two largest cities in the two days before the election, and surveys had him scoring big among urban voters.

Winning 30 Virginia delegates, Wall increases his total to 318 seats, with 978 necessary for victory. Ellis picked up 17 Virginia delegates, and still leads with 461 seats to date.

Still ahead are primaries and regionals worth 938 delegates. Ellis can win the nomination outright by taking 55.1 percent of the remaining delegates, while Wall would need 70.4 percent.

## F E L L E L L A   G I V E N   8 2   V I R G I N I A   S E A T S

New York Mayor Nick Felella picked up the entire 82-seat delegate bloc from the commonwealth of Virginia, running unopposed in the primary there yesterday.

While still trailing the other Democratic candidates in the delegate race, Felella will find his campaign revitalized as he gains momentum going into the crucial Texas primary and North Plains regional election.

Media experts in Dallas and Houston report that Felella has been the candidate buying advertising in the Lone Star State, while advertising agencies in Minneapolis and Omaha have confirmed bidding from all Democratic candidates.

Felella, apparently going for the big win in Texas, has booked an entire week of appearances in Dallas and Houston. The other Democratic candidates are avoiding Texas and are crisscrossing the North Plains in search of votes.

Coming up next week, it appears, will be a Felella win in Texas and a spirited battle in the North Plains regional. Apparently leading in the regional, based on early surveys, are Michigan Gov. Bill Becker and Maryland Sen. Mark Larzelere.

Momentum from these races will carry forth into the battles in the Mountain States regional, as well as Larzelere's home state. Following will be a battle in Michigan, where Becker and Sen. David Anderson have the home field advantage.

It seems likely at this point that the Democrats will go to the convention without a nominee. Becker, the present delegate leader, would need to win over 85 percent of the delegates left to be contested in order to take the nomination.

So, a brokered convention seems likely. There is no reliable information about negotiations between candidates, it is felt that it is yet a bit early to make arrangements when so many delegates are yet to be chosen.

Surely the next few weeks of elections will do much to clear the field.

# THE DELEGATE RACES

## Republicans

ELLIS	461
WALL	318
TIGHE	114
WOODSON	123

## Democrats

BECKER	412
BROWN	297
LARZELERE	385
FELELLA	264
ANDERSON	490

# FINANCES

## Republicans

ELLIS	312
WALL	230
TIGHE	750
WOODSON	840

## Democrats

BECKER	483
BROWN	261
LARZELERE	486
FELELLA	321
ANDERSON	179

# THE DEMOCRATS: A LOOK AHEAD

	LARZELERE	ANDERSON	FELELLA	BECKER	BROWN
Entry					
California	+	+	+	+	-
Kentucky	-	-	+	+	-
Organization					
Texas	3	2	3	3	2
NPlains	3	3	3	3	2
Maryland	2	2	0	2	0
Mountain St	2	2	2	2	0
Michigan	1	1	1	1	0
Travel					
	Minpls	Minpls	Dallas	Minpls	
	"	Omaha	"	" "	
	"	Wichita	"	"	
	"	Duluth	"	Omaha	
	"	Topeka	Houston	Wichita	
	Omaha	Lincln	"	Duluth	
	"	Fargo	"	Topeka	

# YOUR MAILING CHECKLIST

1. Declare candidacy for Pacific St., New Jersey and Ohio.
2. Organize TX, NP, MD, MTS, MI, KY.
3. Visit TX, NP, MD, MTS, MI,
4. Media bids for Maryland, Mountain States.
5. Declare spotlight for Texas, North Plains.
6. Almost forgot: Felella buys 3 media in Texas. For the North Plains: Larzelere 3, Anderson 2, Felella 1, Becker 4.

	WALL	ELLIS	TIGHE	WOODSON
Draft II	200	100	30	30
Int'l Dev Banks	50	220	50	40
Decision points	120	120	60	0
Momentum bonus	53	53	0	0
Norfolk	80	0	0	0
Richmond	61	0	0	0
Organization	72	72	0	0
T O T A L	636	565	140	70
P E R C E N T	45.1	40.0	9.9	5.0
C F P W O N	105	33	8	4
D E L E G A T E S	30	17	3	1

Texas	3	3	0	0
NPlains	3	3	0	0
Maryland	1	2	0	0
Mountain St	2	2	0	0
Michigan	1	0	0	0

Kentucky	+	+	-	-
California	+	+	-	-

Dallas	Mnpls
Houstrn	Omaha
SanAnt	Wichita
Austin	Duluth
ElPaso	Dallas
Norflk	Houston
Richmnd	SanAnt

NP	32	NP	2@	32
TX	71	TX	2@	71

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High Plains Gonzzo, recently chosen the third best subzine on the North American continent by eleven obviously drug-riddled subscribers, is the official home of Presidential Politics. A 1984 version of the game is being written now.

Soon to be finished (!) is Flashpoint, a long-awaited game of global politics, economics and military derring-do. Give me until mid-August, and I swear it will be done. It's that close.



FROM THE COMMANDER  
OF THE REVOLUTION

Thanks to all of you who succumbed to Linsey's heat and voted for HPG in the Whateveritis Poll. I think the guy that gave me a three was closer to being right. I'd like to see a poll of the publishers from a different hobby, people who are not tainted by the silly feuding. The shortwave listening hobby puts out some very nice 'zines, maybe they'd rate us.

As I've noted elsewhere, I really am very close to finishing the Flashpoint game. It's gone through incarnations as a Diplomacy variant, a Dip variant based on Central America, a World War II game and as a Cold War game set on a mythical planet. And that last one is mostly what it will be like. If you're going to play, think about cartels and arms races.

Presidential Politics 1984 is on hold while I finish Flashpoint and put together the General Election round for the 1980 game most of us are playing. I'm going to use that to test a couple ideas I want to put into PP84.

Lots of interest in Gonzo Football, which Kevin Stone said he'd run again this year. He said to expect a mid-July mailing, but no word yet.

Bill Becker called to say his United PBM soccer game in the K-Zine will feature at least 22 teams! The new season should be getting under way in August. Returning to the hobby will be our long-lost Dimmer, Jim Williams.

I sent a copy of the rules to Parlement to Mr. Ellis, and am suggesting he think about running it here in FF. Peter Ansoff sent me the game a couple years ago, and I recently came across it in the Gonzo Files. I couldn't really figure it out then, now it makes complete sense, though it's not written well. In essence, players are the party leaders of seven political factions in a mythical European nation. Each player seeks to elect members of his party to the legislative body. Coalitions are formed, the object being the establishment of a government. Once the government has been formed, the Prime Minister must set a budget for the country and get the Parlement to vote in favor of it.

The Prime Minister must also get the Parlement to pass a set of bills, chosen by the PM. Sound easy enough? If your party members vote the "wrong" way on a bill, they risk losing the support of the people in their districts. If they lose that support, some other smart party will move in and win their district. Plenty of room for bribery and vote buying. Just our kind of game!

I'd be happy to send along a copy, but at 24 pages I'd appreciate a contribution toward printing and postage. I'm also going to try to find the game's inventor, who copyrighted the game back in 1968. I'd like to get his permission to reproduce the game, as well as finding out if perhaps I have an early edition of the game that might have flaws that were later worked out.

On the shortwave radio front, I was recently informed by United Nations Radio that a reception report of mine had been selected their "Letter of the Month," and that I had won a UN t-shirt. I guess I now can say I've written a world-class letter.

The early morning hours of July 30 brought me a brief listen to a 10,000 watt station from Papua New Guinea. It was a chance encounter, I pulled it in only because my friends at Radio Havana Cuba pulled the plug 10 minutes early. Normally the RHC signal buries Papua New Guinea, which is weak, anyhow. On a 5-5-5-5-5 rating scale used in the hobby, I gave PNG a 2-1-1-1-2.

Know something? I'm a recovering Coca-Cola addict, and though "Classic Coke" hit the stands here Sunday, I'm gonna hang in there with RC for a while. Punish the bastards!

And, remember: the duty of every revolutionary is to make the revolution. Patria o muerte! Venceremos!