

**THE PICAYUNE**  
(“It’s the truth even if it didn’t happen.”)  
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"Twenty-thousand Indonesians protested President Obama's visit to Indonesia. Apparently, 3 out of 4 Indonesians believe he's an American." —Conan O'Brien

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"George W. Bush was interviewed by Matt Lauer who asked him if he would still invade Iraq if he knew then what he knows now. It's an unfair question. For one thing, I don't know if Bush does know what he knows now." —Jimmy Kimmel

--MAUREEN DOWD - “Blindsided’: A President's Story”: “In his deftly crafted and utterly selective new memoir, W. is the president we all wished him to be: compassionate, bipartisan, funny, charming, instinctive, independent, able to admit and learn from mistakes ... Heck, after I finished reading it, I was ready to vote for the guy. The book lacks the vindictive or vaporous tone of many political autobiographies. It's peppered with endearing personal stories... But when I look at the sad eyes of President Obama, buried alive with his party beneath the heedless decisions and reckless spending and tax cuts of his predecessor, I snap out of it. ... Yet if W.'s decision-making leaves something to be desired, his story-telling is good. He writes of a visit to Russia, when Putin showed him his black Labrador, Koni. 'Bigger, stronger, and faster than Barney,' Putin bragged. Later, when W. recounted this to Stephen Harper, the Canadian prime minister, Harper drolly noted, 'You're lucky he only showed you his dog.'” --POLITICO  
Playbook

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Meg Whitman and Carly Fiorina claimed they wanted to help the world by dipping their toes into politics—but their failed races were mainly about ego. How could they have better spent their millions? How about college tuition for 23,000? Or school lunches for 15 million? --The Daily Beast

Christine O'Donnell lost her election by 20 percent. In a brief concession speech, she said 'I'm melting.'" —Craig Ferguson

Their defeats reminded us that despite much recent evidence to the contrary the inmates don't always end up running the asylum of American politics. --The New York Times

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"In San Diego, a man refused to be patted down by airport security and some people are calling him a hero. I don't mind being patted down by airport security, but I don't like it when the guy says, 'Now you do me.'" —Conan O'Brien

"The TSA has changed airport security guidelines. Now you can have an extensive body pat-down or a naked scan. I think I speak for everybody when I say, "Hey, why can't we have both?" —David Letterman

"You know, if I wanted somebody halfheartedly patting my groin without eye contact, I'd get married." —Seth Meyers

Mottos for the TSA: "We Handle More Packages Than the USPS," "It's not a grope. It's a freedom pat," "If we did our job any better, we'd have to buy you dinner first"... --Daniel Kurtzman

"People are concerned that the new airport security scanners could lead to pictures of their genitals ending up on the Internet. Apparently no one has told them that without pictures of genitals, there would be no Internet." —Conan O'Brien

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"Sarah Palin says she wants limited government. Does she mean fewer elected officials or more officials who resign in the middle of their terms? I think limited government will be perfect for her limited abilities." —David Letterman

"On Fox News, they address her as Governor Palin. Which is like calling me 'Dairy Queen employee.' I was once, but I quit." —Tina Fey, in an appearance on David Letterman

Former First Lady, Barbara Bush, in a live interview with Larry King, said, "I sat next to her once, thought she was beautiful. And I think she's very happy in Alaska -- and I hope she'll stay there ." --The Progress Report

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"In Washington today volunteers were washing the mud off Democrats and releasing them back into the wild." —David Letterman

The Democrats lost the House. Big deal, a lot of Americans lost their houses. Why shouldn't they?" —Jimmy Kimmel

John Boehner will be the new Speaker of the House. It is the highest elected office ever to be reached by an Orange-American." —*Daily Show* correspondent Olivia Munn

"This was the biggest landslide since the '30s. The Republicans picked up 63 seats. I haven't seen the Republicans so happy about taking seats since they made Rosa Parks stand up." —Bill Maher

"The Republicans won by a mudslide." —Jay Leno

"Republicans won big on election day. They say their two big priorities are cutting taxes and reducing the debt. Which is sort of like wanting to lose weight and win 'Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest.'" —Jimmy Kimmel

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"Thousands of marijuana enthusiasts went to the polls this morning in California to support Prop 19. Unfortunately, the election was the day before." —Jimmy Kimmel

New Poll Finds 86 Percent Of Americans Don't Want To Have A Country Anymore  
--The Onion - Headline.

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"Experts Differ on Whether Halloween Costumes Embarrass Dogs" -- Houston Chronicle headline

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*I enjoy reading your newsletter although I am not Italian and have only been to Italy once.*

*We were in Naples on our honeymoon 20 years ago, just to get on the cruise ship. In less than 24 hours, I was robbed. Four men in a car stopped, one jumped out, grabbed my handbag, and took off. Of course, no one saw a thing. We were right in front of a schoolyard, with little children and nuns! While we were out walking, just sightseeing, every so often we saw a guy on a walkie talkie. I think they were watching us, or other tourists like us, then tipping off the "grabbers." Not likely I'll ever go back! Scribbler*

Thanks for your heartbreaking story, Signora Scribbler. On behalf of those Napolitani and ignorant travel agent who booked your honeymoon, we sincerely apologize for the negative experience you encountered. However, we are very delighted to hear that your marriage is still going strong after 20 years. That's a rarity today. "Auguri!"

By the way, the gentlemen you saw with walkie-talkies at the ports were legit employees. Take our word for it. The ones that were tipping off the so-called "grabbers" were the little children with the nuns. Again, take our word for it. --Only In Italy



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