

# Just who are your vice presidential candidates

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With Election Day within the coming month, people are asking more and more what their candidates stand for, and what their policies will be. However, little is asked of who these people are that we shall be casting our ballots for. Therefore, from biography.com, we will take a better look at who our Vice Presidential candidates are.

## Sarah Palin



Born Feb. 11, 1964 in Sandpoint, Idaho. Sarah Louise Palin was the daughter of Charles and Sally Heath.

At the age of three months, Sarah and her family moved to Skagway, Alaska, where her father took a job as a science teacher and track coach and her mother a school secretary.

As a senior at Wasilla High School, Sarah played on the state champion girl's basketball team. It was from

this experience she received the nickname "Sarah Barracuda" for her forceful playing style.

Two years later in 1984, Palin was crowned Miss Wasilla and was runner-up in the Miss Alaska contest. In 1987, she went on to graduate from the University of Idaho with a bachelor's degree in journalism. With her degree she became a sports reporter on Anchorage television.

On Aug. 29, 1988, Sarah and her high school sweetheart Todd Palin eloped. Sarah then helped Todd run his family's commercial fishing business.

Palin's debut in the political scene was in 1992, when she won a seat on the Wasilla City Council. Just three years later she was elected mayor of Wasilla.

In 2002, Palin campaigned on the Republican ticket for the position of lieutenant governor of Alaska, losing by fewer than 2,000 votes. Nonetheless, she was appointed by Governor Frank Murkowski to the position of chairwoman of the state's Oil and Gas Conservation Commission in 2003. However, a year later, Palin resigned in protest of what she saw to be a "lack of ethics" among Alaskan Republican leaders.

In the state elections of 2006, Palin nudged out Murkowski from his primary bid for governor and went on to defeat former Democratic Governor Tony Knowles, becoming the state's first female governor, as well as the youngest at the age of 42.

Todd and Sarah have five children: Bristol, Willow, Piper, Track, and Trig. Sarah is an outdoor enthusiast who likes to hunt and snowmobile and is a member of the NRA.

## Joe Biden



The first of four children, Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr. was born to Joseph Biden, Sr., a car salesman, and Jean Biden on Nov. 20, 1942, in Scranton, Pa.

At the age of ten, the family moved to New Castle County, Del. Overcoming an embarrassing stutter as a child, Biden attended Archmere Academy, a Catholic prep school.

In 1965, Biden graduated from the University of Delaware with a bachelor's degree and a law degree from Syracuse University in New York just three years later.

Biden married Neilia Hunter in 1966. Together they had three children: Joseph R. Biden III, Robert Hunter, and Naomi.

After returning to Delaware and serving as a trial attorney for a Wilmington law firm, Biden turned his attention towards politics. From

1970-1972, he served on the New Castle county council before setting his sites on Congress. At the age of 29, Biden was elected to the Senate.

Soon after his election, Biden's wife and infant Naomi were killed in a car accident, his sons both seriously injured. Biden contemplated resigning to tend to his family, but chose to commute three hours by train each day between work and home, which he still does to this day.

Eleven years after his wife's and daughter's death, Biden married Jill Tracy Jacobs. In 1981 they had a daughter named Ashley.

While in the Senate, Biden has served on the Foreign Relations Committee, as well as the Judiciary Committee, serving as chairman for both.

Biden made a bid for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1988. However, he soon withdrew when it was found that portions of his campaign speech had been plagiarized from a British politician. This same year Biden suffered two brain aneurysms that nearly killed him.

Nonetheless, he returned to the Senate within seven months.

Biden once more made a bid for the presidency this election season, but he withdrew in January after placing fifth in the Iowa Democratic caucus.

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# 'Burn After Reading' hits the spot

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With the style and bustle of the 2008 fall semester, I thought it would be relatively difficult to squeeze in a new movie over the weekend. However, I did manage to catch the Coen brothers' new film 'Burn After Reading,' starring George Clooney and Brad Pitt. The audience seemed to be satisfied, which sort of retaliated against the critics, many of whom many found the movie disappointing.

The movie centers around two gym employees who come across the memoirs of a CIA agent. Believing that they hold extreme value, Linda (Frances McDormand) and Chad (Brad Pitt) decide to get in touch with

the agent and settle the score; they will return the memoirs in exchange for cash compensation.

The irony in this is that the agent (John Malkovich) has just been fired in part due to his excessive drinking, and had created the memoirs for only recreational purposes. The film also revolves around his wife Katie (Tilda Swinton) who is having an affair with another man (George Clooney), and the other man is having relations with Linda.

The story leads to Linda affiliating with Russian Intelligence because of the memoirs in order for her to pay for plastic surgery. Throughout the movie, crimes are committed and scandals are investigated, however, no one can understand the motive for the crimes, including the CIA.

I actually did have high expectations when I went to see this movie. I feel

that the Coen brothers are very reliable when it comes to good entertainment, especially after 'No Country for Old Men.'

There were many key aspects that were enjoyable about the film, one of them being the incorporation of witty humor. The jokes were sensible and appealing, yet were not tasteless. That's definitely a plus on a comedic perspective.

It felt like there could be a little bit more emphasis at the end, however, it was tolerable. The moral leads us to question the humor in serious issues. Hence, if you enjoy a little bit of darkness in your comedies, this may be the right film for you.

Thus, I personally give it 3 1/2 stars out of 5.

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## Rock Releases:

Artist: Senses Fail  
Album: "Life is Not a Waiting Room"  
Release date: Oct. 7

Artist: The Doors  
Album: "Perception"  
Release date: Oct. 7

Artist: Pink  
Album: "Funhouse"  
Release date: Oct. 28

## Country Releases:

Artist: Big & Rich  
Album: "Super Galactic Fan Pak 2"  
Release date: Oct. 7

Artist: Billy Currington  
Album: "Little Bit of Everything"  
Release date: Oct. 14

Artist: Toby Keith  
Album: "That Don't Make Me a Bad Guy"  
Release date: Oct. 28

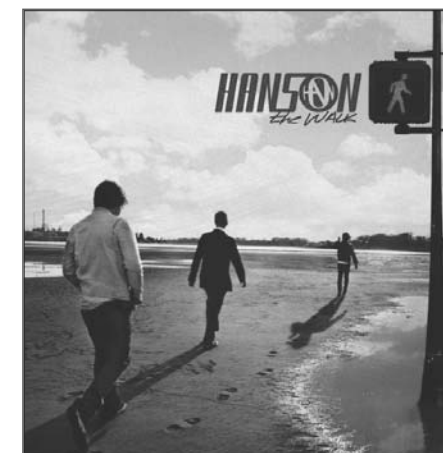
## Rap/ R&B Releases:

Artist: John Legend  
Album: "Evolver"  
Release date: Oct. 28

Artist: E-40  
Album: "The Ball Street Journal"  
Release date: Oct. 28

# Hey did you hear about.... Hanson

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In 1997 three Hanson brothers; Isaac, Taylor and Zac, had a hit pop single with the song MmmBop from their album "Middle of Nowhere." They even received two Grammy nods for the song.

Now, over ten years later, Hanson is all grown up. They are even all married. The band is making new music and making people aware of poverty in South Africa at the same time. Their latest album entitled "The Walk" is full of good music and a good message.

Hanson is "Taking the Walk" themselves, which means they walk one mile before every concert with their fans. Their goal is to walk a total of 24,902 miles, which is the distance around the world.

And there's more, they walk barefooted. As of Sept. 7 the band

has walked 69 miles without shoes on. For every person who walks with them they donate a dollar of their own money to South Africa for AIDS treatment, health care and clean water.

They also have a co-sponsor with TOMS shoes. The company donates a pair of shoes to Hanson's cause every time someone buys a pair of their shoes. They have already donated around 50,000 pairs.

At TakeTheWalk.net people can start their own walks in their hometowns.

As for their music, Bono of U2 calls it genius. This Indi band created their own label after their old record company merged them into a rap label. The album was recorded as much live as possible.

Songs like Great Divide, which was partially recorded in South Africa, and The Walk are inspirations to their cause. Some other interesting songs from the album you might like include Georgia and One More. Many of the songs do have a similar tone, but they mix it up with fast and slower songs as well as changing who sings the lead vocals.

Overall the album earns seven out of ten stars, but their cause is a perfect ten.

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