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in Berlusconi's Italy*

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It used to be, everyone was entitled to their own opinion, but not
their own facts. But that's not the case anymore.

—STEPHEN COLBERT

Give a man a mask and he'll tell you the truth.

—OSCAR WILDE

Only in Italy can truth be sold in a political market and ushered
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—MASSIMO GIANNINI, *LA REPUBBLICA*

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new monsters that are eating our brains. . . . News is the
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—BEPPE GRILLO, *IL BLOG DI BEPPE GRILLO*