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Firefighters use "jaws of life" to extricate trapped driver.

Carnage **Continues** On La Tuna Canyon Road

• our people were killed in five months in Sunland-Tujunga as the city put the Vision-Zero program into effect. Safe Streets meetings continued with minimal response from the community.

When the fourth fatality happened at the intersection of Marybell and Wentworth, the city went into action. A town hall meeting was called. Traffic engineers along LAPD officers and reps from the mayor's office came to discuss La Tuna Canyon and their upcoming plans for modifying Foothill Blvd. and the bike lane.

One witness to the Wentworth fatality accident on wrote to The Paper saying, "My reaction was essentially anger and frustration. I would have to say that the city is not responsible for any one particular crash or death no matter how bad it may be. This particular incident was not the city's fault. No matter what we try to do, it's still the driver's responsibility to drive safely, even though it's clear that these sections of the road are unsafe."

ARMENIANS MARCH ON TURKISH CONSOLE LAST WEEK



100's of protesters boarded chartered busses to the Turkish Legation in Los Angeles.

By David DeMullé

rmenian Genocide Remembrance Day was commemorated across Southern California Wednesday as it marked the 109th anniversary of the start of events widely viewed by scholars as the first genocide of the 20th century.

"Genocide denied is genocide repeated," said Edward

Barsoumian of the Armenian National Committee of America-Western Region. "Not only were there 1.5 million Armenians massacred during the Armenian Genocide of 1915, the same genocidal policy continues today with Turkey and Azerbaijan working diligently to eradicate the Armenian people."

On April 24, 1915, Ottoman authorities arrested Armenian intellectuals and community leaders in Constantinople, leading to an estimated 1.5 million people being killed. Turkey denies the deaths constituted genocide, saying the toll has been inflated and that those killed were victims of civil war and unrest.

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This latest headon accident on La Tuna Canyon was the result of someone driving at an unsafe speed and hitting two other vehicles headon. Thankfully, there was no fatalities this time.

TOUGH TIMES ARE A-COMIN'



Fire rigs line up to pump water to the top of the mountain.

llstate Corp. will end its years-long pause on underwriting in California as soon as the state regulator adopts proposed regulatory changes to make it easier for insurers to raise rates, according to a company spokesperson.

"If the regulations were in effect today, we would begin

selling new homeowner insurance policies tomorrow," said Gerald Zimmerman, senior vice president of government relations for Allstate, in a public hearing on April 23.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

CA Dreamin' Comes to Glendale

By Alejandro Magallanes

The California Women's Chorus, Inc. (CWC) 48th annual public concert will take place at the Glendale Hilton Hotel, 100 W. Glenoaks Blvd, Glendale on April 30 at 2 p.m. This enjoyable afternoon of songs celebrating California will be hosted by

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WITH THANKS TO all our volunteers

the Verdugo Hills Women's Chorus (VH-WC) and the Burbank Singers, two of the 10 member choruses in CWC, a non-profit philanthropic organization. Individually, VHWC and Burbank Singers perform for civic groups, churches and retirement senior living homes in their individual communities. Suzanne Duff and Diana Tyson event cochairs, will present Lauren Buckley- Schaer, guest director, Naomi Sumitani, accompanist and John Musker, master of ceremonies.

CWC, whose current membership numbers close to 300, has a dual purpose promote choral singing among women and raise funds for music awards. Scholarships of

young singers, chosen by professional adjudicators through an audition process in February. Scholarship Chair, Jeanne Long (Glendale) said "all those who auditioned were fantastic and the scholarship winners will present a program you will not want to miss". One of the award winners is Elizabeth Queen, a Montrose resident. She, along with winners Niko Murakami and Kali Hardwick, will perform and receive their scholarships at the concert.

The CWC concert is preceded by a two day convention where singers will meet up with old friends from San Diego to Santa Barbara who gather \$2,000 each will be each year to perform in the

Community Help

presented to three talented, CWC concerts. Registra tion Chair, Kathy Kabuto registration announced will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Friday April 28 in the foyer of the Hilton Hotel. The combined choruses will rehearse several hours over the weekend preparing for the concert. Saturday night's banquet is being chaired by Gloria Malunao (Burbank) and Nancy Howe (Burbank). Gloria says "this has been a new experience for me and thanks to help from Burbank Singers, it was an enjoyable one". VHWC and Burbank Singers will join together and perform at the banquet.

> Sunday afternoon, April 30, the public will be treated to a program by the combined voices of 175 CWC members who

enjoy participating in this annual event held in different California cities every spring. Come join us at the Glendale Hilton Hotel Grand Ballroom for an afternoon of fun and music for the entire family. Verdugo Hills Women's Chorus Burbank and Singers encourage any woman who loves the joy of singing to investigate a CWC chorus. The website www.cwchorus lists CWC choruses as well as lo cation and contact information for each. There may be one in your neighborhood.

Tickets for the 48th annual concert may be obtained by contacting Marianne Jennings 818 398-7323. Advance sale tickets are available for \$15 or at the door for \$20.

by Amelia

The Hope of Mayor Garcetti

By Amelia Anderson

o wonder Mayor Garcetti got elected! Shouldering 40 years of inaction, he's given new hope to both the homeless and the families of our community. His latest program metamorphoses the public into units of "HOPE TEAMS", standing for Homeless Outreach Partnership Endeavor, Social Service trained units to better allow them to treat humanely the homeless population, and to better deal with their health, mental and addictive problems. First rolled out in the San Fernando Valley last May and later to the other three police bureaus throughout the city, each of the teams consist of a city sanitation crew, a homeless outreach team from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and police officers trained in dealing with the homeless population and city rules for dismantling encampments.

said the LAPD has been working closely with LAWSA, a joint city and county agency that provides services to the homeless to make sure the HOPE teams are not "based solely on enforcement."

as the items are personally attended. HEALTHY STREETS, attached, are the new guidelines governing our streets. So, please, let's all work together to keep streets healthy and safe. You may call the HOPE team by dialing 311 or 911 for removal of encampment. Bear in mind this is to schedule an appointment at a given location - this is not emergency service. HOPE work hours are 9 to 5 Monday to Friday. Remember, warmer weather fewer beds. Winter shelter closing eliminated 1,259 beds from the county system, forcing hundreds back on the street. So far this year, the San Fernando Valley HOPE team joined the LA Bureau of Sanitation on 54 cleanups and placed 4 people into shelters. Contacting 144 people who were homeless, 82 refused services.

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Commander Todd Chamberlain

"We're kind of right in the middle" Chamberlain says, "Because some groups think we do too much agressive ly. On the other side, there's community groups, businesses who say we do too little. So, for the enforcement we try to handle this social problem in as effective, constitutional and ethical way."

The city's previous policy for removing encampments and debris from sidewalks was challenged in court, so the city adopted revisions that still allow encampments to be taken down but provide more notification to the homeless, prevent city officials from throwing away certain personal belongings or medicine and allow the homeless to keep up to a 60 gallon bin's

worth of belongings with them, as long

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Well this has been an interesting week, and an even more interesting portend of the future of what is going to happen in the coming months. As I was watching the news, I kept falling back into the 60's feelings of memories of when I had just returned from the Nam.

There was a popular song performed by the Kingston Trio, it was called the Merry Minuet. For those of you who are old enough, the lyrics were:

Andy writes;

I was watching the news this morning and a song popped into

my head..... How many people here know the name of the song and the album which has the

following lyrics:

Going from a memoy of 50 years ago------

They're rioting in Aftica They're starving in Spain There are hurricanes in Florida And Texas needs rain The whole world is festering With unhappy souls The French hate the Germans The Germans hate the Poles Italians hate Yugoslaves South Africans hate the Dutch and I don't like anybody very much But we can be thankful and tranquil and proud

Cause we've been endowed by a mushroom shaped cloud

And we know for certain that some fateful day

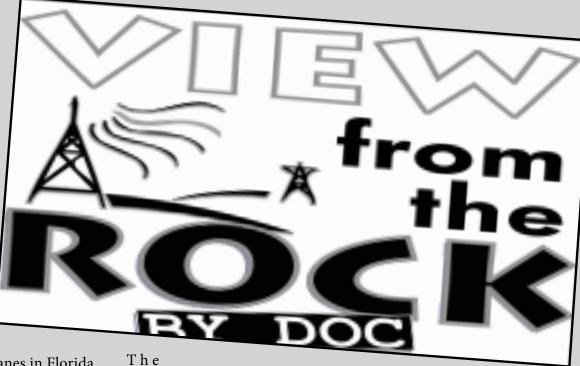
Someone will set the spark off..... and we will all be blown away.

> There are hurricanes in Florida There's strife in Iran

What nature doesn't do to us

Will be done by our fellow man...

Holy Woof Batpeople, nothing has changed in 50-some years. It sort of makes you wonder if anything is real and if doing anything has any lasting effect. We went from the Anti-Vietnam college protesters to the college protesters we have now. For the moment, we haven't had any "real" deaths, but they are coming.



difference between then and now, is that we have a greater amount of law enforcement on site. From our little demonstration with the ANTIFA and Anti-Trumpers a few years ago, over a 100 cops were on the streets of Tujunga. And it was a grand old time with smoke bombs and people throwing water bottles at each other.

It was a strange compilation of even stranger people who were standing on opposite sides of Foothill

Blvd. And no one got killed. For the moment, there are no apparent outsiders directing these demonstrations that the media calls riots. But then again, the media wants viewers, demonstrators don't accomplish anything – RIOTERS do.

So, after the bombs really begin to fall in the Middle East, and we're up to our asses in war victims, all you can say, is that it's The Water.

METAPHYSICAL, ARTISAN FAIRE IN LA CRESCENTA

We are very happy to announce that the Center for Spiritual Living will be having a Metaphysical and Artisan Faire on Saturday, June 10th, stated producers Myrna Perez and Laney Clevenger White, RScP. Nestled in the upscale community, the hills of La Crescenta on Dunsmore Avenue, in the county of Los Angeles, holistic teachers, healers, Artisans presenters and unique products will be combined in one event.

At this time, the producers are currently accepting holistic teachers, healing practitioners, Artisans, those selling unique products. The vendors and presenters will be accepted on a "first come, first served basis". The attending general public will have the opportunity to gain knowledge and healing techniques and have new experiences provided by the practitioners. In addition, handmade and unique one-of-a-kind products will also be available for purchase. The event promises to have a variety of vendors and products.



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LA, GLENDALE SCHOOLS CLOSED

Schools were closed today in the Los Angeles and Glendale unified school districts to commemorate Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day.

The LAUSD Board of Education adopted a policy in 2020 to close schools on Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day. Students and teachers in the Glendale Unified School District have been given the day off on April 24 since the 2013-14 school year.

A bill establishing Genocide Remembrance Day as a state hol-

June 10, 10 a.m-4 p.m. Attendance to this event is free to the general public.

For more info, please contact Myrna Perez at maverick. marvels@yahoo.com.

iday to be observed on April 24 and permitting public schools and community colleges to close in observance of the holiday was signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom in 2022.•

The Hope of Mayor Garcetti continued from page 2

Data showed 30 suffered from mental illness and 54 were experiencing substance abuse. Up here in Sunland-Tujunga the HOPE team has provided invaluable help to both our lead officers and our outreach advocates by providing a safe 'no arrest zone' particularly when working with couples and waiting for transitional beds to vacate, motel vouchers to arrive, or Section VIII housing negotiations to complete. In a nod to homeowners, our streets have been mapped and color coded to delineate streets that can be acceptably parked on by homeless living in cars or campers, both during the day and at night. Not within 500 feet of parks or schools. And not most residential streets. Flyers are Posted at North Valley City Hall, 7747 Foothill, the Councilman's Office is to the left.

But if you are homeless and want housing, come Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. sharp (to 12 p.m.) to the end of the right hall and sign up with Eric Montoya, outreach director for LA Family Housing. Have a CA ID, proof of Income plus a phone. There's a point system so only use county hospitals like Olive View, Hillview or Tarzana. Interview to get on the CES computer.

A new "jail inreach" program was instituted in January to help connect inmates who will be out shortly and homeless, to needed services. The department is also beginning a pilot program that supplies officers with Narcan, a substance that is used to reverse drug overdoses.

Garcetti claims to have the solution, "but it's not a sprint— it's a long distance race!"•

Everybody needs a haircut and the only place to go in Tujunga, is at my favorite barber.





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0	Gather	Location
	Shoes ~ Many people show up at shelters bare foot, especially the kids	
	Wallet/Purse	
	Keys~Cars, Home, Storage unit, Office, Bank deposit box, Mail box, etc.	
	Cell phones and chargers including car charger	
	Laptop and charger	
	Backup flash drive/eternal hard drive	
	Important documents*	
	Contact list*	
	Proof of insurance*+	
	Proof of residency*+	
	Mortgage*+	
	Tax return*+	
	Check book ~you will need the routing number for FEMA claims and if power is out	
	Cash* Aim for at least \$200 in small bills	
	Medications and medical devices~ Plan ahead for insulin and other medications needing refrigeration	
	120 hour Kit~ we all know 72 hours is not enough right?	
	Pets and pet 120 hour kit(s)	
	Preparedness binder	
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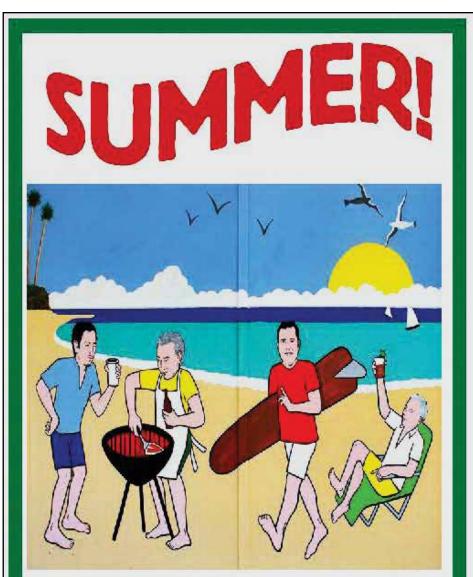
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ANOTHER DAY IN THE HOOD



CRIME MAPPING

THEFT FROM VEHICLE - PET-TY (\$950 & under) 241607071 10600 BLOCK LEOLANG AV 4/8/2024 @ 3:25 PM

BURGLARY 241607070 FENWICK ST & MATHER AV 4/8/2024 @ 9:30 AM

ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON (ADW) 241607078 7700 BLOCK FOOTHILL BL 4/9/2024 @ 1:25 AM

VEHICLE, STOLEN 241607098 10800 BLOCK NASSAU AV 4/8/2024 @ 5:00 PM

BURGLARY 241607082 10200 BLOCK SILVERTON AV 4/6/2024 @ 4:00 PM

VEHICLE, ATTEMPTED STO-LEN 241607138 7600 BLOCK WYNGATE ST 4/10/2024 @ 2:00 AM

VEHICLE, ATTEMPTED STO-LEN 241607133 9800 BLOCK HAINES CANYON AV 4/9/2024 @ 6:04 PM

VEHICLE, ATTEMPTED STO-LEN 241607128 8700 BLOCK OSWEGO ST 4/9/2024 @ 6:00 PM

4/20/2024 @ 11:00 PM

VEHICLE, STOLEN 241607499 COMMERCE & APPERSON ST 4/22/2024 @ 3:00 AM

VEHICLE, STOLEN 241607505 10600 BLOCK PLAINVIEW AV 4/20/2024 @ 4:45 AM

THEFT FROM VEHICLE - PET-TY 241607513 10100 BLOCK PINEWOOD AV 4/19/2024 @ 9:00 AM

VEHICLE, STOLEN 241607550 10200 BLOCK HILLHAVEN AV 4/23/2024 @ 3:20 AM

VEHICLE, STOLEN 241607680 10400 BLOCK COMMERCE AV 4/27/2024 @ 5:00 PM

BURGLARY 241607688 10300 BLOCK MCCLEMONT AV

4/27/2024 @ 12:30 PM

BURGLARY - ATTEMPTED 241607690 6900 BLOCK ST ESTABAN ST 4/27/2024 @ 9:00 AM

BURGLARY FROM VEHICLE 241607660

10400 BLOCK LAS LUNITAS AV 4/27/2024 @ 3:58 AM **Soliloguy** A Site-Specific Immersive Dance Experience



ith three indoor/outdoor performances on May 31 and June 1 at 8 p.m., and June 2 at 7 p.m., attendees choose their own adventures, immerse themselves in the performance, follow performers while affecting the experience by being able to make choices including selecting the music, shaping the narrative, and choosing who dances the final solo.

Be part of the story as dancers perform in the historic mansions and beautiful private grounds of this iconic landmark

Soliloquy shares individual stories of what it feels like to be shuttered away and disconnected from touch, laughter, and sharing. It also investigates the flattening of human connection to social media and screens. Soliloquy asks how is the curated self in constant negotiation with reality? How does isolating behind a screen deepen our loneliness while simulating connection? This piece relies on the participation of the audience, and one of the goals is to enliven conversation and connection between the strangers who attend. Audiences are integrated into the story, with some sitting for dinner with a quarreling family, selecting the music that plays, or even becoming the focus of the work. Meeting at the intersection of technology, disruption, inclusion, and diaspora, each performance is an exciting and unique

adventure, shared in a singular experience by those in attendance. At points during the performance, participants may gather to break bread, toast, and engage in discourse with fellow guests.

Soliloquy is composed of various contemporary solos housed in living rooms, bedrooms, dining areas, and even a chapel – a true glimpse into secrets and private lives of the characters, told through dance, with 18 professional Blue13 dancers. To purchase tickets and for more information please visit Blue13Dance. com.

The pandemic forced us into loneliness. The sole human connections were through interactions on flat screens. Soliloguy critiques the reification of social media and Zoom as the standard for human interaction, by physically inviting audiences into the homes and lives of strangers. Blue13 seeks to interrogate the ways in which this technological connection, coupled with isolation, have specifically impacted people of the Global Majority. Soliloquy takes place on Friday, May 31 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, June 1 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, June 2 at 7 p.m.

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BURGLARY 241607174 8500 BLOCK FORSYTHE ST 4/11/2024 @ 1:36 PM

BURGLARY 241607187 7500 BLOCK FOOTHILL BL 4/12/2024 @ 3:22 AM **THEFT - PETTY 241607646** 8100 BLOCK FOOTHILL BL 4/26/2024 @ 10:00 PM

VEHICLE, STOLEN 241607640 6700 BLOCK FOOTHILL BL 4/26/2024 @ 4:00 PM

THEFT FROM VEHICLE -GRAND 241607623 8600 BLOCK FOOTHILL BL 4/25/2024 @ 6:00 PM

VEHICLE, STOLEN 241607311 8400 BLOCK MCGROARTY ST 4/15/2024 @ 10:30 PM

VEHICLE, STOLEN 241607461 7800 BLOCK KYLE ST BRANDISHING WEAPON, EX-HIBITING DEADLY WEAPON 241607703 HAINES CANYON AV & FOOTHILL BL 4/27/2024 @ 6:00 PM Heritage Square Museum is located at 3800 Horner Street, Los Angeles, CA 90031. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to Blue13Dance.com or call (310) 876-2513•



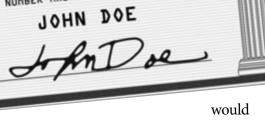
By AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor, Association of Mature American Citizens.

Dear Rusty: My wife passed away 4 years ago. I want to retire so called SSA and was told I can collect my own SS at 62, reduced by WEP. My wife's SS was greater than mine, but they said I do not qualify for hers at age 60 because of the GPO. This seems odd that I get zero for her, however I can collect mine at the two thirds reduction at 62. Is this true? This zero dollar amount places my retirement on hold for now. I was counting on her SS. Signed: Discouraged Widower Dear Discouraged: The Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) are two of the most confusing (and unpopular) of Social Security's myriad rules. From the way you describe your conversation with the Social Security Administration, it doesn't appear to have concluded with you fully understanding how these provisions work, so allow me to elaborate. WEP and GPO affect anyone who has a retirement pension from a federal, state, or local government agency which did not participate in Social Security, meaning neither the employee nor the employer paid into Social Security based on the employ-

that WEP will reduce any Social Security retirement benefit you earned have from other em-

ployment where SS payroll taxes were withheld, and the GPO will affect any survivor benefit you are entitled to.

WEP affects only the SS retirement benefit you earned elsewhere; WEP does not affect any surviving spouse benefit you might be entitled to from your wife. Rather, it is the GPO which affects your survivor benefit, again because of your state retirement (called a "non-covered pension" - one earned without contributing to Social Security). The GPO will reduce any surviving spouse benefit you might be entitled to by 2/3rds of the amount of your "non-covered" state pension. Depending on the size of your state pension, that reduction may entirely eliminate your surviving spouse benefit from your wife. Under normal SS rules, a surviving spouse does not become eligible for survivor benefits until they reach age 60 (age 50 if disabled). Normally, a surviving spouse benefit claimed at age 60 is reduced by 28.5% and it is the GPO (not WEP) that will affect your survivor benefit whenever you claim it. However, even without GPO, your age 60 survivor benefit amount



be only 71.5% of the amount your wife was receiving

(or entitled to receive) at her death. If you are already collecting your non-covered state pension when you claim your SS survivor benefit from your wife, then that reduced age 60 survivor benefit would be offset by 2/3rds of the amount of your state pension. And that (according to what Social Security told you) is what eliminated your age 60 eligibility for a surviving spouse benefit from your wife. If you don't claim it at 60 your survivor benefit will continue to grow until you reach your full retirement age (FRA) of 67, but if 2/3rds of your state pension is more than 100% of your SS survivor benefit, you still won't get any surviving spouse benefit from your wife's record. A further consequence of your non-covered state pension is that the SS retirement benefit you earned elsewhere will be reduced by WEP. WEP will reduce, but cannot eliminate, your Social Security retirement benefit. The WEP formula is complex but, generally, your WEP-based Social Security retirement benefit will likely be roughly half of what you would get if you did not have a state "non-covered pension.".

California, Zimmerman said. The testimony marks the first time a large property insurer has publicly promised a return to the market in the disaster-prone state if the new regulations are implemented.

More than half of the major property insurers in California have cut back on business in the state in recent years in response to the increasing severity of wildfires, as well as state regulations that limit the cost of policies.

Allstate confirmed in a statement to Bloomberg News that it seeks to increase its market share in California, but rates must "fully reflect the cost of providing insurance to consumers" before agreeing to lift its current restrictions. The new rules will allow for rate increases that the company says will ensure they can pay customers' claims in the event of a fire, according to the statement. Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara says the proposed reforms, which would not need legislative approval or to be signed by the governor, represent the biggest changes to the state's insurance market since 1988. Specifics have been scant and the overhaul is still in draft form, but Lara expects the process to be complete by the end of the year.

THE NATIONAL ENQUIRER'S PECKER LIE AND BUTT-BUSTING FROGS

Dr. Glenn Mollette

've never bought a copy of The National Enquirer. However, Live read from it some down through the years. If I've been standing in a grocery store checkout line for a few minutes then the tabloid has been a source of comic fodder. It's always been a good comic book.

I've never read anything in the publication that I took as gospel truth. Typically, the headlines have been something sensational like, "Green Creatures from Mars Visit the White House," or, "76-year-old woman has triplets. Democrats blame it on George H.W. Bush."

The former publisher David Pecker, recently admitted in New York City court that the tabloid had made up the story about Lee Harvey Oswald being associated with Ted Cruz's father Rafael Cruz. The story was completely fabricated along with fabricated pictures. The fabrication was that Rafael Cruz and Oswald were handing out pro Fidel Castro propaganda prior to Oswald's assassination. The point

Cruz just enough votes to drive him out of the 2016 run for President. This is a rear-end busting moment for The Enquirer.

In recent days, we have also heard about the tabloid buying stories from individuals just so

of the whole lie had to be to cost Enquirer with a grain of salt. in the old days when pushing a However, of course, some people believe everything they hear and read. Even though the story about Ted Cruz's father was a big lie, many Americans surely believed it because some believe anything that's in print.

David Pecker has admitted to being who he is, someone who is willing to publish a lie to bring about pain and suffering regardless of the cost. Former President Donald Trump and President Joe Biden are who they are and most likely you have made up your mind which way you are voting.

they could simply kill the story. If the publication did not promise they were publishing the story, then they had every right to buy the story and not follow through with publication. They paid for it and had every right to decide not to use the story.

So, what if they had used any of the stories they did not publish? Many Americans are like me they take the stories of The National

Sadly, we can't believe everything we hear on television and we can't believe everything we read in The National Enquirer, if anything.

In today's world do you believe everything you hear on television or read in print?

Many of us miss the good ol' days of Walter Cronkite or the evening news with Huntley-Brinkley. You probably don't even know who I'm talking about but it was back Mollette Music.

certain political candidate on any news format would not have been tolerated.

We live in a different day, or do we? The National Enquirer, has always been The National Enquirer. Stormy Daniels, has always been Stormy Daniels. She is a pornographic actress. David Pecker has admitted to being who he is, someone who is willing to publish a lie to bring about pain and suffering regardless of the cost. Former President Donald Trump and President Joe Biden are who they are and most likely you have made up your mind which way you are voting.

Regardless of how much you enjoy reading the garbage of The National Enquirer just remember that even though you might put feathers on a frog it will never fly and will always bust its butt every time it jumps.

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