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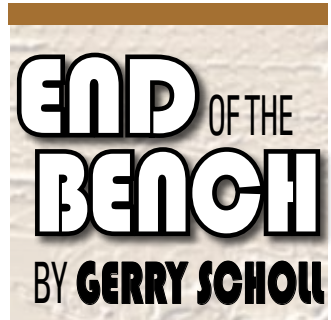
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# Big Haul for Big-Hearted Boy

Cameron, an 11-year-old, Collects Cans to Fight Hunger



Food for thought. Cameron Dax has gathered groceries for the hungry for five years. The 11-year-old's project recently delivered 5,000 food items to the Carmichael Presbyterian food closet.

#### Story and photo

by Susan Maxwell Skinner

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - Not yet in his teens, a Carmichael boy has done enough grocery shopping to last him a lifetime. Canny Cameron Dax (11) out penny-pinches even the most frugal. Ask him how much he'd pay for

tomatoes: two cans for a dollar is his top bid.

From the age of six, he's been pushing a shopping cart like a pro. Since he started Cameron's Canned Food Drive, he has given more than 8,500 non-perishable items to Carmichael Presbyterian Church, whose food closet helps struggling families and the

homeless. The home-schooled kid recently donated supplies for San Juan School District's outreach to families of needy students.

"When I first saw people who didn't have enough food, I wanted to give them all peanut butter and jelly sandwiches," recalled the young philanthropist. "I learned that food must

be non-perishable to be helpful, so I started my canned food drives. I begin collecting each year in October. I leave bins at the offices of family friends, at the gym, our chiropractor's, and with mom and dad's financial advisor. I call stores that give me good discounts and tell them when I'll

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### Get Free Tax Help!

500 Sacramentans Receive Free Tax Help at Kickoff of Volunteer Tax Assistance Program

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - In one day, 500 local residents received free help with their tax return preparation, thanks to the kickoff of the Sacramento Coalition for Working Families' Volunteer Income Tax Assistance effort, led by United Way.



Free tax help continues through end of March. Photo courtesy Kristin Thébaud Communications, United Way

At the Jan. 30th event, IRS-certified volunteers provided free basic tax return preparation with electronic filing and informed taxpayers about special tax credits for which they may qualify, including the federal and state Earned Income Tax Credits, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled. VITA is a national IRS program and offers free help to people who make a limited income and need help preparing their tax returns. More appointments are available through the end of March for local households that earned \$54,000 or less in 2015. Visit [www.yourlocal-unityway.org/VITA](http://www.yourlocal-unityway.org/VITA) or call 2-1-1. "We want to make sure as many households as possible in the Sacramento area are financially stable, and that starts with not spending unnecessary money on tax preparation and making sure they receive the maximum refund to which they are entitled," said Stephanie Bray, United Way California Capital Region president and CEO.

Local households that made \$62,000 or less in 2015 can qualify to file their state and federal taxes online for free at [MyFreeTaxes.com](http://MyFreeTaxes.com), thanks to a national partnership between United Way, Goodwill Industries and the National Disability Institute. [MyFreeTaxes.com](http://MyFreeTaxes.com) helps people save an average of \$200 in tax preparer fees. The website guides users through federal and state filing using software powered by H&R Block. Users need a valid email address and income forms. The eight-year-old program is available in all 50 states.

Both the in-person and online filing opportunities are designed to help households receive the maximum Earned Income Tax Credits of \$6,000, now available federally and through the state. This is the first year that California is offering a state Earned Income Tax Credit to benefit California's working families, increase use of the federal credit and increase availability of free tax preparation services.

To donate or volunteer, visit [www.yourlocalunityway.org](http://www.yourlocalunityway.org). Source: Kristin Thébaud Communications, United Way ★

## Finding a Voice in Music

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Music has the ability to transcend language, culture, and time. Residents within Eskaton are sparking new connections using an innovative therapeutic music platform created by Southern California based company SingFit. The music-therapist-designed program is a cognitive and physical stimulation exercise created specifically to keep the mind and body engaged.

The SingFit facilitator training begins with certified music-therapist Andy Tubman playing a song on his iPad asking the group how they feel. "Happy, relaxed, alive, awake" were all answers given by the future facilitators. Music when used appropriately can shift mood, manage stress, stimulate positive interactions and support brain health.

Trained facilitators lead residents on different musical journeys that can include trips across the globe, American cinema, show tunes, and more. Each session is uniquely tailored to fully engage each participant through singing, movement, trivia and reminiscence. The beauty of the program is in its adaptability to fit the unique needs of all residents from those living independently to those in memory care.

Each session is as unique as the rhythmic cues that compose each song. Activity Director of Eskaton Fountainwood Lodge, Sharon Wold, thought to include an intergenerational component to the program and was delighted to see young children enthralled with history through song. Live Well at Home



volunteer, Kathy Kirth, brings the joy of the program to the residents of Eskaton Care Center Fair Oaks when they find spiritual connection through spiritual hymns.

Are you interested in learning more about either participating in a SingFit session at an Eskaton community or learning how to become a trained volunteer? Eskaton will be holding a volunteer training for talented singers, musicians or performers that are eager to share their talents with the community. For more information please call Darlene Cullivan: (916) 334-0810. ★



Music when used appropriately can shift mood, manage stress, stimulate positive interactions and support brain health. Photo courtesy Eskaton



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# Be a Leak Detective for Fix a Leak Week

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - It's that time of year again when our nation's attention turns to fixing that leaky faucet, stopping that running toilet,



and searching for leaks wherever they may be.

"We're asking all of our customers to take some time this week to be a leak detective," said Greg Bundesen, Water Conservation Supervisor for Sacramento Suburban Water District. "That leaky faucet may not seem like a big deal, but over time it can waste thousands of gallons of water."

It's estimated that the average household's leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water wasted, more than enough to do 270 loads of laundry, and that household leaks waste more than 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide, that's equal to the amount of water used by more than 11 million homes each year.

Some of the most common culprits inside the home are worn toilet flappers, old and worn out faucet washers and gaskets, and loose showerhead connections. Outside, sources of leaks can be broken sprinkler heads, cracked pipes or leaky spigots and garden hoses.

### How to Check for Leaks

- **Make sure no water is being used inside or outside of your home.**
- **Check your water meter and record the reading. Wait 15 minutes and check it again. If the meter shows usage, you probably have a leak. The meter also has a blue or red flow indicator that turns when water is used. If all water is off, this flow indicator should not move.**
- **Visually examine all of your faucets and showerheads. Even a slow dripping faucet can waste more than 1,000 gallons a year.**
- **Check your toilet with a simple dye test. Place dye tablets or a couple of drops of food coloring into the tank. If the colored water appears in the bowl within 15 minutes, there is a leak in the flapper valve. SSWD has dye tablets available to customers at its Administration Office.**
- **Turn on your sprinklers one zone at a time and visually inspect each sprinkler for leaks.**
- **Set up a Water-Wise house call by contacting the SSWD office online or by calling the Customer Service Team at (916) 972-7171. One of their water-efficiency professionals will help you check for leaks, evaluate the water use on your property and make recommendations on how you can use water more efficiently.**

And remember, fixing leaks shouldn't be confined to only one week a year. Check your faucets, toilets, sprinklers and other water using appliances on a regular basis to make sure there aren't any problems, and fix them as soon as you find them.

Source: SSWD

# Carmina Burana is World Class

By Jeannie Brown

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - "The SCSO owns Carmina Burana!" This was the review immediately following the outstanding performance by the Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra on their 2003 East Coast debut of Carmina Burana at Carnegie Hall. Three standing ovations is no small feat in the music world, but this New York audience knew excellence when they saw it, so stand and applaud they did!

The Carmina trilogy of 2003 included not only the performance at Carnegie Hall, but back here at home in Sacramento's own Community Center Theater and UC Davis' brand new Mondavi Center.

The SCSO performance of Carmina put Sacramento on the musical world map and the first international tour soon followed with performances in Prague, Budapest, and Vienna. Since then, they have performed Carmina seven times and are in rehearsals now for the next performance scheduled for March 5th at the Sacramento Community Theater.

What is the excitement of Carmina Burana all about? Literally translated as Songs of Beuren, the over 1000 songs and poems discovered were originally penned in Latin, German, and medieval French by defrocked clergy and otherwise fun-loving, 'worldly' sorts of the 11th, 12th, and 13th centuries. These poems were not discovered until 1803 in the library of the Benedictine Abbey just outside of Munich where the SCSO performed in 2003. It was not until 1934 that German composer Carl Orff chose 24 of the secular poems and set them to what he termed a "scenic cantata," a choral and orchestral masterpiece that depicted tales of love, springtime, gluttony, and a bit of debauchery.

At 42, Orff became an overnight celebrity with the 1937 premier of Carmina in



SCSO Conductor Don Kendrick. Photo courtesy SCSO

Frankfurt, Germany. He was quoted as saying, "Everything I have written to date, and which you have, unfortunately, printed, can be destroyed. With Carmina Burana, my collected works begin."

The SCSO's 2003 stunning premier of Carmina at Carnegie Hall included the New England Chamber Ensemble, Carnegie's resident orchestra, as well as the Manhattan (NYC) Children's Chorus. This year's Sacramento performance features world-class soloists: soprano Shawnette Sulker, tenor Brian Staufenbiel, and baritone Lee Poulis. The large SCSO Team for the March 5th performance will be sure to please as the 160-plus members of the SCSO, along with 60 members of the Sacramento State University Chorus, 40 members of the Sacramento Children's Chorus, and a full 62-piece orchestra, promise to deliver the spine-chilling and soul-stirring rendition of Carmina Burana.

Along with the performance of Carmina, the March 5th repertoire will also include the American Premier of Jonathan Dove's Psalms for Leo, performed entirely in Hebrew, Karl Jenkins' Songs of Sanctuary, and Josef Suk's Towards a



SCSO's debut performance of Carmina in Carnegie Hall, circa 2003. Photo courtesy SCSO

New Life. The night's event will represent composers from Germany, England, Wales, and Czech Republic (respectively.) A dynamic not-to-be-missed pre-concert talk by Conductor Donald Kendrick will set the scene for the evening and projected supertitle translations will add to both the enjoyment and understanding of the music performed.

Tickets sales are robust and early purchases are encouraged to guarantee seats. Ticket prices range from \$35-\$55 with a 50 percent discount for students.

The SCSO is also offering a limited special "SCSO VIP Experience" and is available to student groups of 10 or more and includes admittance to the Friday night rehearsal, exclusive pre-concert meeting with conductor and artistic director Don Kendrick, a commemorative name badge, and a Carmina Burana CD. You can find out more at [www.SacramentoChoral.com](http://www.SacramentoChoral.com) or by calling the SCSO office at (916) 536-9065.

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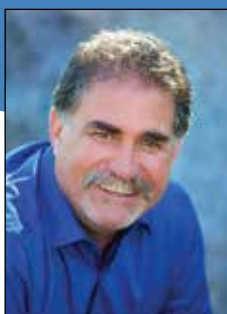
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# CARMICHAEL COMMUNITY UPDATE



**By County Supervisor Susan Peters**

Through the generosity of the Carmichael Times, this column serves to provide an update about matters affecting the unincorporated community of Carmichael.

**Help for Senior Homeowners**

The nonprofit organization Rebuilding Together Sacramento wants to help low income senior homeowners make their houses safe and energy efficient.

The installation of accessibility aids like bathroom grab bars, shower stools, stair handrails, etc., can provide safety and improve the ability to live independently at home. Minor home energy conservation measures like window and door weather stripping and caulking can

increase home energy efficiency and comfort. Such improvements are available through Rebuilding Together Sacramento's Safe At Home Program at no cost for eligible recipients or for a fee for those whose income is above the low income guidelines.

Rebuilding Together Sacramento has created safe and healthy homes since 1991. More information is available online at rebuildingtogethersacramento.org. You also can call the organization at (916) 455-1880.

**Learn Criminal Justice First-Hand**

Applications are now being accepted for the 2016 Citizens Academy, a 10-week course designed to provide an overview of the criminal justice system. The program is sponsored by District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert and supported by Sheriff Scott Jones along with the Sacramento Police Department.

The program involves weekly classes at the office of the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association at 4000 Truxel Road. The academy begins April 5 and meets on 10 Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Participants must at least 18-years-old and either live or work in Sacramento County. The deadline to submit an application is March 11th.

Visit [sacda.org](http://sacda.org) for more information or contact Erica Sevigny at (916) 874-5251 or via email at [vsevignyer@sacda.org](mailto:vsevignyer@sacda.org).

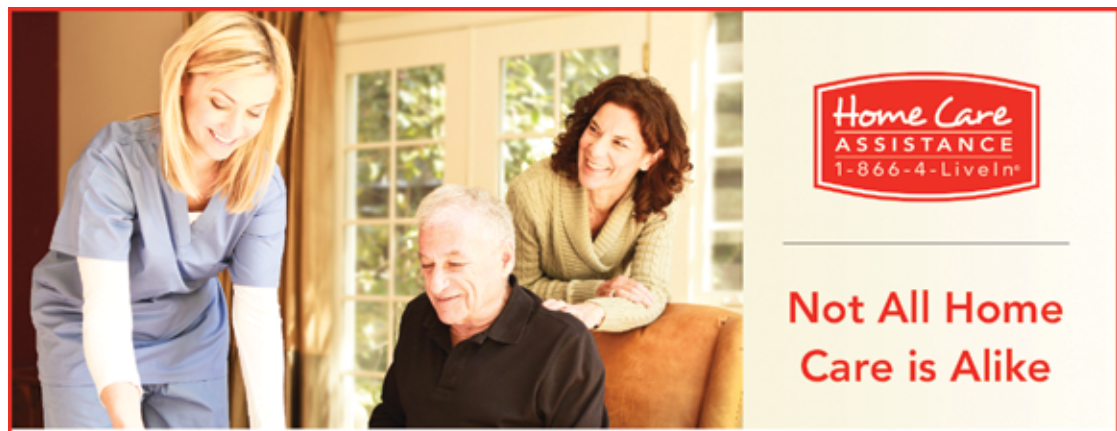
**Egg Hunt Office Hours**

Next month I will be holding "Office Hours" to provide residents the opportunity to drop by and talk about items of interest with no appointment necessary during various community events.

I'll be in Carmichael on Saturday, March 26th, during the annual Egg Hunt between 9:30 to 11 a.m. Visits will be handled on a "first come basis." The Egg Hunt starts at 10 am sharp rain or shine. In addition, there will be a pancake breakfast that runs from 7 to 11 a.m. The Carmichael Recreation and Park District along with the Kiwanis Club of Carmichael are sponsoring the two activities at Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Avenue. For more information about the egg hunt, call the Park District at (916) 485-5322 or visit [carmichaelpark.com](http://carmichaelpark.com).

I'll move my "office" to other locations throughout the year. Future dates will be posted on my web page accessible at [bos.saccounty.net](http://bos.saccounty.net).

Susan Peters represents the Third District on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. She can be reached at [susan-peters@saccounty.net](mailto:susan-peters@saccounty.net). ★



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## Runner Responds to High Speed Rail Change of Plans

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Board of Equalization Vice Chair George Runner issued the following statement in response to the High Speed Rail Authority's 2016 business plan:

"The High Speed Rail Authority is desperate and wants to lay as much track as possible so that it becomes more difficult to stop the project. The decision to switch

construction to the Bay Area amounts to nothing more than kicking the can down the alley. The Tehachapi Mountains won't disappear because the authority decided to change plans.

"As I warned in 2008, this project is now a far cry from what voters narrowly approved. The project is more than twice as expensive as initially promised and has suffered numerous

setbacks and delays. This isn't what Californians expected; they clearly deserve another chance to vote on the issue."

George Runner represents more than nine million Californians as an elected member and Vice Chair of the State Board of Equalization. For more information, visit [www.boe.ca.gov/Runner](http://www.boe.ca.gov/Runner).

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# A Centennial Celebration

*Carmichael Water District Celebrates 100 Year Anniversary*

By Annika Darling

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - The Carmichael Water District was initially formed as an Irrigation District. Its first official meeting was held on Feb. 8th, 1916. Now, after serving the community for 100 years, they are officially a centennial company.

The purpose of the Water District's formation was to supply water to Carmichael Colonies through a 15 cubic foot per second water right from the American River.

The Centennial Celebration was observed on Monday, Feb. 8th, and highlighted the District's 100 years of dedicated service: historic displays were observed, dinner and beverages were served, and even a fire hydrant art silent auction was held.

The fire hydrant art auction



Carmichael Water District board members shown receiving awards recently at the Centennial Celebration. Staff photo

included ten fire hydrants that were designed and painted by students from Del Campo High School. Proceeds from the auction went to support the Del Campo High School Art Program.

The event was held at the La Sierra Community Center on Engle Road. The event was flooded with smiles and accolades. ★

# Big Haul for Big-Hearted Boy

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be there. I save my allowance and some people give me money. My Go Fund Me account [on social media] has really helped; it gets donations from out of town people. They help me because they know I'm helping others. Helping makes me feel good inside. If all other kids did something like this, hunger wouldn't be such a problem."

Cameron's father, contractor Jeff Dax, is ecstatic to have a 4-foot-7-inch kid with such a monumental heart. "It's inspiring when an 11-year-old thinks this way," said dad. "The project has helped

Cameron grow tremendously. He's learned to be businesslike and resourceful. He recruits friends to help and he's confident talking to adults. He tells everyone he meets about the project—even our mailman. And our mailman brought food to the door, too."

Cameron's home school teacher, mom Coral Dax, reports eye-opening market expeditions with her son. "He has a set budget before he starts and he sticks to it," she noted. "He's learned to pick components that can be used together to make a meal. He tries to make good choices to benefit people's nutrition."

Cameron's career hopes include

being an astronaut or working for a non-profit. Presbyterian Church food closet co-director Terryll Summers predicts great things for the youthful activist. "It's endearing to see someone giving back at such a young age," she approved. "With Cameron's concern for the community, he'll have an amazing future." Cameron's Canned Food Drive supporters include: Dax Construction, Fiske Financial Strategies, CrossFit LoCo gymnasium, Visions in Education (charter school group), Acme Chiropractic, and the Grocery Outlet.

To assist the project, E-mail Daxgirl@surewest.net. ★

## Correction:

In a recent story: Take a Sentimental Journey via Cabaret, we inadvertently ran the wrong

phone number for the River City Chorale, the organization in charge of the event. You can

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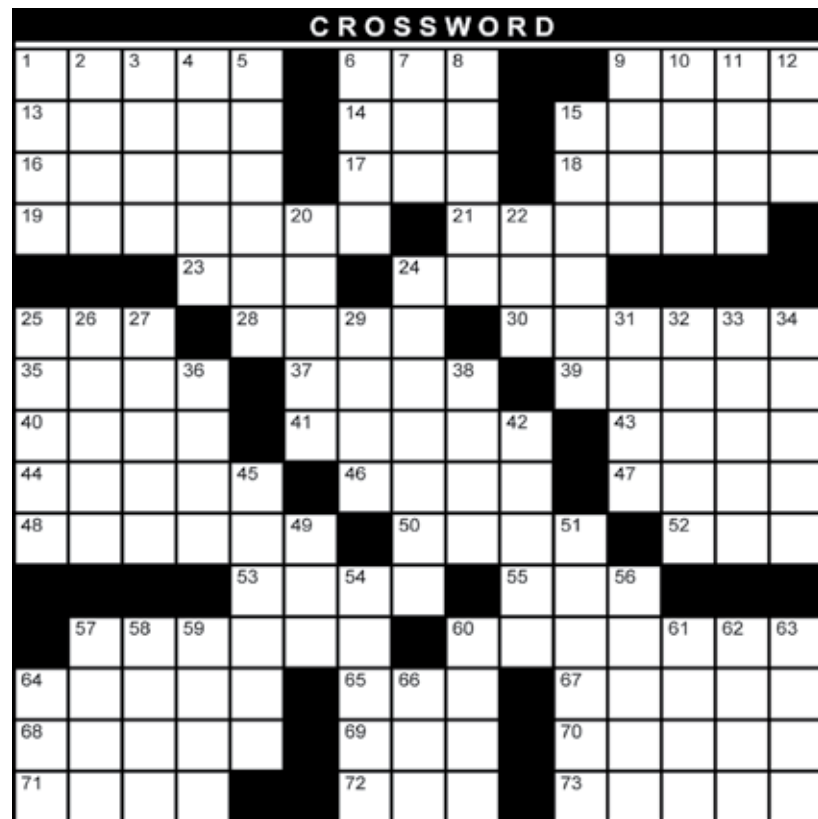
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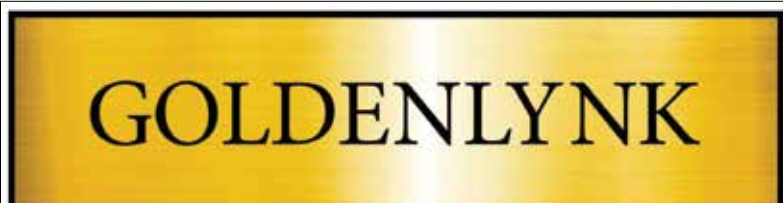


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# Donald Trump on Bush's WMD 'Lie'



Commentary by Paul G. Kengor

"George Bush made a mistake," said Donald Trump in the South Carolina debate last week. "We should have never been in Iraq." Trump added that "we destabilized" the larger Middle East.

Those are legitimate points of contention—though Trump should not exclude President Obama's decision to prematurely pull troops from Iraq. That move by Obama in 2011 was disastrous, as so many (including Bush himself) warned it would be. It unquestionably helped enable the surge of ISIS and its establishment of a self-proclaimed "Islamic State" caliphate.

But then Donald Trump went way overboard.

"I want to tell you, they lied," said Trump. "They said there were weapons of mass destruction. There were none. And they knew there were none."

The "they" means George W. Bush, and (we must assume) basically Bush's administration and entire security and foreign-policy and intelligence team.

Trump's accusation is outrageous.

Given a chance to walk-back that remark in an interview with Sean Hannity, Trump seemed unwilling.

"Some people felt like you

were going conspiratorial," said Hannity, "suggesting that they knew that there were no weapons of mass destruction."

Trump answered: "No. I don't have—you know, I can't tell you that. I can only tell you that getting into the war was a disaster."

That was all that Trump said. No further elaboration. Was he backing down a bit? Maybe, but it was hardly a major retraction or apology.

Either way, Trump's initial assertion should be dealt with. The idea that George W. Bush lied about WMDs is an old, ludicrous canard that needs to be dispatched to the ash-heap of history. It is a very unfair smear.

Let's recall the history leading up to 2003:

The war debate was not over whether Saddam Hussein had WMDs. Everyone was convinced he did, including Democrats, Bill and Hillary Clinton, Kofi Annan at the U.N., the French, the Russians, the world's intelligence agencies, and on and on.

The debate was not if Saddam had WMDs but how to best go about disarming him. The debate within the international community was whether an American-led invasion should be pursued to disarm Saddam (the approach favored by George Bush and Tony Blair) or whether sanctions and arms inspections should be pursued to disarm Saddam (the French-Russian approach), but never whether Saddam had WMDs.

For years, since at least 1990, the world was certain that the Iraqi dictator was ever-assuredly securing WMDs.

If I may, my personal experience is instructive:

I began working this issue at the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) in 1991, and then continued in graduate school, as a professor, and as a researcher for various think-tanks. All along, I supported the Democrats in the White House—that is, Bill Clinton and Al Gore

and crew—when they bombed Iraq because of its ominous WMD threat. The last such occasion was December 1998, after Saddam again kicked out U.N. inspectors as they demanded entry to clandestine WMD sites. By 2003, inspections had not occurred in Iraq in five years, which concerned George W. Bush and his team greatly in the post-9/11 world.

In my lectures on Iraq still today, I quote lengthy articles from The New York Times to Newsweek that detailed Saddam's frightening covert biological and nuclear programs. Check the Washington Post (Barton Gellman, "Iraq Works Toward A-Bomb," September 30, 1998); The London Times ("Defectors say Iraq tested nuclear bomb," February 25, 2001, and "Iraq will have nuclear bomb in months," September 16, 2002); The New Yorker (Jeffrey Goldberg, "The Great Terror," March 25, 2002); U.S. News & World Report (Richard J. Newman, "Stalking Saddam," February 23, 1998); Newsweek (John Barry, "Unearthing the Truth," March 2, 1998); or Time, the Los Angeles Times, the Wall Street Journal or other publications. Some of these articles laid out not merely nuclear programs but supposed secret nuclear tests conducted by Saddam. Peruse transcripts from major TV news broadcasts: CBS, ABC, NBC, CNN, MSNBC, CBC. Check the BBC and NPR. And don't neglect the full-blown books published by top houses, like Khadhir Hamza's Saddam's Bombmaker.

Watch the terrifying November 23, 1997 clip of Bill Clinton's secretary of defense, Bill Cohen, on "Meet the Press with Tim Russert," laying out the Clinton administration's horrifying projections on Saddam's WMD production in the absence of inspections. Russert, usually merciless in grilling people, naturally accepted Cohen's details; there was no reason to doubt them.

**"Of course, we did discover some WMDs in Iraq after 2003 (everyone forgets this), and chief inspector David Kay found both Iraqi 'infrastructure and intent' to ramp up WMD production once Saddam later figured he was in the clear."**

— PAUL G. KENGOR  
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I used to show my students an amazing video of Clinton's security team—Cohen, Sandy Berger, and Madeleine Albright—being shouted down by extremely rude students in a forum at Ohio State University in February 1998, which CNN broadcast as an "International Town Meeting." Despite the embarrassing behavior of the students, the Clinton team hung in there, urging that America "must get those WMDs." I also regularly showed my students the November 1997 CNN special report, "Showdown with Iraq."

This is just the tiniest sample of what was always fresh and available.

I began collecting such material at CSIS. I maintained the briefing book (actually, literal briefing boxes) on this subject for our senior analysts, who were CNN's regular analysts, and most of whom voted for Bill Clinton. In one case, we discovered and blew the whistle on a suspected Iraqi WMD site near Kirkuk. Dan Rather grabbed the story and made it his lead in an October 1992 "CBS Evening News" broadcast. Yes, that was way back in 1992, when even then we were being told that Saddam was on the cusp of an operational nuclear weapon.

George W. Bush, like all of us, first heard about suspected Iraqi WMDs from the media in the 1990s, long before he was

governor let alone president. The press was unanimous in reporting daily that Iraq was producing if not harboring WMDs in defiance of the 1991 U.N. ceasefire. There were never-ending reports that Saddam was months away (estimates ranged from six to 18 months) from a nuclear bomb, on top of his equally alarming bio and chemical weapons arsenals, which he previously employed against "enemies" ranging from Kurdish children to the Marsh Arabs to the Iranians and Israelis. He promised to "scorch half of Israel" with "chemical gas."

It was because of Saddam's obstruction, remember, that the Clinton administration unceasingly bombed suspected Iraqi WMD sites throughout the 1990s, so often that Thomas Friedman of the New York Times quipped that Saddam Hussein was the reason God invented the cruise missile.

Thus, by 2003, President George W. Bush had correctly calculated that Saddam's WMD arsenal, after at least five years of no inspections, was an intolerable, unacceptable risk in the wake of 9/11.

This was a fully legitimate fear, with Bush's suspicion of Saddam's stockpiles first informed not by his advisers but, instead, by the media that informed all of us in the 1990s, years before Bush became president.

In short, all of that very recent history was forgotten by an emotional, angry political left after our troops didn't find the WMD stockpiles we all expected.

Of course, we did discover some WMDs in Iraq after 2003 (everyone forgets this), and chief inspector David Kay found both Iraqi "infrastructure and intent" to ramp up WMD production once Saddam later figured he was in the clear. We did not, however, find the warehouses of WMD stockpiles we expected. (The better question is why not and what happened to the WMDs.)

Finally, aside from these facts, imagine strictly for the sake of argument that George W. Bush did lie about WMDs. That would mean that he and his administration went to war in 2003 for a fallacious if not treacherous reason they knew would be exposed the moment we got to Iraq and found no WMDs. They would have pursued this self-defeating tactic realizing it would be revealed as a farce very soon, certainly by the next year, meaning the very year (2004) that Bush ran for re-election. It would have been a mission of political suicide, probably even impeachable.

In short, Donald Trump can legitimately question Bush's decision to invade Iraq. But his charge that George W. Bush lied about WMDs is outrageous.

This is an old smear that needs to be ended, not resurrected by the Republican front-runner for president.

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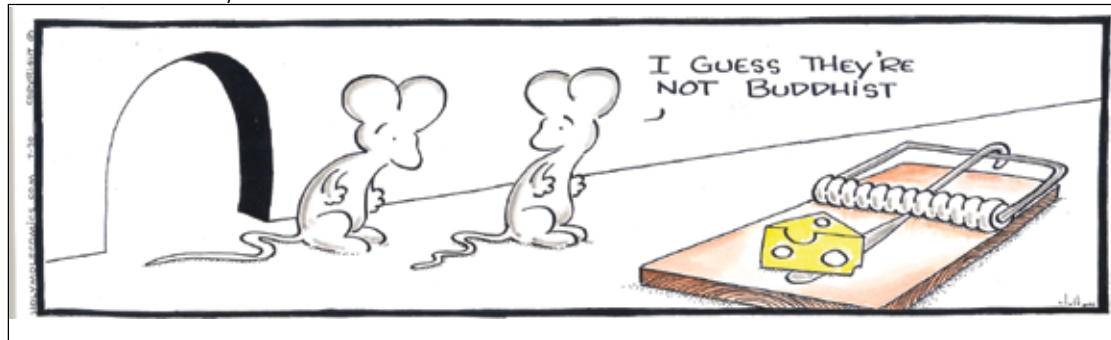
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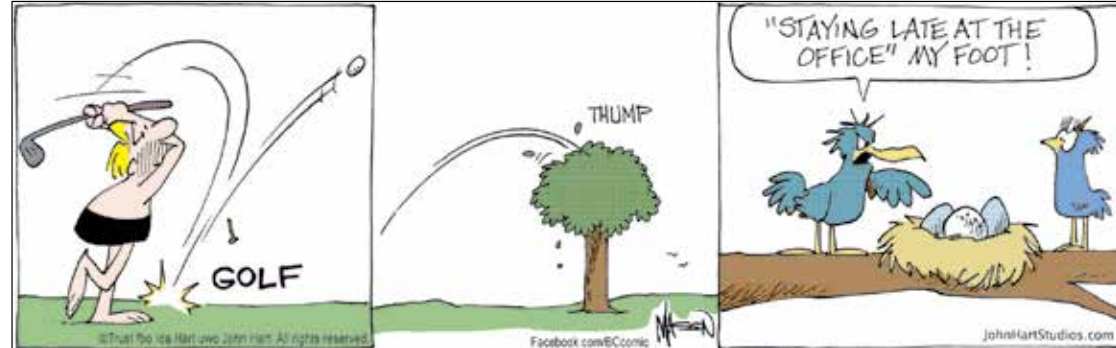
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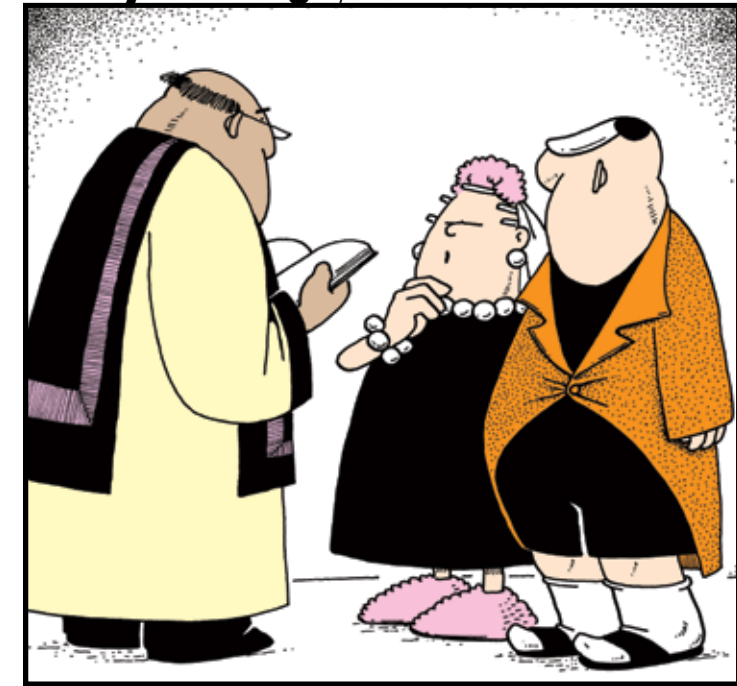
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Everybody is talking about that baby-faced kid playing for the Golden State Warriors and his own "Shimmy Shake" in front of the Atlanta Hawks' bench after another big-time three-pointer in the clutch.

After the Warriors blew a 23-point lead Monday night under the pressure of a furious Hawks' rally, the Splash Brothers came to the rescue late in the fourth quarter to secure a 102-92 win. The W's trailed by four early in the final period and Atlanta players were standing, celebrating their comeback effort along the sideline when the "baby-faced assassin," Steph Curry, and his running-mate Klay Thompson did their thing, aided by a flurry of blocked shots and rebounds by Andrew Bogut.

Thompson sat the Hawks down with a three-point shot and went on to score 10 quick points to pull the Warriors back into the lead. Curry's contested trey from the left corner made it a 91-84 margin and Golden State took it home from there as Curry followed with a pair of lay-ups for a sudden 11-point lead.

As Curry's big shot dropped through the net, he turned to do his little "Shimmy Shake" in the face of former teammate Kent Bazemore. People are making much too big of a deal out of Curry's relatively modest taunting gesture, pointing to it as possibly a chink in Curry's Under Armour. Besides, Bazemore --- noted for his celebratory sideline antics during his stint in Oakland --- had it coming. A couple of minutes earlier while Thompson was attempting a three from in front of Atlanta's bench, Bazemore was up and leaning over, barking in Klay's ear as he shot.

It's about time for everyone to meld with the evolution of modern sports and celebrate it. Stop calling penalties and technical fouls and ripping on guys that are having a great time in the performance of their crafts. These are excitable boys playing at the highest levels in the "I'm kind of a big deal" era.

These are the days of unbelievable mega-contracts, seemingly unlimited television and internet exposure, endless highlight shows, constant merchandising campaigns, globalization, hyped-to-the-hilt All Star and championship extravaganzas, ultra-commercialization.

Every move the modern player makes is under the microscope, to be applauded, scrutinized, criticized. Sabermetricians and the like will break down every little detail of the athletes' actions in their fields of play, while the media and social media seem to cover everything else.

Super cell phones that are much smarter than their owners, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and all of the rest are part of the grand sell-job by the technology sector, that recognized the modern human failing --- an irresistible urge to "Let me talk about myself." Having grown up with it all, the athletes of today have been convinced that they can't live without that stuff; they can't help themselves; they are going to hit "Send." Their lives are over-exposed; acting out is the nature of the beasts. It's inevitable, those hanging on to "old school" ideas are going to have to give in and just join in the fun.

Keeping it fun is the key. Having an open attitude helps to accept that there really is nothing wrong with the Lambeau Leap, and emphatic first down signal, a spike in the end zone or a touchdown dance, dabbing like a Newton, hanging and swinging on the rim after a dunk, the three-finger salute on a trey, watching your home run sail over the wall, or a "Shimmy Shake." Most of those histrionics are innocent-enough, okay fun. Those that object

simply have to get over themselves. Opponents that don't like what they see can put a stop to it by stopping their foes. And when they are on the other end, they are likely to behave in some similar fashion.

It's on the players to be appropriate, to realize what it means to take it too far. They can humble an opponent without humiliating them, and if feelings get a bit hurt the favor could be returned at a later date. Don't pose like wild gorilla over an injured foe laying on the turf. Don't moon the opponent's fans in the end zone seats. No throat-slashing or gang gestures. No props, please. No three-finger salutes when your team is trailing by 20 in the fourth quarter. No prancing about out of control after a sack when your team is down three scores.

These things should not be that difficult to sort out. It just takes some common sense; but that may be an "old school" notion.

Schools, leagues, franchises, television and other media, and the fans have all propped the great athletes upon their pedestals and showered them with fame and fortune all along the way. Some of those enablers are the very ones that frown upon the overt exuberance during the heat of competition. They should take time out from clicking away and taking "selfies" to enjoy the emotional outbursts for what they are...fun.

So if a guy like Steph Curry (or Kent Bazemore, for that matter) gets carried away with excitement and makes some demonstrative, silly gesture --- so what? --- take it in the spirit of the modern moment.

Curry, the reigning and likely repeat MVP of the NBA, of all people, should be excused. After all, he's leading his team to new heights, to an historic season, to a long list of record-breaking accomplishments and, possibly, back-to-back championships.

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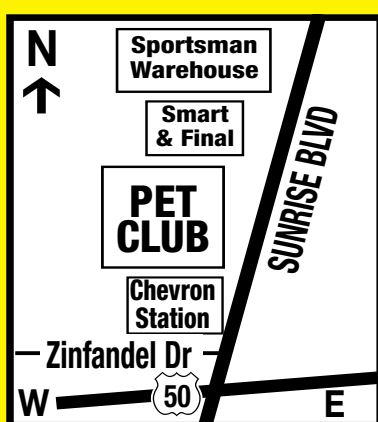
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