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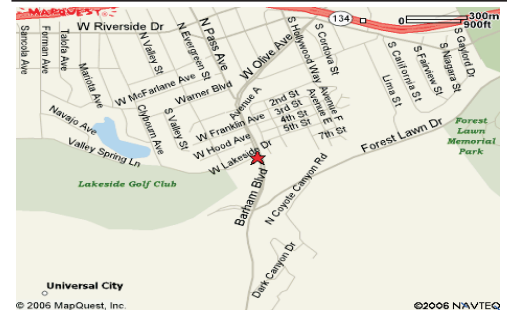
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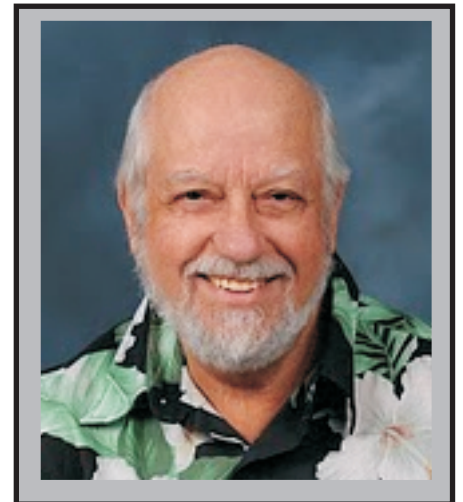
Burt Prelutsky Humorist, Screen Writer, Author, Observer

Burt Prelutsky says of himself, "I was a Democrat until, like Ronald Reagan, I had no choice but to leave the party when the party left me."

Burt Prelutsky has been a humor columnist for the L.A. Times and a movie critic for Los Angeles magazine. As a freelancer, he has written for the New York Times, TV Guide, Modern Maturity, Emmy, Holiday, American Film, and Sports Illustrated.

For television, he has written for "Dragnet," "McMillan & Wife," "MASH," "Mary Tyler Moore," "Rhoda," "Bob Newhart," "Family Ties," "Dr. Quinn," and "Diagnosis Murder."

In addition, he has written a batch of terrific TV movies that starred the likes of Jean Stapleton, Ed Asner, Keith Carradine, Mare Winningham, Jean Simmons, Jack Warden, Barnard Hughes, Richard Thomas, Sharon Gless, Sylvia Sidney, Harold Gould, and Lillian Gish. He has been nominated for three WGA awards (winning one), won three Christophers, been nominated for a Humanitas and won an Edgar.



Burt Prelutsky

Talk about being well-rounded, he plays tennis and poker...and rarely cheats at either.

He writes regularly for Townhall.com and WorldNetDaily. He is the best-selling author of "Conservatives Are From Mars, Liberals Are From San Francisco," and "Liberals: America's Termites,"

His most recent book is "The Secret of Their Success," a collection of 78 interviews he did with the notable likes of Gerald Ford, Billy Wilder, Art Linkletter, Sid Caesar, Henry Mancini, George Carlin, Gene Kelly, Victor Kiam, Ginger Rogers, Judith Krantz, Dinah Shore, Steve Allen, and J. Peter Grace.

He is presently working on a sequel and has already interviewed, among others, Charles Krauthammer, Curt Schilling, Gary Sinise, Joseph Wambaugh, Newt Gingrich, Carl Reiner, George Kennedy, Andrew Breitbart, John Stossel, Morgan Brittany, Ross Porter, Alan & Marilyn Bergman, James Woods, Pat Boone, and John Bolton.

He currently writes for eight blogs besides his own, including WorldNetDaily and the Patriot Post.

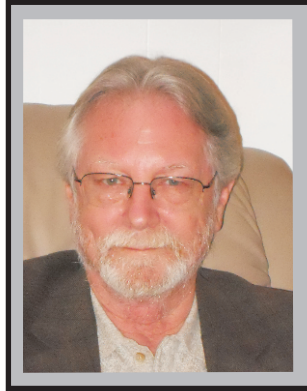
He lives in the San Fernando Valley where he takes his marching orders from a wife named Yvonne and a dog named Duke.

From the President's Desk---

So, the big day approaches – November 2nd is just over the horizon – soon we will know if the Tea Party and Conservative Republicans have managed to turn our Country away from its dash toward the precipice of Socialism. Surveys indicate many races at this point in time are too close to call. Optimism indicates there should be a major shift in the makeup of our National political point of view. But we have yet to feel the full brunt of the coming well financed Democrat Party advertising campaign. The dirt, the mud and the lies are going to be knee deep. I just hope the Conservative Republicans and Tea Partyers can mount enough of a counter campaign to blunt their charge.

There are already several lies that, because they have not been countered, have taken hold in the public mind and are now considered truth. It is now considered true that Bush's administration caused the financial collapse and put us \$700 B in debt before Obama even took over. Where was the Republican Leadership to point out every time a Democrat politician or commentator pointed their finger at Bush that it's Congress that controls the purse? It's Congress that empowers Freddie Mac, and Fannie May. It was congresses' job to over see Wall Street, not the Presidents. The down turn in the economy began after 2006, the year Democrats took over Congress. Until the Democrats took over the "Bush economy" actually the "Republican Congress economy" was doing just fine.

Another big lie is about how the rich are not paying their 'fair share'. "The rich have more money than they need, they are getting a too big piece of the pie, they should share their excess pie with the needy." Why doesn't some Republican point out that the rich do not have a lot of money. They have a lot of worth because they have invested their money in the economy of the United States. A rich person earning 2, 3, 4 million dollars a year does not take that money home to hide under his mattress. He does not put it in a bank or in his bathtub so he can rub it all over his naked body while giggling hysterically, he invests it. He puts that money to work so a company can hire more workers and increase production, buy better equipment, increase advertising, and hire people to handle the increased sales. He increases the size of the pie for everyone. Taxing a rich person is not going to take away some of his excess money. Taxing him will not reduce the number of diamonds he buys, nor the amount of Champagne he drinks, nor cause him to choose a Prius instead of a Bentley. No, taxing him will reduce the amount of money he invests. It will make the pie smaller than it would otherwise have been. Why doesn't some Republican leader point that out?

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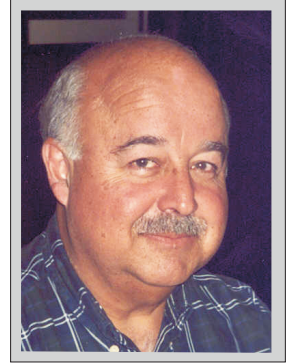
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Deadline for Nov. 2010 Newsletter

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 November 3rd, 2010

Bill's Bills – The Veto List

Deadline for this installment was sadly a few days before the Governor had to announce his veto or signing of all legislation passed and on his desk. Hence the list below may – and hopefully does – contain much that has been vetoed. If you want to find out for sure you can go to: www.gov.ca.gov - Ahnolt's website. At the top of the page you will see a link titled "Newsroom". That ought to have news of signings and vetoes. While reading the monstrosities below, keep in mind that all of them had to pass both legislative houses. We've got a LOT of housecleaning to do.



William Saracino

SB 900 – Alquist and AB 1602 – Perez. Prematurely enacts Obamacare provisions with vague and expensive guidelines. Creates a "state health exchange" – which could possibly have a budget of \$40 billion – to be totally run by 5 political appointees. There are no guidelines in the bills limiting how much these 5 appointees can be paid, who will set their salary, or how many employees they can hire for themselves and their new bureaucracy.

AB 1825 - De La Torre. Requires all health insurance plans include maternity care – even those for men. No, really.

SB 880 - Yee. Requires skiers and snowboarders under 18 to wear an "approved" helmet or risk a \$25 fine. Okay...uhm...who's going to write those tickets?

AB 408 - Saldana. Increases fees paid by California lobster fishermen by 113%. Included this in the list because of this nugget: the Legislative Analyst estimates that the cost of administering this new program will be \$3 million annually, and the annual fees generated will be between \$60,000 - \$76,000. Your legislature at work.

AB 2398 – Perez. Only a liberal politician would name his legislation the "carpet product stewardship act", which is what AB 2398 is called. It imposes a 5 cent per square yard tax on carpets sold in California (with no limit on how much that tax can go up) to fund a carpet recycling program. You will be as shocked as I was to discover that the sponsor of this measure is California's largest carpet recycling company and a contributor to Perez. Ain't democracy grand.

AB 1451 – Ammiano. Allows counties to issue their own ID cards – creating the potential for 58 different ID card versions in California. The purpose is to make it easier for illegal immigrants to hide the fact of their illegality. Tom Ammiano, the author, represents the "sanctuary city" of San Francisco.

SB 657 – Steinberg. Creates a totally unattainable requirement that manufacturers and retailers disclose whether forced labor was used at any point in the supply chain of their products and describe their efforts to prevent it. This is trial-attorney extortion heaven.

AB 482 – Mendoza. Prohibits employers from considering an applicants credit history during the hiring process. Mendoza is either unaware or doesn't care that the U.S. military routinely uses credit history as one means to determine granting access to classified information.

AB 1413 – Leno. Requires schools to provide students access to "fresh, free tap water" during mealtimes. 100% of schools already have drinking fountains aplenty, so you might wonder what the agenda is here. Like SB 657 above this provides a happy hunting ground to trial attorneys over the definition of "fresh" tap water.

AB 424 – Torres. I tried to save the dumbest for last. Though California is facing a \$20 billion deficit, this bill spends \$4 million to educate the public on the uses of the 911 system. I guess so Californians won't confuse emergency dialing with calling your local Porsche dealer. Couldn't make this stuff up even if I tried.

Forum Highlights, a report by Michael Lerew

This past month's Forum of open discussion on current events and issues was particularly lively and interesting, and good participation--and as always, everyone is encouraged to speak their mind!

The first question was: What do you think is at stake in the November elections? Steve said that "the very essence of this country is at stake." **Steve** mentioned that he is reading David Limbaugh's new book, which he recommends to everyone. **Marilyn** commented that "what is at stake is to stop nit-picking about our candidates." **Mark** said that what is at stake "is my grandchildren's future." **Eldon** remarked that "it makes a difference to talk to people who don't vote. To see the U.S.'s future without change, look at Argentina." **Lynn** observed that she "hopes a lot of people don't vote. Last time, a lot of completely uninformed people voted." Angel noted that this is her first election in which she is actively involved. Val pointed out that lately even Fidel Castro has been quoted as saying that Communism didn't work."

In response to a question about where did President Obama and Democrats in Congress go wrong on their economic policies, **Val** started off the discussion by saying: "we have lost the prestige of the world, and we're broke!" **Brad** commented, "Obama has forced people to go on the dole." **Mark** felt that "the failure is with the voting populace of America." Steve pointed out that "16% of Americans are receiving government assistance." **Marilyn** stated that "people are too self-focused." **Eldon** remarked: "The progressive movement has been taught since the 1940's or before; people aren't educated enough to understand what has been happening."

People were asked, what would be the difference between a Meg Whitman administration, and a Jerry Brown administration in Sacramento? **Brad**: "Jerry Brown would spend us into oblivion." **Lynn**: "Brown has been in politics for so long. Meg may want to be President, and therefore she might do more for California." **Marilyn**: "Meg is our candidate. If you don't vote for her, you're supporting Brown." **Mark**: "A bad Republican is better than the best Democrat." **Eldon**: "Imagine California with a Democrat governor and a Democrat legislature!"

People had plenty to say about the subject of the Florida minister who said he would publicly burn some copies of the Koran. **Susan**: "People should read the Koran aloud on TV." **Lynn** thought "the pastor is a bigot." **Steve** noted that he "accomplished his purpose." **Brad** observed that "there are many translations of the Koran." **Laura**: "The media and the government are hypocritical." **Eldon** commented that "bullies need to be stood up to," and that this principle definitely applies to Islamist extremists.

People were asked what they think of Republican office holders who lose primaries and then run as write-ins or independents, generally against more conservative Republicans. **Brad**: "It's self-serving. These people have no skills." **Val**: "The old guard are part of an elite ruling class." **Mark**: A politician and a statesman can both do the same thing, but the statesman does it for the better of the whole."

One question was, do people think American society is getting worse, staying the same, or improving? **Eldon** noted that "every country faces the issue of what to do with those who can't make it. In our early history, churches did it; charity was personal." **Ron** said: "Half a century ago, the country was struck a mortal blow--the advent of progressivism." **Bo** remarked: "We're in a crisis of socialist methods, such as the CRA Act." **Val**: "Only the administration and George Soros think we're doing better." **Brad**: "Things are getting worse, because of apathy." **Marilyn** said things are getting worse, "because our freedoms are eroding."

Thanks to all for their thoughtful participation on these and other questions in the September Forum!

Notes from the Board

One of the things the Board tries hardest to do is engage knowledgeable, interesting people to be our monthly speaker. This takes a bit of work and we could use some help. We would like to hear from the membership what subjects you would like to hear about, and what speakers you would like to hear from. If you have a speaker or a subject in mind, write it on a piece of paper and give it to a board member, or email me, at equick1@sbcglobal.net, or phone me at 323-467-7654.

Also the Nominating Committee is open to suggestions for people who would like to serve on the Board. If you are someone, or can think of someone who would be a good Board member, give your suggestion to Louise Clarke Stone at the check in desk.

The SCRW&M Board has reviewed the Propositions on the November Ballot and are making the following recommendations.

PROPOSITIONS & LOCAL MEASURES

PROPOSITION 19 – OPPOSE

Changes California Law to Legalize Marijuana and Allow It to Be Regulated and Taxed.

PROPOSITION 20 – SUPPORT

Redistricting of Congressional Districts.

PROPOSITION 21 – OPPOSE

Establishes \$18 Annual Vehicle License Surcharge to Help Fund State Parks and Wildlife Programs and Grants Free Admission to All State Parks to Surcharged Vehicles.

PROPOSITION 22 - OPPOSE

Prohibits the State from Taking Funds Used for Transportation or Local Government Projects and Services.

PROPOSITION 23 - STRONGLY SUPPORT

Suspends Air Pollution Control Laws Requiring Major Polluters to Report and Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions That Cause Global Warming Until Unemployment Drops Below Specified Level for Full Year.

PROPOSITION 24 – OPPOSE

Repeals Recent Legislation That Would Allow Businesses to Carry Back Losses, Share Tax Credits, and Use a Sales-Based Income Calculation to Lower Taxable Income.

PROPOSITION 25 - HELL NO, STRONGLY OPPOSE

Changes Legislative Vote Requirement to Pass a Budget from Two-Thirds to a Simple Majority. Retains Two-Thirds Vote Requirement for Taxes.

PROPOSITION 26 – SUPPORT

Increases Legislative Vote Requirement to Two-Thirds for State Levies and Charges. Imposes Additional Requirement for Voters to Approve Local Levies and Charges with Limited Exceptions.

PROPOSITION 27 – STRONGLY OPPOSE

Eliminates State Commission on Redistricting. Consolidates Authority for Redistricting with Elected Representatives.

San Jacinto School Bond – OPPOSE

Measure L - OPPOSE

Measure M - SUPPORT

Val's Vents by Vladimir Cymbal

The government wants to take over more land.

This summer, the National Park Service initiated a new "special resource study" of the Rim of the Valley Corridor surrounding the San Fernando, La Crescenta, Santa Clarita, Simi and Conejos Valleys in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties of southern California.

The Rim of the Valley Corridor study's purpose is to determine whether any portion of the study area is eligible to be designated as a unit of the national park system or added to an existing national park such as the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. The study will also explore other ways that private or governmental entities can protect resources and provide more outdoor recreation opportunities.

Sure sounds nice, doesn't it? More parks that the state cannot afford to maintain. The state is closing parks and recreation areas. This preserves the land for what, the park rangers? People who have cabins in those areas don't want you, me, or anyone else to enjoy a cabin like they do, so they start movements to "preserve nature". They have theirs and the rest of us can go to hell. Before I bought the house in Saugus, there were only fields and trees there. As my and other newly built houses were occupied, people started petitions to not allow any other developments in adjoining areas. We got ours, the hell with everyone else.

The US government owns more of this county's land than the people do. 80% of Utah is owned by the Feds. The more land that a government owns (federal, state, or local), the less land there is for the people. This will force the people to live in overcrowded cities, using "public" transportation because the streets and highways are not maintained properly (and not enough of them). The more we depend on a government entity the more they will charge us for "what they provide". There are ways to preserve most of nature without having the government take over.

Our governments (Fed. State, and local) should be concerned with improving the economy and dreaming new restrictions and entities to enforce them. I got an email from Fran Pavley bragging about all the bills she and the legislature passed or were working on. None of them had anything to do with helping the economy. On the contrary, they were increasing the size of government and costs to run it.



Wise Words

"Would it not be better to simplify the system of taxation rather than to spread it over such a variety of subjects and pass through so many new hands." --Thomas Jefferson

"We must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt." --Thomas Jefferson

"The public cannot be too curious concerning the characters of public men." --Samuel Adams

Membership

2010 Membership

SCRW&M wishes to thank the following returning and new members for 2010

If you wish to continue your membership in 2011, fill out the form below and mail it to Bill Saracino at 3625 Angelus Avenue, Glendale, CA. 91208

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If you have paid your 2010 dues and are not on this list, call Bill Saracino at 818-957-7323

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Dues for membership as a member of the Southern California Republican Women and Men for the year 2011 are now due.

You may pay by mail to Bill Saracino, 3625 Angelus Ave. Glendale, CA. 91208. Or, bring a check to a meeting and give it to the greeter at the check-in-desk.

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