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Andrew Chesley is here to tell you what you should know about measure K which is: *To plan and construct up to twelve (12) new schools; to acquire, construct, renovate, furnish and equip school facilities and grounds; add structures to existing schools; upgrade certain classrooms; and upgrade fire and safety systems; shall the Lodi Unified School District incur bonded indebtedness of not to exceed \$109,360,000, the rate of interest thereon not to exceed the maximum rate allowable by law, and establish an oversight committee?*

There was a time when a million dollars would buy a school and staff it for 20 years, but that day is long gone. We keep seeing situations in which a building that cost \$50,000 in the first place can and will undergo a face-lift and retrofit that costs ten times as much. Mr. Chesley (and I hope my spelling is accurate) is the executive director for the San Joaquin Council of Gov. Betcha he knows what this whole thing is all about besides the simple expenditure of a tenth of a billion dollars.

Last week George Morrow wasn't here to tell us about the electrical situation in Our Fair City. We did hear a talk by the Lutheran Minister who taught us a hymn with a new slant. Don't think I will go there...some things tell differently than they are or were and I ain't enough of a linguist to manage.

Next week is still open as regards a program so we won't have George Bush here again, George Clooney won't be here either, but he did have use old words in a new way for the present democrat congress. My spell checker doesn't allow that kind of language or I would be happy to fill you in on the details. Let's put it this way, if the letter "F" was missing on my computer, I wouldn't have even the remotest chance of telling you what Clooney said to the likes of Boxer and Feinstein or Feingold and even Biden and Rodham-Rodham.

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I think the study of language and linguistics has been sadly neglected on the part of the average high-school drop-out actor or actress who would sincerely love to sound intelligent but can't because their vituperation consists of words of one or two syllables as does their vocabulary in general. Not to mention the fact they don't always have a script writer at arm's length to lend what they have to say a modicum of gravitas.

Last week was the Annual Farmers and Merchants Barbecue so you borrowers and lenders weren't here to hear the interim speaker. Pity.

Tomorrow, March 17th, is St. Patrick's Day, so them of you what is of Irish descent will likely be hung over, so do try to enjoy your corned beef and cabbage anyway. In surfing the web for information, I ran across this:

“St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is one of Christianity's most widely known figures. But for all his celebrity, his life remains somewhat of a mystery. Many of the stories traditionally associated with St. Patrick, including the famous account of his banishing all the snakes from Ireland, are false, the products of hundreds of years of exaggerated storytelling.”

I have a hunch you could pick out practically any famous figure from the past and that phrase "...are false, the products of years of exaggerated story telling" would fit: For instance, George Washington didn't throw a dollar across the Potomac, St. George didn't slay a dragon and Al Gore didn't invent the Internet (but he did invent global warming.)

When Bill Clinton was scheduled for open-heart surgery some time back, Pat Robertson called on him and admonished Bill to renounce the devil and evil. Bill just sat there, and Pat said, "Renounce the devil! Tell him how little you think of him and his evil ways!"

Bill said nothing. Pat repeated his request only louder and more fervently, then asked, "Why don't you denounce the devil and evil?"

Bill: "Until I'm sure where I am heading, I don't think I should aggravate anyone."

Well, boys and girls, St. Patrick's day is upon us and here's a toast to you.



**May you live as long as you want
And never want as long as you live!**

