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## Lutheran Pastor Discovers English Translation of Bible

by JONATHAN ELLERS



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### WEATHER



Minnesota

= Boring

APPLETON, WI—Professors of Biblical languages have always been very important at MLC. This may soon change. On Wednesday, November 22, an associate pastor at St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church in Appleton, Wisconsin, came across what may prove to be a great help for Biblical scholars across the nation. This pastor, Reverend Olsun, discovered what appears to be an English translation of the Holy Bible.

"I'm still not positive what it is. My wife and sixteen children were going through the church basement trying to find some glue for the bell, when I stumbled across an old chest... I opened it up and there it was." WELS officials have called in several Biblical experts to examine the contents of the chest. Professor Frederick had this to say, "This is not the first time this has happened. Former students, who are now pastors, are always trying to pull one over on us. It's

probably just another hoax, but you never know." Frederick and others have brought up the possibility that, if the chest does indeed reveal an English translation of the Bible, many language professors could be forced onto the street, looking for jobs.

Others, like Pastor Olsun, are optimistic that the Bible is genuine. "I've compared it to my Hebrew and Greek and it seems to say the same stuff, except that it is in English." If the Bible is proven to be legitimate, many would benefit says Larry Czer, a professor of English at MLC, "In recent years, more and more people are speaking English... at least more than classical Greek and Hebrew. I think an English translation of the Bible would help to spread the Gospel to the English-speaking peoples of the world."

Roman Catholics seem to have mixed feelings over this discovery. Father Karras, a priest in Appleton, thinks Pastor Olsun and the WELS should wait before



revealing the Bible to the public. "Although we are excited for those still in Seminary studying the Latin Bible, we feel that the regular person on the street is not ready to read the Bible on his own. We should leave it to the experts, pastors and priests, not any ordinary people."

Whatever results from this discovery is sure to have a significant impact on MLC students and professors alike.

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## Scandal in Treble Choir: Chewing Gum Wad Found Under Chair

### "Dental records will be taken" by IRENE PETERSON

WCC—In a routine cleaning procedure on Thursday, November 16, Martin Luther College janitor Fred Williams found something out of the ordinary. While sweeping in the so-called "catacomb," Room 175 of the Wittenberg Collegiate Center, Williams came upon a wad of chewing gum stuck underneath one of the flip-up seats. The gum was of the Big Red brand, which promises to give one's breath long-lasting freshness. When asked about the discovery, the janitor gave this statement: "We have reason to believe that the

gum was recently chewed; spit bubbles were still evident upon the wad, and the adhesive, hardening process had only just begun. Therefore we suspect that this gum was chewed in today's seventh hour Treble Choir rehearsal."

Evidently shocked by this blatant disobedience shown by one of her choir members, Director Joyce Schubkegel has been spurred into action. "Dental records will be taken," she said. "I will not rest until the gum-chewer has been discovered and suitably punished." Until then,

the director has threatened to deny her choir members of their routine pre-choir back massages. When asked about the incident, Treble Choir member Angela Jacobsen replied, "I wish the gum-chewer would just step forward and face the consequences. We shouldn't all have to suffer because of one girl. I want my backrub!"

Meanwhile, those in authority will be suspicious of everyone with long-lasting fresh breath.

# Battle Over “The Christmas City”

by JAMIE EVANS



New Ulm, MN

WEST BANK—With less than a month before Christmas day, a bitter argument has erupted over the rights to this both religious and lucratively commercial holiday. Two separate cities, thousands of miles apart, simultaneously claim to be “The Christmas City.” One is New Ulm, Minnesota. The other is the city of Bethlehem, part of the West Bank in Israel.

Signs placed around the Minnesotan city’s limits read, “New Ulm. The Christmas City.” A locally-run television commercial for Marktplatz Mall also makes the claim for the city, presumably to lure Christmas shoppers away from the larger malls in nearby Mankato. Mayor Arnold Koelpin, currently on a paid vacation in Russia, was unable to be reached for comments. City manager, Richard

Salvati, however, does confirm the claim. “New Ulm has a couple really nice Christmas shops. New Ulm, the Christmas city—ya, you betcha,” says Salvati.

It is a different story in Bethlehem. The city is Biblically and historically considered to be the birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth, also known as Christ. The holiday of Christmas is observed primarily to celebrate the birth of Christ. The mayor of Bethlehem, Elias Freij, believes that since his city is the birthplace of Jesus Christ, it alone can claim to be “The Christmas City.” He cannot comprehend how a city on the other side of the world can make the same claim. “Christians and historians agree that our city is the birthplace of Christ.



Bethlehem, Israel

I don’t understand how some Germans in America can claim to be living in the Christmas city. Oy, do they have sour kraut for brains?” says Freij.

Mayor Freij, on behalf of the city of Bethlehem, has filed a suit with the United Nations against the government of New Ulm. It is unclear whether or not the UN would require New Ulm to recant its claim, possibly hurting already shaky relations with the people of Minnesota. Jesse Ventura, the governor of the state, had this to say, “I usually try to keep religion and politics separate, but I feel I must intervene here. I am asking that New Ulm officials take down the signs and stop making such a bogus claim. What were you stupid Krauts thinking? You know, Jesus probably never even saw a German. I ought to come down there to your stupid little town and go ten rounds with all of ya.”

Despite such urging, New Ulm currently has no plans to recant or to remove the signs.

# Gore Challenges Bush to “White House Bowl I”

Paper Football to Decide Election? by BUD WHITE

TALLAHASSEE—In a stunning announcement on Monday by former Secretary of State William Daley, Democratic Presidential candidate Al Gore officially offered to decide the election by means of the popular table game “paper football.” This announcement came only hours after Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris certified Bush the official winner of Florida’s 25 electoral votes.

“The Vice President is quite confident that he would be able to achieve the needed 530 votes to overtake the president through the court system,” explained Secretary Daley, “but he also would like to see this controversy end quickly. This nation’s voters have been through enough. Therefore the Vice President is willing to rescind all legal suits if the Republican candidate will agree to a game of

old-fashioned paper football.”

According to further descriptions outlined by Gore lawyer David Boies, the game would consist of the standard 5-minute halves. Each player would get three chances to score a touchdown, which occurs when a portion of the football lies over the edge of the table. If a touchdown is scored, six points is awarded and the extra point is attempted through the finger uprights. Field goals can also be attempted if the player fails to score a touchdown. At halftime the players would switch ends.

While Washington officials call the idea highly unorthodox, in Florida there is precedent for such a contest. “When we can’t tell who’s betta, we’s just decides who the nex nashal champs is by lettin’ the Canes

play the Noles,” reports swamp guide Jimbo Carney. “Let’em fight it out—Dem stupid polls is never gettin’ it right anyhow.”

There is no word yet from the Bush camp regarding its answer to the Vice President’s offer, but an inside source claims that she heard “furniture being moved and what sounded like origami” coming from the Governor’s office.



Gore Posts



## Editorial: “I’m, like, totally gonna be a good teacher!”

By TIFFANY SCHULTZ

When I was in fifth grade, I had *the* awesomest teacher. Her name was Miss Finster, and she, like, totally inspired me to be a teacher. I mean, when I was young, I was a bit flighty, if you can believe that. But Miss Finster encouraged my energetic personality, and totally molded me into the mature adult I am today. So now, I’m, like immersed in my studies here at MLC, and totally psyched to be a teacher. I don’t really know what kind of teacher I want to be; I haven’t really picked a major yet. I’m kinda bouncing around right now—I totally believe it’s a good thing to broaden my horizons and experience everything I can while my parents are still paying for it. I know I’ll totally be a good teacher—kids love me! And I’m, like totally smarter than first graders, so how hard would it be to teach them? Yeah, I’d definitely be able to teach little kids like that. I mean, it only took me two years to pass the first grade, so I just know I could, be, like, totally at their level, and they could identify with me and stuff. And I’m so excited to just, like, have a classroom of my own. I just know that I’ll totally be a good teacher!