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## Clinton, Jackson to Open Burlesque House

(AP) Chappaqua, NY—Former President Bill Clinton announced on Tuesday that he and Reverend Jesse Jackson are constructing an "upscale house of burlesque" on the outskirts of Washington, D.C.

The \$1.5 million complex will include topless dancing, peep shows, and good ol' prostitution. "There'll be somethin' for everyone," said Clinton. The house will even include a full-scale replica of the Clinton Oval Office where "all my fellow Americans can experience presidential life, complete with plump interns," explained Clinton.

The announcement comes just weeks after Reverend Jesse Jackson publicly admitted to fathering a twenty-month-old child, the result of a long-time affair with an associate who worked for his Rainbow PUSH Coalition. Jackson admitted that the extramarital sex, a no-no for ordained ministers, occurred while he served as personal spiritual advisor to President Clinton, during the publicity of the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal.

"After the recent events, one might think I should find renewed zeal for family life, but after talking to Bill, I decided that a life of sin and sex fits me well," said Jackson. President Clinton agrees that this is the ideal time for the burlesque house to move forward. "The student becomes the master, yee-haw! People thought that he was advising me...no, no, no, I was advising him. I was training and preparing him for this. He's got a good eye for chicks. He'll be a great business partner," said Clinton.

When asked about his wife Senator Hillary Clinton's opinion of the burlesque house, Clinton replied, "Who? Oh, her...yeah, she won't get in the way too much. She'll be pretty busy up on the Hill, but not as busy as Jesse and me. Yee-haw!"

In preparation for possible future litigation that goes hand in hand with operating a house of sex, Clinton pardoned himself and Jackson of any possible crime. Sources close to the project indicate that recently pardoned financier Marc Rich



"Look-it, Bill." "Good eye, Reverend."

will serve as business manager, with Bill and Jesse as talent managers.

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## Bush Using Simcity to Run Nation

Urban-planning Simulator "beneficercable for the country"

WASHINGTON, D.C.—After weeks of heavy criticism for relying too heavily on advisers like Vice-President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State Colin Powell, President George W. Bush spoke out on Friday. During a routine question-and-answer session with the press, Bush dismissed such criticism and revealed his frequent autonomous use of the computer game Simcity as his modus operandi in dealing with executive affairs. "I play that game by myself and just the other day the Sims declared July 1st as 'Kiss the Mayor Day,' so I think I'm doing all right all by myself," explained Bush.

Simcity is an urban-development simulation program, in which the player becomes the planner, designer, and mayor of new cities or pre-constructed scenarios. The game is made by Maxis. President Bush reportedly received the game as a Christmas present from his nephew, Pierce Bush, and has spent many sleepless nights playing it. "That game is really, really addicting," said Bush.

The president claims that the game has improved his handling of national affairs, including the recent Washington state earthquake. "All's I had to do was load up Seattle and that other city, go to the disasters menu, and give them hell,"

explained Bush, "then I fix what needs fixating."

Seattle mayor Paul Schell soon followed Bush's advice of "sound the alarm, put out the big fires, and build them something nice like a zoo or a marina." Schell said, "Now I know why that guy's president and I'm stuck here going to dinner with Bill Gates and drinking that crappy coffee."

Bush also points to his success at Simcity as support for his \$1.6 trillion tax cut. "I dropped the residential rate across the board. You know what happened? The Sims began spending more money, which increased commercial revenue, which stimulated the economy," explained Bush, "but you know why it really worked? It's 'cause I was responsible with my spending. I really, really wanted to build that fusion power plant, but I settled on cheaper Microwave power. I hope Congress can do the same."

In addition to natural disasters and fiscal planning, President Bush claims that Simcity has prepared himself and the country for such emergencies as monster attacks, alien invasions, and two month long tornadoes. "I'm ready for anything. Just look at my approval rating for W City. It's been really high for the last hundred years or so," said Bush. (III.1 March 15, 2001)

## Ways to Get a Date at MLC

- Wear a *Cabbage* t-shirt.
- Utilize the "Mr. Trite Conversation Starter of the Week."
- Tell girl that her name backwards in Hebrew means "beautiful."
- Tell Summit guy about the free clothes dryer (second from the left).
- Tell her you're the 5th Beatle.
- Tell her you're the 6th Diver.
- Brag about knowing the mayor of New Ulm.
- Instead of telling her you're a frosh, tell her you're in 13th grade.
- When you take the last glass at lunch, remove the blessed crate.
- Don't spend all your free time writing an underground newspaper.

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# Theologian Asserts Jesus Christ “Probably not a Lutheran”

ST. LOUIS—Young theologian John Markson shook the foundations of the Lutheran world on Sunday by revealing that Jesus Christ, the Savior of mankind, was most likely not a Lutheran. Lutheran church leaders in attendance met the idea with a cool reception.

Reverend Markson revealed his controversial claims in a paper presented at Concordia Lutheran College in St. Louis, Missouri, as part of the proceedings of the 2001 National Lutheran Conference of Champions. The basic argument of Markson’s paper was closely related to empirical evidence regarding the chronology of Biblical and Reformation history. Here is an excerpt of Markson’s presentation:

“... that the long-held assertion that Christ was indeed a strident follower of the teachings of Martin Luther is inherently fallacious. It is conceded that Jesus Christ did hold to the basic “sola gratia” teachings of the Great Reformer, but basic historical sequence shows that Luther and Christ

*probably never even met. There is no mention of such a momentous meeting in any of Luther’s prodigious corpus, the distance between Nazareth and Germany at the technology-deficient time of Christ was tremendous, and Christ’s upbringing would not have included a schooling in any of the Germanic dialects.”*

Markson’s paper elicited immediate vehement response by the Lutheran church leaders in attendance. “Anyone who has studied the Scriptures even a little bit can see that Luther’s teachings on justification had a great impact on Christ’s work. I believe that this new brand of Marksonism is a heresy against Luther of the worst kind,” said LCMS president Dr. Alvin Barry.

Others at the conference, including ELS Pastor John Hjorkstaad, sought to discredit Markson by claiming faulty theological logic. “Markson’s claims that Christ was not a Lutheran are based solely on worldly logic. His claims that

the lifespans of the two men do not correlate is not based on anything but history. Nowhere in the Smalcald Articles, the Ninety-Five Theses, or any of Luther’s wonderful hymn texts do we see mention of Christ not being a Lutheran,” said Hjorkstaad.

Markson also incited boos and catcalls from the conservative crowd with his assertion that Christ was actually more “catholic” than “Lutheran.”

“What good was Luther then?” questioned one observer. “Why would God have given us His Reformer if there was no need for one?” Despite criticism, Reverend Markson is standing by his paper. “I think another important aspect that I just thought of, which I didn’t bring up in the presentation, is the fact that Luther lived approximately 1500 years after Christ. Yeah. That feels important.”

(III.9 May 10, 2001)

# WELS Accused of Selective Breeding

(AP) MINNEAPOLIS—In a startling announcement, the combined forces of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) accused the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) of “messing in God’s realm” in an attempt to create genetically superior called workers. The accusation is arousing heated discussion.

The allegations were made public Friday at the conclusion of the weeklong National Lutheran Conference, to which the WELS was strangely not invited. The two major church bodies in attendance, the ELCA and the LCMS, discussed the threat being posed by the significantly smaller Wisconsin Synod. The focus of the Conference’s proceedings Friday dealt with the sudden emergence of the WELS, and specifically Martin Luther College, the WELS school of ministry, as a “haven for ministerial and pedagogical excellence.” The presidents of the large Lutheran synods made two major presentations, both based on the hypothesis that the WELS is “overtly promoting selective eugenics.” LCMS president Dr. Alvin Barry focused on the scientific aspect of the alleged genetic tampering in relation to religion.

“It seems as if the WELS has stepped over the line in the area of religious prudence regarding genetics. By consistently combining the genes and traits of pastors’ children with teachers’ children, they are attempting to create a legion of genetically superior called workers. Such persons would far outperform other average gospel ministers. A computer-generated model of such a paradigmatic worker yields a being who could work an eighteen-hour day, be both pastor of the church and principal of the school, be the perfect class manager, handle all janitorial and maintenance duties, sing choir solos, play the organ during service (in which he preaches), make the perfect potluck hot dish, and raise a family of twenty-three future ministers, thus extending the superior

genetic strand to another generation. The ramifications of this practice are scary,” said Dr. Barry.

ELCA president Rev. H. George Anderson spoke harshly of the WELS worker training school. “Martin Luther College has become primarily a meeting place for the children of pastors and teachers. Since the amalgamation of the two previously separate training schools, the focus of the college experience has evolved into nothing more than a search for a suitable mate with whom to procreate. The evidence is already piling up against the WELS: unusually high scores on the PPST, so-called ‘emergency’ teachers already out honing their craft before they graduate or even student-teach, and the recently enacted lightening of credit loads to free up more time for fraternizing,” said Rev. Anderson. “This type of selective breeding has been attempted before by villainous Germans back in the ‘40s, and they were dealt with harshly by a just God. MLC and the WELS must be stopped before this can get out of hand.”

Martin Luther College and WELS officials are declining to respond at this time, but an announcement is expected sometime next week. Students were also unavailable for comment at the writing of this article, because most were at a “COS” party held at a secret location off campus.

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# Things Overheard During Exam Week

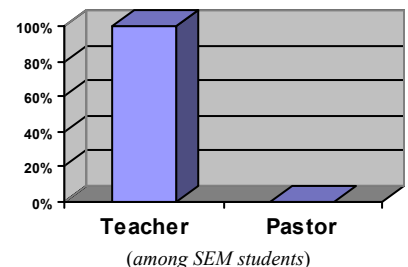
1. I think I got all the false ones right.
2. Screw that...I’m using a #3 pencil!
3. Do you want that in Greek or Hebrew?
4. Is this test important?
5. These exam treats make it all worthwhile.
6. Am I even in this class?
7. I write *The Cabbage*.
8. Move your arm—I can’t see what you put.
9. Jeez—How long does it take to correct a Scantron?
10. I’ve never even *seen* these vocabs before, Joel. (III.10 May 17, 2001)

# PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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# Which track is better: Pastor or Teacher?



Pie Chart

