

IDLE CHAT, RUMOR, INNUENDO, AND JUST PLAIN LIES

Looks like things are pretty quiet tonight while we all digest the recent exchanges (I'm printing them out and pasting them into the large Hello Kitty scrapbook where I keep all my important stuff).

How about some old fashioned IRTRAD Elliptical Chitchat to while away the time? (An ellipsis is ..., not something that happens to your bowels if you suddenly increase your bran intake)

Here goes!

... What bodhrán player and what Hollywood starlet were seen cuddling in Denver's Hard Rock Cafe recently? Naughty naughty! Mr Goatskin's fiancée won't be too happy when she finds out (and she WILL find out) ... Tinseltown is chattering about Tom Cruise's fine acting in the role of Pythagoras in Phil Varlet's steamy new flick about musical modes ... your reporter understands several hyper-sexy scenes involving Tom, Jennifer Lopez as Lydia, Drew Barrymore as Doria, and Tom's ex Nicole Kidman as Aeolia fogged the camera lenses so badly that shooting had to be postponed ... Insiders are saying that this oeuvre promises to be even hotter than Phil's last opus "Give Me a Tonic and I'll Let You Be Dominant" that utterly titillated the ethnomusicological world for an entire summer ... Has anybody heard anything more about the Britney Spears sean-nós "Connemara Bellybuttons" record? It was one hot project for a while but nobody - and we mean NOBODY - is talking about it now ... Joanie Madden's pet ocelot Clementine just gave birth to kittens (or whatever baby ocelots are called) ... Speaking of wildlife, we hear the recent Sunday night session at the Smiling Shamrock Pub and Pizzeria in Ottumwa was raided by the local vice squad ... details are sketchy but seems Grandma McNerney got all carried away by the way the gang was belting out "Tam Lin" and decided to do a little table dancing, only to discover she was wearing Cousin Helen's panty-hose which was three sizes too big and apparently couldn't deal with Grandma's hip gyrations ... Grandma was released in the custody of her parish priest and swears she won't do it again ... Ed Blustremmel's piano accordion disappeared from the trunk of his car somewhere between the

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entrance and the exit of Danny's Car Wash outside Seattle..."It was right next to that huge open sack of gold bars I was carrying to the Federal Reserve office for my bank," said a despondent Ed, who is known as "Knuckles" to his friends and detractors alike. "The thief or thieves must have been fooled by all the rhinestones..." A reward has been offered but local police - many of whom know Ed - aren't optimistic the accordion will ever be recovered ... Jack and Betty Kerfunten have decided to call it quits after fifteen years of arguing over West Clare versus East Galway fiddling styles ... "I guess we still love one another," Betty confessed to your reporter, "but I just can't take his dimwitted opinionated inaccurate tasteless crap anymore" ... the six children will be parcelled out among various unwilling relatives until a final settlement can be worked out ... Holá amigos! A well-known Baltimore accordion player's pet dwarf octopus got loose in J.Patrick's Pub in Baltimore two nights ago ... pub was cleared out pretty quickly while animal welfare folks did a search ... the critter was eventually found in the kitchen nibbling on a piece of romaine lettuce while amusing three or four mice with his uilleann pipe imitations ... the relieved owner reports he's happy to have his pet home safe and sound ... What banjo player had what part of his body very close to what part of the body of what beautiful but very married C#/D accordion player in what grungy pub in what exotic foreign city? ... and furthermore what business is it of yours or mine or anybody's?

Well, that's about all the nonsense I can make up or today. Ta-ta till next time!

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