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The following unsolicited comments were made in regards to various innocuous items or questions posted to IRTRAD in the days preceding this post. Why the far-famed Zouki Cultural Labs felt it necessary to become involved is anyone's guess, but the charitable explanation would be that they're always willing to assist.

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Session Locations - Spokane WA?

There IS no session in Spokane. As a matter of fact, there is actually no Spokane. The city that has been using that name for the past 114 years is actually Shemishtoconk (Tlingit word for "place where no Irish musicians gather", or "place of fat clams" depending on which dialect you subscribe to.) "Spokane" is an Athabascan word meaning "city that should be called Shemishtoconk".

Actually the ZCL understands that the entire city is in the process of seceding from Washington State and moving to Guam, where the weather's supposed to be better. No one is quite sure what it will be called by the time it gets there.

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The Meaning of Tonto's "Kemo Sabee"

"Kemosabee" is Papago for "white man with mask who calls me stupid in Spanish". "Hi Yo Silver", on the other hand, is a Yiddish expression meaning "Run, horse, or I'll give you such a smack". The use of the terminal enclitic imperative, normally irregular in this conjugation, should be noted with a slight knowing smile.

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The Meaning of "Hammering the Strings"

Neil Flemdyce of Flippin, Arkansas, who lurks on IRTRAD while he works to conquer his dyslexia, destroyed a 1925 Gibson Granada banjo last week because nobody explained to him that the expression "hammering the strings" does not actually involve the use of a tool. He is reported to be considering autoharp studies as a means of consoling himself for the wanton ruin of a \$5000 banjo.

"What Does It Like All Mean?" dept.

If you take the first verses of the last six books of the Old Testament and subject them to interpretation using any standard ABC program, the tune that will be printed out is "Stairway to Heaven". Coincidence...?

"Strange Customs of our World" dept.

It is a NOT a crime in Slovenia to utter insulting phrases at, threaten with bodily harm, or discharge a high-caliber weapon in the vicinity of, anyone attempting to play "The Butterfly" on a tin whistle after 8 p.m. local time. In fact, it is encouraged. Be warned!

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"Far-Out Psychic Experiences" dept.

Lotus Blossom StarPigeon, New Age/Keltic fiddler of Carmel, California, has finally given up her attempt to channel the spirit of Frankie Gavin after finding out that Mr. Gavin was still alive. "No wonder it didn't work!" laughed StarPigeon, who has wasted about fifteen years of her life in the effort. "I wondered what it meant when I kept getting a busy signal . . ."

StarPigeon has launched a lawsuit against the local commune that supplied her "channeling crystal", claiming breach of warranty: "I can prove they knew it was defective all along. They'll pay big time for this," she snarls over a hot cup of hemp tea.

Social Studies dept.

There is not a single person of Irish ancestry living in Indianapolis at the present time. Anyone claiming such ancestry is genetically incorrect and can be proven to be a Welsh-Uruguayan hybrid (a blood sample will be needed but it must be taken by a ZCL-approved phlebotomist - go to "bloodsuckers" page of our website).

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