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Q: I keep hearing about "The Butterfly and The Unicorn". Is that the movie where the shy professor and the chorus girl strike up a relationship?

A: No, that was "The Owl and The Pussycat". Despite its innocent-sounding name, "The Butterfly and The Unicorn" is actually a horror flick about a pub full of musicians being terrorized by a demonic cadre of third-week whistle players and pseudo-adorable children. Traditional musicians who have seen the movie have reported recurring sleep disorders for months afterwards.

Q: What would be Mike Tyson's biggest problem in fighting Michael Flatley?

A: Deciding the best part to bite.

Q: Does the paleo-heuristic microtonal structure of "Devaney's Goat" truly act as a catalyst for the figurative gestalt device, or does it represent rather a preternatural symbiosis of earlier transitional impedimenta?

A: It all depends.

Q: Can aluminum whistles harm you?

A: Only if swallowed or sat upon, or both.

Q: Is there any truth to the rumor that Monica Lewinski and Junior Crehan were dating at one time during the late 1990's?

A: No, but they spent a lot of time on the phone with one another.

Q: I'm going to be in Binswanger, Iowa, for a while as part of the Federal Witness Protection Program. Any good sessions?

A: Curiously enough for a town of 348 people consisting mainly of descendants of Bavarian immigrants, there are sessions almost every night at "Das Musik-haus" on Alpen Avenue (near the Amtrak station). That's the good news. The bad news is that the session leader is a bodhrán player named Fritz who wears lederhosen.

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Q: My father is an ethnomusicologist, but I'm too ashamed to tell that to my friends when they ask what he does for a living. What should I say?

A: Tell them

[1] that he's not your real father, just some dirtbag your mother married after your real Daddy went to Heaven, or

[2] that he's a rising star in the local branch of the Mafia, or

[3] tell them the truth, but explain that he's doing quite well with the therapy

and expects to take the Civil Service exam very soon.

Q: Can you explain some of the frequently-used abbreviations I encounter here on IRTRAD?

A: Certainly. Here are some of the common ones: LOL = Lazy Obnoxious Loafer. IMHO = Irish Musician Hating Others.

OUATAAVGTIW = Once Upon a Time and A Very Good Time It Was. ABPACCKMA = Anyone Believing Piano Accordions Comical Can Kiss My Ass. WWWWWW = Walloon Whistle Wizard Wants Wild Women.

Q: Can we bring this ridiculous post to a conclusion?

A: Consider it done.

