

HUMOR TEST

There are a few people out there - cyberspace's version of disgruntled postal workers - who complain that nobody on the IRTRAD mailing list has a sense of humor. While "nobody" may be a bit of a stretch, still we have to admit that our discussions about various issues can tend to become a little short on warm chuckle content after the 37th post.

But I contend that IRTRAD listies have as big funny-bones as anyone else, and I have developed this little test to prove just that. Just fill in the most comical, rib-splitting punchlines that you can think of to the following set-ups. Laugh yourself to tears. Widdle your pants. Pound helplessly on the kitchen table. Then post your comic gems to the list (note the cleverly introduced IRTRAD-friendly content so the dwelfs don't get all pi**ed off and start accusing us crazies of being "off topic"). No sense of humor, huh? WE'LL show them!

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Joke 1 (silly):

Two flutes walk into a bar. One says to the other "What'll you have?" and the second one says "I'll have the same thing that hippopotamus over there is having." The bartender comes over and says

Joke 2 (theological):

A priest, a rabbi, the Dalai Lama, and a Clarke tin whistle are on a plane together when they hear a huge crashing sound. The plane begins to plummet wildly to earth when suddenly this enormous golden hand reaches out from the sky and stops its descent. The priest says, "Thank the Lord and His holy Mother!" The rabbi says, "Thank Moses and Elijah!" The Dalai Lama says, "All thanks to the Buddha!" The Clarke tin whistle thinks a while and finally says

Joke 3 (scientific):

Q. How many bodhrán players does it take to map the genetic code of a ferret?

A. Three, because

Joke 4 (topical, political):

Bill and Hillary Clinton are at a session in a DC pub one night when suddenly this exquisitely beautiful woman walks in carrying a boa constrictor under one arm and a piano accordion under the other. Bill naturally rushes over to make

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her acquaintance, and in so doing slips on a slice of pizza that someone has dropped on the floor. The pub is in horrified silence until Hillary finally says
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Limerick 1 (poetic):

There was a young fiddler from Ennis
Who loved a Cork farmer named Dennis
She played him a reel
To express how she'd feel
If he ever would show her his
[no points given for bad spelling]

Joke 5 (musical):

Buddy Holly, Charlie Parker, and Michael Coleman are in Heaven discussing the respective merits of their musical endeavors. "I was one of the fathers of rock and roll," says Buddy Holly. "I was one of the fathers of modern jazz," says Charlie Parker. "And I was one of the fathers of Irish traditional music," says Michael Coleman. Suddenly Michael Jackson appears on another cloud and waves to the group. "But you're not even dead yet," says Charlie Parker. "I know," says Michael Coleman, "but" "

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I'm laughing already and I haven't even seen your punchlines! Go get 'em,
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