

Teach Tábhairne Fógra

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SAMHAIN 2010 November



In 2011, the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee will be hosting the **49th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade**. As incredible as that may sound it is even more so when considering it is an all-volunteer event that lasts nearly 4 hours and is second only to New York City's parade. The size of the event averages 10,000 marchers, over 240 entries, and nearly a quarter of a million spectators.

Such an event takes year round planning and decisions need to be made such as who will be Grand Marshal, what will be the 2011 parade theme, and who shall be Queen Colleen for 2011? The DSPDPC has made decisions on two of those questions. **Roz Brown** is the **2011 Grand Marshal**. He has been playing folk music since 1975 and is a longtime member of the Alpine Search and Rescue Team based in Evergreen, Colorado. Which brings us to the **2011 Parade Theme**. For 2011 the Parade Committee chose the theme of "**Forever Green**" which honors Colorado's long history dating back to the 19th century of Irish immigrants who came to live and work in the high altitude gold and silver mines (many of which can still be found there buried at altitudes of 8-9,000 feet above sea level). The theme also represents the state's natural beauty and all those who work to protect and honor it.

The only decision not yet made is who will be the **2011 Queen Colleen**? That question will be answered at the **Queen Colleen Contest** being held on **November 7th (2-5 P.M.)** at the **Irish Snug** 1201 E. Colfax Avenue in Denver. **President Carol Quinn (Ó Cuinn)** invites you to join the Parade Committee at the Irish Snug, and next year at the **2011 St. Patrick's Day Parade** scheduled to take place on *Saturday, March 12, 2011*.

For more on the parade visit their website: <http://www.denverstpatricksdaysparade.org/>



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Those seeking to apply for a 2012 US Visa (green card) can do so ONLY at <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov/> between **Oct. 5th and Nov. 3rd**. With no cost involved for applicants - all are advised to watch out for websites that "claim" to file applications on behalf of applicants, charging them a fee, only to find they are rip-offs.

A recent statement by **Foreign Minister Micheál Martin of Ireland** on his visit to the USA urged prospective Irish emigrants to "not come to America without your papers in order. We must at all costs avoid a new generation of illegals". With Ireland and Europe's economies still hurting, more applicants are expected to apply this year.

In 2008 there were 167 successful Irish applications, and in 2009 there were 201 successful Irish applications. A total of 50,000 US Visas will be made available for the year 2012.

An Beathaisnéis - Biography



Maureen O'Hara
Born August 17, 1920
Churchtown, Dublin, Ireland

Actress/ Singer starring in 55 Major Hollywood Roles

She was born with the name “Maureen Fitzsimons” (which is a Norman Irish surname that came to Ireland in 1177 A.D.). “Fitz” like the celtic “Mac” means ‘son of’. This surname is referred too by modern historians as being “*more Irish than the Irish*”.

Her parents names were Charles Stewart Parnell Fitzsimons and Marguerita Lilburn Fitzsimons. Her father was a businessman and part owner of the *Shamrock Rovers Football Club* in Dublin. She

was accepted at the prestigious Abbey Theatre School in Dublin, and the Ena Mary Burke School of Drama and Elocution (public speaking) also in Dublin. At the age of 14 she attended a screen test at Elstree Studios in London where they dressed her in a gold dress with flapping sleeves, an ornate hairstyle, and overdone makeup. Reportedly, Maureen thought to herself ‘if this is the movies I want none of it!’ Later actor *Charles Laughton* viewed her disappointing screen test and noticed “her large and expressive eyes”. Laughton showed the test to his business partner who agreed and Maureen Fitzsimons was offered a **7-yr. contract** with their new company “*Mayflower Pictures*”. Charles Laughton was later credited with giving her the stage name - **Maureen O'Hara**.



Her first major film was *Jamaica Inn (1938)* which was directed by Alfred Hitchcock. Her performance was so good that Laughton cast her as ‘Esmeralda’ in the *Hunchback of Notre Dame (1939)*. Then came WWII and London filming was off limits so her contract was sold to RKO Studios in Hollywood. After a few low budget films she was rescued by John Ford and her career began to take off. She starred in *Miracle on 34th Street*, an annual fan Christmas favorite. Then she teamed up with John Wayne in *Rio Grande, The Quiet Man, The Wings of Eagles, McLintock! and Big Jake*. As an Irish expatriate she became a naturalized US citizen in 1946.

She married three times. The first to producer George H. Brown which was annulled. Next to director Will Price with whom she had their daughter named “Bronwyn Fitzsimons Price”. Her third marriage was to Charles F. Blair in 1968, a former Brig. General in the USAF and owner of *Antilles Airboats* in the US Virgin Islands. In 1978 while flying a Grumman Goose an engine exploded killing him. She was later elected President & CEO of Antilles Airboats, and eventually sold the company.



The *Ireland American Fund* in 1991 awarded her the *Heritage Award*. In 1999, she was Grand Marshal of NYC **St. Patrick's Day Parade**. In 2004 she released her autobiography “**Tis Herself**”. That same year in Dublin she received the *Lifetime Achievement Award* from the Irish Film and Television Academy. In 2006 (as a patron) she attended the Grand Reopening of the Flying Boats Museum in Limerick. Last August ‘herself’ celebrated her **90th birthday** in Co. Cork. On **Nov. 12th**, she plans to attend the Cork Film Festival world premiere of the documentary “*Dreaming The Quiet Man*”, which honors the late John Ford.

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Tiffany Antikainen 2011 Queen Colleen Contestant



Pipe Major Jay Leasure has announced that the AOH Michael Collins Pipes and Drums is sponsoring *Tiffany Antikainen* as their candidate for the 2011 Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee "Queen Colleen" contest. Tiffany will be competing against other contestants.

Competition is nothing new to Tiffany. Currently she is a member of the MCPD "competition" band as a bagpiper, and along with the other pipers and drummers faced strong competition all season long from local and western region pipe bands. She and her mother Chrissy

Savard Antikainen are both members of the main band - with "Mom" - a member of the band's drum corps.



In her own words you can tell she is mature for her age " *I am a student at Metro State College in Denver. I have always known where I wanted to go in life and am well on my way. When I am not in school or working I am usually playing my BAGPIPES. I have never been the typical girl who wanted to play piano or be a cheerleader. I have a great time getting my Irish on with the Michael Collins Pipes and Drums. I have been blessed with incredible role models in my life, who to this day support and love me. They remind me why I do what I do and remind me of my one true goal in life which is to inspire people even a fraction of how they have inspired me.*"

One of Tiffany's favorite quotations to live by ...

"Worry about your character not your reputation; because your character is who you are, and your reputation is just who people think you are"

Be sure to join Tiffany and the other contestants at the **Irish Snug, Nov. 7th** for the 2011 Queen Colleen decision.



JUICE O'THE BARLEY

Irish music to drink whiskey by

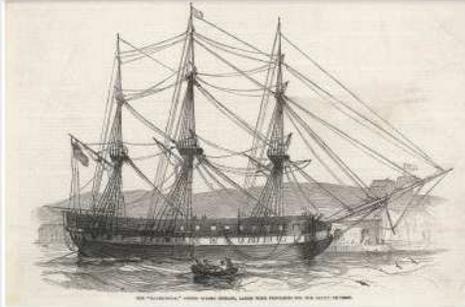
When Irish and folk musician Walt Conley passed away in November 2003 from Diabetes complications, he left behind a 40 yr. musical legacy, friends & fans. Some of those friends still remember him and they now play in the band "Juice Ó The Barley" (*Bill O'Donnell, Michael Kent, Kelly O'Dea and Robert MacLean*).

On **Nov. 19th JÓTB will be playing at Shebeen's Irish Pub** in the 7th Annual *American Diabetes Association* fundraiser in honor of Walt Conley's memory. Other musicians traditionally stop by to play as well. Every year the Diabetes fundraiser is well attended by Walt's fans. Last year (2009) Andy Schmidt owner of Shebeen's made an interesting comment as he gazed at the full house...

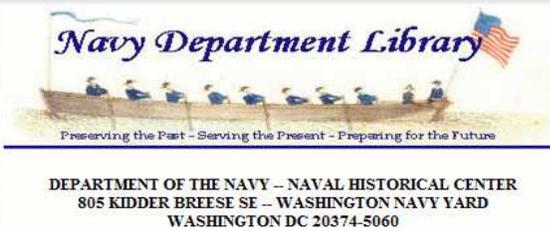
"Walt has been gone for six years, but he can still pack the place"

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"Frigate" U.S.S. Macedonian



United States 1847 Relief Effort Ireland and Scotland



"Sloop of War" U.S.S. Jamestown

In the 19th century news took months to arrive. Great Britain was the most powerful country in the world on land & sea and boasted that *"the sun never sets upon the British Empire"*. Queen Victoria was the wealthiest woman in the world, with farming the mainstay of the common man. It was a time when the Industrial Revolution was still in its infancy, and long before the Age of Technology. But in the 1840s a man-made disaster was about to rise.

"Land" ownership in a farming society was the most important asset a person could hold. Those who possessed the land controlled their own destinies, while those who did not own land became tenant farmers. Beginning in 1534 A.D. Henry VIII had run afoul of the Catholic Church so he created the new *Church of England*. He then began to fear that Catholic France might use Ireland as a base for a two-prong attack upon his Tudor kingdom. So he devised a scheme (**'Surrender & Regrant'**) sending his ministers to Ireland's regional kings making them an offer they could not refuse. Declare him "King of Ireland", turn over all title of their lands to him, join his church, and Henry in return would make them British lords and barons. Choose otherwise and Henry VIII would invade and take their land anyway. One more important request - remove all those currently living on the "King's" land. Thus began the beginnings of the transplantation of the Irish. In Scotland, similar requests were put upon the Scottish Gaels and they in turn had a breakdown of their clan system with the clearance of their relations from the land. In time Henry sold his land to members of the House of Lords giving them title and the creation of a new word ~ **Landlord**. Many of them later would sell the land to others or became themselves an "absentee" landlord only interested in making money off of the land. The question now became - *what to feed these tenant farmers who worked the Landlord's property but did not share in the food they help grow or the cattle they raised?*

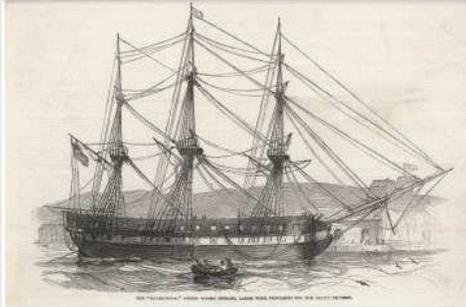
The Potato

Contrary to what some might have us believe the "potato" is NOT native to Ireland and Scotland. Instead it is native to southern Peru in South America. In one Andes Mountain valley alone some **100 varieties** of the potato have been cultivated by the **Inca Indians** for **5,000 years**. The Incas had used the potato as a mainstay of their armies for centuries and Spanish explorers found the potato useful as well. The Incas cross bred their domesticated varieties with wild potatoes and created disease free potatoes. No famine or hunger was ever documented in South America and so in its native lands the potato was a proven food source. **Spanish explorers brought back just two varieties of the potato to Europe, and those two spread to several countries.** The British Crown saw the potato as a cheap food source to feed the landless tenant farmers who worked the landlord's property. Both Ireland and Scotland had plenty of rain and good soil but unlike the Incas the Europeans were unaware that these two varieties alone would sooner or later be susceptible to disease. No Potato Lobby or advocates existed that would come to its defense, so the British Crown was able to deceive all by placing the deaths of millions on the potato.

When the fungus struck Europe's potatoes in **1845** - Belgium lost 87% of its potato crop, Netherlands 71%, Prussia 55%, Denmark 50%, Ireland 30%, Sweden 25%, France 20% and the Scottish Highlands an undetermined number. **In 1846, Ireland lost 88%** of its potato crop, **Scotland 80%** while the other European countries (not under British rule) were all surprisingly able to reduce their potato losses that year. *(continued on page 5)*

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"Frigate" U.S.S. Macedonian



Preserving the Past - Serving the Present - Preparing for the Future

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY -- NAVAL HISTORICAL CENTER
805 KIDDER BREESE SE -- WASHINGTON NAVY YARD
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United States 1847 Relief Effort Ireland and Scotland



"Sloop of War" U.S.S. Jamestown

America had known that Ireland & Scotland had suffered bad potato crops in 1845, but they hoped for the best in 1846 for both countries. What no one could have predicted was the severe winter which was the worst in recent memory. On **January 25, 1847** a steamship recently departing Ireland reached America and told of the horrors it had seen. The 1846 potato crop was destroyed. Men, women and children were dying of hunger by the thousands and those who survived the hunger were so weak they died of exposure. Death was so common in Ireland that corpses were left unburied. In Scotland the weather and crop failure was the same and Scottish Gaels were also starving and dying. Meanwhile the British Parliament raised the taxes on landlords based on the number of tenant/crofters living on the land. Landlords reacted by evicting the weakest tenants (Ireland) and crofters (Scotland) off the land to reduce their increased tax burden. A man named *John Gordon* had cleared so many of his crofters that they were found living on the streets of Inverness by Scottish newspapers, who in turn criticized him for his evictions. In response Gordon rounded them all up, put them on hired ships, and dumped them all off on Canada!

These man-made 'hungers' were soon to be known as **The Great Hunger "An Gorta Mór" (1845-1852)** in Ireland and the **Highland Potato Famine (1846-1852)** in northern and western Scotland. In February 1847, **US Vice President George Dallas** (himself of Scottish descent) called a public meeting in Washington DC urging *"every city, town and village in the nation to raise money for the suffering of Ireland and Scotland"*. Boston took the lead followed by New York City with Catholic and Protestant joining forces. The *Boston Relief Committee* petitioned the US Congress for the use of naval vessels. On **March 3, 1847**, the US Congress authorized the use of **2 U.S. Navy ships (USS Jamestown in Charleston MA and the USS Macedonian in Brooklyn NY)**. Soon (March 17th) the USS Jamestown was being loaded with large provisions of food and clothing. **By March 28th the USS Jamestown sailed out of Boston harbor on its way to Cobh (Queensland) harbor in Co. Cork.** It quickly reached Cobh on April 12, 1847 receiving a warm welcome from Cork's citizens. Meanwhile in New York the **USS Macedonian sailed out on June 15th** from the Brooklyn Navy Yard with 12,000 barrels full of provisions destined for Ireland and Scotland. Both Navy ships made just one voyage but they had encouraged 100 other private ships full of provisions to follow their lead. Americans were responding from afar as best they could.

University College Cork in Ireland had found that local newspapers used the arrival of the *USS Jamestown* to contrast the generosity of the people of the United States with the 'meanness' of the British government. Lest we forget **Ireland and Scotland** were then part of the 'Union' represented by the **Union Jack** flag, yet both were being **left to survive solely on worldwide charity**. Britain did little to end the suffering. **Queen Victoria** should have ordered the food being grown on Irish and Scottish land be used to feed her starving 'subjects'. But the **Queen failed to make that demand on her Landlords**, thereby giving her royal approval to lesser men who evicted the weakest tenants; allowing all too many to die. In 1847 the Landlords began to increase their export of food grown & cattle raised on Irish & Scottish soil. The potato was falsely blamed by Britain for the deaths of **2.5 million** combined. But the real culprits - were centuries of land mismanagement policies by the British. Laws separating the people from their land, leaving them subject to the whims of absentee Landlords. And finally, the cruel decision not to use locally grown food to feed the starving.

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"Sharing the Irish Spirit"

Keriayn O'Donnell 2011 Queen Colleen Contestant

President David O'Shea-Dawkins has announced that the Colorado Emerald Society is sponsoring *Keriayn O'Donnell* (daughter of CES member Bill O'Donnell) as their candidate for the 2011 Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee "Queen Colleen" contest. Keriayn will be competing against other candidates on Nov. 7th at the Irish Snug.



Keriayn O'Donnell is a student at Colorado State University and majoring in 'Animal Science'. CSU is well known as having one of the best Veterinarian Schools in the country, and Keriayn's education should serve her and her 'patients' well in the future. In the past Keriayn was a competitive Irish dancer, as well as following in her father's musical footsteps by playing both the piano and the violin.



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President David O'Shea-Dawkins has also announced that nominations for the 2011-2013 CES Board of Directors are currently being accepted with voting taking place in November. To date the nominees are: *President* -David O'Shea Dawkins, *Vice President*-Dan Farley, *2nd VP*-Regis Donovan, *Treasurer*-Tim Turley, *Secretary*-Patti Kennedy Riedel, *Trustees*-Kryss Bryant/ Brian Rholeder/Chris Molloy, *Associate Delegate*-Michael Cleary.



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A Penny And four Pence
Worth of Thoughts

Irish Company ~ Mincon ~ "Over the Moon"

<http://www.mincon.com/>

As the 33 Chilean miners began to reach the surface, employees at Co. Clare's **Mincon** company toasted the rescue workers. It was **Mincon's** MX5053 drill bit that first broke through to the miners last August allowing supplies to reach them.

Joe Purcell (son of the founder Paddy Purcell) stated "The lads here have been watching the updates and live footage...so there is not a whole lot of work being done, but we'll allow them that today". He also commented that all at the Shannon, Co. Clare firm were excited. He proudly stated, "We are over the moon here".



Photo courtesy of Mincon Corp.

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Scruffy Murphy's

2030 Larimer St.
Denver, CO. 80205
303.291.6992

If you are in the mood for fine whiskies, the photos on the right should wet your appetite. If its music you desire, the following list should help you make your holiday plans.

Nov. 5th ~ Chris Koltak

Nov. 6th ~ Chambio

Nov. 12th ~ (Early) Benefit-Chris Koltak 5:30-8:30

Nov. 12th ~ (Late) Indulgents 9PM-1:15AM

Nov. 13th ~ Mike Maurer Band

Nov. 19th ~ Morsoul

Nov. 26th ~ Dave Christie

Nov. 20th ~ Chambio

Nov. 27th ~ Sixtysixdays

Dec. 3rd ~ RayRay

Dec. 10th ~ Indulgents

Dec. 4th ~ Kinetix

Dec. 11th ~ Dowry

Dec. 17th ~ Stone Walls

Dec. 23rd ~ Double Down

Dec. 18th ~ Chris Koltak

CLOSED: Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Dec. 30th ~ Double Down **Dec. 31st** ~ Sixtysixdays



Photos courtesy of Scruffy Murphy's Irish Pub

Did You Know?

1) How many counties were there in ancient 'Ulster' Province?

- a. 9 b. 5 c. 6 d. 8

2) 100 Irish Kings were crowned there, and St. Patrick reportedly stopped there to advise the King he planned to begin his ministry in Ireland.

How old is the archaeology of the 'Hill of Tara' in Co. Meath?

- a. 2,500 b. 6,000 c. 1,600 d. 4,000

3) What is the 'Giant's Causeway'?

- a~ a road linking Dublin to the Isle of Man
b~ an ancient Greek legend about Ireland's lakes
c~ a new modern airport in Co. Cork
d~ a pillow lava feature in Co. Antrim from the Tertiary period



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Cobhthaigh Celtique

Gaelic for "Coffey"



Marty and Dave Coffey have been hosting “**Whiskey Tastings**” at various locations for years. If you have not yet attended one of their ‘tastings’, you have missed out on a fun and educational experience. As an attendee you get a chance to taste the difference between several whiskies in the Scottish group, or in the Irish whiskey group, or more recently American whiskies.



The anglicized version of the Irish surname **Ó Cobhthaigh** is “Coffey” which is how it is pronounced in Irish. However like most Irish surnames in their original form the true meanings were lost when anglicized. In its Irish form the surname means “**victorious**”, and historically it was mainly found in western Co. Cork where it was part of the septs (families) of *Corca Laoidhe*. Two other Ó Cobhthaigh septs were found: one in Co. Galway & southern Co. Roscommon being part of the *Uí Maine*, and the other a bardic family in Co. Westmeath. Visit Marty & Dave Coffey’s website: <http://www.cobhthaighceltique.com/>



Americans in Dublin:

The Care, Acquisition & Feeding of an Irish Subsidiary

In an after hours meeting of members and guests of Irish Network Colorado, **Senior Vice President Bob Yates** of *Level (3) Communications* gave a talk to the group on the positives and potential mishaps between an American corporation and its foreign subsidiary. Knowing the local culture is important.

Also in attendance from California, were **Consul General of Ireland Gerry Staunton** and **Dónal Travers**, VP of **Industrial Development Agency (IDA)** of Ireland. To join IN-CO visit their website: <http://www.irishnetworkco.com/>



- ANSWERS:** (1) 9 counties -Antrim, Down, Derry, Donegal, Tyrone, Armagh, Cavan, Monaghan, Fermanagh
(2) 6,000 yrs. old
(3) a pillow lava feature in Co. Antrim from the Tertiary period

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