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**Is this the end of
the Crecheheads?**



Woodpacker

Timber-loving Claretian Thomas Gilmore was devastated this week when he showed up for an audition for the re-launch of '70s gay icons *The Village People*, only to be told that there was no lumberjack in the original line up.

However, Gilmore (above) is said to have impressed many of his fellow hopefuls with the wood he was packing.

Prisonbreak Heartache

Spare a thought for rookie Claretian Conor Martin who last week travelled to Pinewood Studios to audition for the lead role in the upcoming new series of the hit TV show *Prisonbreak*.

Producers were keen to see Martin in action after he sent them photos of the intricate map of his house he had drawn on his back by his 5-year old next door neighbour.

Alas for Conor, the audition did not go according to plan, and he spent three hours trying to open the door to the audition room. Eventually the night

cleaner showed up and opened it for him, explaining that the door opened outwards and not in. By this time though everyone had gone home.

The show's producers are said to be looking at other options now, feeling that if Conor couldn't make his way into an unlocked room, there wouldn't be much hope of him breaking out of a secure prison.

This is not the first time that Conor's thespian ambitions have been thwarted by a door, as he also failed the screen test for *Big Brother* when he couldn't find his way into the Diary



Martin: in a door jam

Room. Instead, he spent twenty minutes in the laundry telling the tumble dryer what he felt about his fellow housemates, believing the home appliance to be *Big Brother*.

Morphing into Murph

Claretians were shocked this week to learn the secret behind Eamonn "Mossie" Collieran's dramatic comeback, after a two-year sabbatical.

Mossie (below) made a sensa-



tional return to the Clarets last spring, having vowed only to play football again when his beloved Mayo were in possession of the Sam Maguire.

However, when it became apparent to him that was probably never going to happen, Collieran decided to give football one more bash, before old age did to his bones what it had already done to his red curly locks.

And once returned, it seemed like he had never been away, and his breath-taking form has

led some to speculate that he may have been receiving some under-the-counter help from disgraced 'athlete development' guru James Hanna.

Fortunately though, after many hours of painstaking research, *The Echo can* announce that the reason for Mossie's amazing form since his comeback is because he has sleeping with manager Tony Murphy (right) - although not in the same bed.

It appears the veteran pair have both embraced the Buddhist principle of meditation, and during the numerous daily synchronised "micro-meds" that the duo share, Murphy transmits his football philoso-

phy to Collieran through brainwaves, a controversial process called "**Morphing into Murph**".

Rumours that Chelsea skipper John Terry is currently trying to sleep with embattled club doctor Eva Carneiro to help her understand match tactics better have been denied by all parties.

