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Phew!

Hi everyone!

Now that SERE 2005 is done, we can all breathe a huge sigh of relief and go back to our normal routines. In the near future, we should have some photos up on our website from SERE; but in this issue, I have included some snapshots of our illustrious Regional Coordinator Scott Brown being pied in the face—for a charitable cause, of course!

This month, we had our first **OFFICIAL** Forsaken game, and for those that attended, it was lots of fun and filled with great roleplaying moments.

Also in this issue, we have some in-character quotes overheard at the last Requiem game (see below), a continuation of the City Book Project Preview, and information on two upcoming conventions, a local Sci-Fi convention HYPERICON and The Origins International Game Expo.

Enjoy this issue, and please pass it around! ☺



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Say What? (Quotes heard in character)

Ethan: Whenever the Carthians get together, something always shows up to mess the meeting up.

Tavish: Yeah... the Carthians!
(Scott Mizis and Jonathan Lee)

Caedmon: He had a turkey on his head. It was actually a hat. I just called it a duck.

Kassidy: Yeah, but it was "fowl" nonetheless.
(Sam Flegal and Loraine Flegal)

Dillon: There is this one Ordo Dracul who's name is Achilles.

Terry/Tessa: I'm sure he was a real heel.
(Dennis Vaughan and LaVere Backhouse)

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City Book Project: A Preview

Edana Mac Brenna

Clan: Daeva

Covenant: Circle of the Crone

Believed Age: Appears to be in her late twenties and is rumored to be over 1,000 years old

Childer: Kaelan Mac Brenna, Owen Mac Brenna, and Cassidy Mac Brenna

Positions Held: Primogen of Southeast Nashville

What Others Will Know:

The outsider to Nashville would know:

Edana is the spiritual leader of the Mac Brenna family, and considers herself to be a priestess for an ancient pagan goddess who is called "the Morrigan." She claims to be a druid, and heads the Nashville Circle of Crone covenant.

The Mac Brenna are a tight-knit family that arrived in the United States from Ireland in the mid 1800s. Their goddess, the Morrigan is commonly believed to be "a Goddess of battles who appears in the form of a scavenging scald-crow or a ragged winged raven, glorying in death and battle." In emulating their goddess, the Mac Brenna are often warriors and priests.

The casual visitor would know:

While publicly she defers to her sire Caedmon, some wonder whether the Mac Brenna patriarch is still in possession of all his senses. There is little question as to why Edana was chosen as Primogen rather than Caedmon, as the revered founder of the Mac Brenna family is often scattered and lacks an understanding of modern life. By unspoken agreement, the entire family takes turns keeping a loving eye on Caedmon.

By contrast, Edana is quite grounded and capable. Of course, she is quick to point out that she is younger than Caedmon, hinting that his last torpor may have knocked some of his wits loose.

She appears to be quite committed to maintaining the stability of Nashville and her territory. All Kindred know that the Mac Brenna watch over some of the mortals in their territory, and do not take kindly to the intrusion of others. They do not seek conflict, but will gladly finish the fights that other people start. The family is known for being a little unruly, but when approached in the spirit of good fun, the Mac Brenna are likely to give you a good-natured slap on the back and invite you to join them.

Edana is quick to smile, and does not seem pressured to convert other kindred to her beliefs. Yet, if one should ever want more information, it is clear



that Edana is willing to speak any true seeker. She often speaks of the importance of personal freedom and choice, as well as honor and truth.

Nashville residents would know:

As are many Daeva, Edana can be fiery and sometimes moody. On some occasions she appears to have difficulty taking anything seriously, and had a tendency to laugh at everything and flirt outrageously. Other times she appears haunted and quiet, as if the weight of her life and choices makes it difficult for her to move or speak. But usually she is somewhere in between these extremes, friendly and easy-going.

But when her family is threatened, she can become rage incarnate. She protects her family with the devotion of a mother-wolf to her cubs. Edana acts very much as a mother toward her family, and is known to be impatient when business takes her time away from them.

The Mac Brenna message to Nashville is clear: *Do not attempt to harm what is ours and we will live and let live in peace.* ☺

HYPERICON

Hypericon is the Speculative Fiction Convention held in Nashville, Tennessee.

IC: All Kindred of Nashville, and the surrounding areas, are invited to the 2005 Summer Spectacle! This event is hosted by Macob Merriment, a nomadic group of vampiric entertainers. It will occur at the fairgrounds outside of Murfreesboro, TN. There will be fun for all ages, clans, and covenants. So come one come all! Laugh, dance, and be Merry at the 2005 Summer Spectacle!

OOC: The non-court Requiem game for June will be held at HYPERICON. For more information about this convention, please contact Ian Harris at hartley@graffiti.net. Here's a word from Ian:

"With Sam running our Requiem LARP, I have gotten a discount for DRS members if they pre-register through me at one of our games between now and the con.

"So registration is still only \$20 each, and it's currently \$25 through our website or at the door.

"Just find me at a game, I'll have forms and a receipt book.

"I take cash and checks made payable to Hypericon."

Featuring:

- Cam-sanctioned Vampire: the Requiem LARP
- Paranoia XP LARP
- Amber Diceless
- Gamma World
- D&D
- Demos from Looney Labs (makers of Fluxx)
- Art Show
- Dealer's Room
- Programming
- Room Party Battles



Location:

Days Inn Stadium, Nashville, TN

Preregistration:

Adults: \$20

Membership Rates:

Adults: \$25 Children: \$15

Available through Online Registration or at the door. ☺

ORIGINS INTERNATIONAL GAME EXPO 2005

June 30 - July 3, 2005

*The following information can be found at:
<http://www.originsgames.com/index.pl/home>*

The Origins International Game Expo is one of the largest and longest-running game conventions in the world. Started in 1975, the show celebrated its 30th Anniversary in 2004, and it continues to grow in both size and importance. Players of any kind of game will find a place at our game tables. Manufacturers and publishers come to Origins to show their best and newest wares. Tournament organizers host their finals and championships at Origins. Most importantly, the finest players in the world come to Origins to compete and to share their love of games with a fellowship of players the likes of which they simply won't find anywhere else.

Origins has been hosted in many places over the years, but in 1996, Origins finally found a home in the heartland that is Central Ohio. Located at the Columbus Convention Center in the beautiful Arena District of Ohio's capital city, the Origins International Game Expo offers the best events in an exciting, yet safe environment. You will not experience a more satisfying four and a half days of gaming fun anywhere else, so make your plans now to be a part of a show steeped in history and tradition, yet brimming with amazing possibilities for the future.

Fact Sheet: Origins International Game Expo

What:

31st Annual Origins International Game Expo

Where:

Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio

When:

June 30 - July 3, 2005

Who sponsors it:

Game Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

Who attends:

Anybody who loves games! Almost 15,000 attendees converge on Columbus from all over Ohio, the surrounding states, elsewhere in the US, and internationally from Europe, the Pacific Rim, and further.

Types of games played:

American and European board games, collectible card games, miniatures games, role-playing games, plus traditional like Monopoly, Scrabble, Risk, Chess, Go, Bridge, Cribbage, and such. Origins also hosts a large

LAN (local area network) for multiplayer computer games, plus some very special MMOG (massively-multiplayer online game) events.

Why:

To celebrate the world of games with four non-stop days of tournaments, informal events, special media guests, and more.

Financial impact:

Origins brings about \$5.7 million to the Columbus, Ohio area (estimate from Diane Share of Experience Columbus, DShare@ExperienceColumbus.com).

Catchphrase:

If you play games, you have a seat at our table.

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SNAPSHOTS!

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SERE 2005



Nikki Napierkowski ples Scott Brown, the SE Regional Coordinator, in the face for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



Mike Lyons continues to smear whip cream on Scott Brown's hair, to everyone's delight.



Scott Mizis helps narrate in the Forsaken venue.



Sam Flegal plays a "short" Native American in the Changeling venue.



Rick Backhouse roleplays with a group of Forsaken players around the Southeast.



Paula Watt, Tony Gowell, and Sue Mizis at the Forsaken game.

WANT TO CONTRIBUTE?

If you want to contribute to the *Undercurrents* newsletter, please email your photographs, stories, jokes, and anything else you want to see in the newsletter, to drs_newsletter@yahoo.com.

If you are submitting images, the following formats are acceptable: JPEG, TIFF, EPS, PICT, bitmap. Please do not send anything bigger than 2MB through email. If your file does exceed 2MB, please burn it onto a CD and give it to either Loraine Flegal or Sam Flegal. 📧

June/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 NEGLECT	3 NEGLECT	4 NEGLECT 7:00 pm Combat School
5 NEGLECT	6	7	8	9	10	11 7:00 pm Forsaken Game
12	13	14	15 7:00 pm Domain Council Meeting	16	17 HYPERICON	18 HYPERICON 7:00 pm Requiem Game
19 HYPERICON	20	21	22	23	24 7:00 pm Forsaken Game	25 7:00 pm Requiem Game
26	27	28	29	30 Origins		

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