

## Winter Walk set for Greensboro

GREENSBORO, NC—The 8th annual Winter Walk for AIDS will be held on Saturday, December 4 in downtown Greensboro. The five-mile walk, designed to raise both funds and awareness, will begin at War Memorial Stadium and end at Moore Gymnasium on the campus of North Carolina A&T. Registration begins at 8:00am, the Opening Ceremony will be at 9:30am and the Walk itself kicks off at 10:00am. A Closing Ceremony, featuring a display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, will be held at Moore Gymnasium at noon.

"Winter Walk is always emotional for the folks who take part; having an opportunity to combine the walk with a display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will certainly add even more significance to the day," said Kim Colonna, 1999 Winter Walk Chairperson.

Walkers collect donations from friends and family, then turn the donations in at registration on the day of the walk. Groups of five or more can walk together as a team. Each walker who raises \$25 or more is eligible for walk incentives, including t-shirts, lapel pins and commemorative mugs.

Winter Walk will benefit the following organizations: Triad Health Project, American Red Cross of Greensboro, American Red Cross of High Point and Thomasville, Beacon Place (Greensboro), HOPE (Winston-Salem), Positive Wellness Alliance (Lexington), Mt. Sinai AIDS Education Project (Thomasville) and the Sickle Cell Disease Association of the Piedmont (Greensboro and High Point). Organizers hope to raise \$100,000 this year.

Event sponsors are the Greensboro Jaycees, Chateau Morrisette and Walnut Circle Press.

To become involved in the walk, contact Triad Health Project in Greensboro at (336) 275-1654. ▼

## Queer witches hold gathering in Canada

by Joseph Dalton  
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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA—Queer Witch Camp, the first conference of its kind in North America, was held October 14-18 at a rustic, private camp beside a magical lake, surrounded by an inspiring forest of cedars and firs. Twenty-seven queer witches (male and female) from Canada, the US and England joined seven Priestess teachers for training in the Reclaiming Tradition of Witch Craft and Queer Mysteries. The camp provided a sacred forum in which to deepen understanding of queer spirit and to build and empower the ever-growing community of queer witches around the globe.

The retreat, themed "Exploring Queer Spirit," was built around the magic and mystery of gender identification, queer deity, queer ancestors and the authentic self. Also explored in depth were queers' relationships to the wild, to the domestic (represented by the hearth) and to the powerful place in between. With instruction, meditation, singing, dancing, drumming, ecstatic ritual and celebration, the witches experienced deep magical transformations that will last a lifetime and will be an enduring asset to their communities and queers everywhere.

Retreat rituals were conducted in the Reclaiming Tradition of Witchcraft which traces its roots to the San Francisco Bay Area of the 1970s. It is an ever-evolving tradition based in pre-Celtic and other earth-centered spiritual traditions. Reclaiming also embraces environmental-activism and personal empowerment in an effort to unify spirit and politics.

The teachers at Queer Witch Camp included Pomegranate Doyle, Donald Engstrom, Bridgid McGowan and Jack Davis.

Plans are underway for the next Queer Witch Camp to be held in September 2000.

For more information on Queer Witch Camp 2000, call Sage Goode at (604) 254-5529, email SageGoode@aol.com or write Qcamp, PO Box 57125, 2458 East Hastings St., Vancouver, BC V5K 5C6, Canada. ▼

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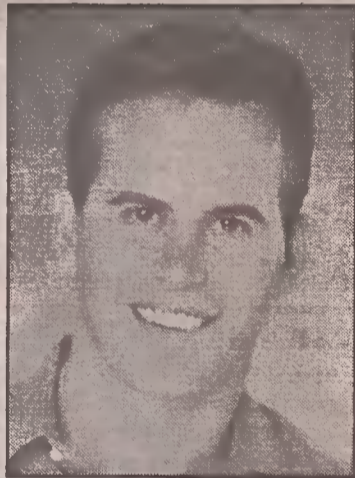
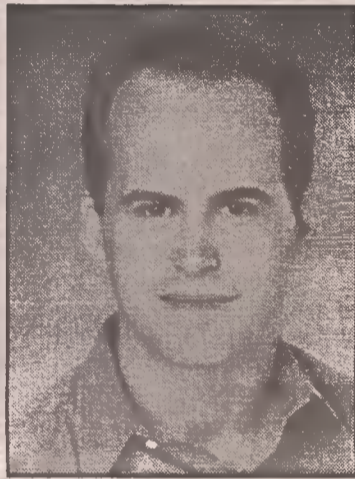
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