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Take the latest Q-Poll:

I feel the recent heralding of gay and lesbian heroes in the September 11, 2001 will have a positive impact in the following LGBT concerns:

Please select all that apply:

- Congressional legislation
- Public Acceptance
- Religious Tolerance
- Gay Teen Understanding
- No impact at all
- Some impact
- A lot of impact

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NC Gay Men's Health Summit October 27—wellness issues include but go beyond HIV and only gay men

Imagine a discussion about gay men's health that moves beyond HIV prevention to include a broader, more inclusive agenda. Imagine a space where gay men can talk about their sex lives today without restraint or fear — what they really want, what they really do — in the company of other gay men.

Imagine spending a day together, broadening all-too-familiar discussions of low self-esteem, risk behaviors, and internalized phobias into conversations about joy, pleasure, resilience, communal strengths, self-care and health. That's exactly what's planned at an upcoming gathering that will be unlike anything else ever held in the state.

The NC Gay Men's Health Summit will be held Saturday, October 27 on the campus of the University of North Carolina. This event is part of a nationwide effort to create a strong, visible grassroots movement among diverse gay men focused on a wide range of sexual, mental and community health concerns that need to be addressed.

The NC Summit is a low-budget, all-volunteer effort. It will be free of charge. It will consist of four sessions of seventy-five minute workshops and a closing discussion entitled "Where Do We Go From Here?"

Author and activist Eric Rofes will facilitate two workshops and make the keynote address. Rofes is a professor of education at Humboldt State University and the author of several books on gay men and HIV, most recently *Dry Bones Breathe: Gay Men Creating Post-AIDS Identities and Cultures* (Haworth, 1998). He has spent twenty years as a gay men's health service-provider, policy-maker, and community activist.

The supportive enthusiasm is reflected in the varied community participants and the workshops, ideas and issues they are bringing to the Summit.

Les Kooyman, Director, Metrolina AIDS Project (MAP): "As a result of proactively addressing the AIDS crisis, gay men have begun to address many other health issues. This conference will provide gay men the opportunity to integrate health and wellness issues, including HIV, into their sense of well-being."



John Glorioso, MAP Outreach Coordinator: "I'm excited about this encouraging development in our local approach to health and community building. I think this could be a powerful sharing experience for men at the conference."



Eric Rofes
Author, Activist,
Keynote Speaker

Tim Koch, pastor of the New Life Metropolitan Community Church: "I am excited by a holistic, focused approach and by the opportunities to join together to explore topics that I believe matter, and matter not just to gay men." Koch will lead the workshop, "Cruisin' My Religion."

Who should attend a North Carolina Gay Men's Health Summit? Anyone who cares about

the health of gay men. We hope to see people from different locations, cultures, generations who share common concerns about strengthening our local communities and subcultures.

The goal is to create a space to talk across boundaries of race, class and culture to envision a common future where all of us are able to thrive. We hope to bring together gay, bisexual men and people from throughout the state to promote overall health — physical, sexual, mental and spiritual.

The NC Gay Men's Health Summit is sponsored by Triangle Community Works, Carolina Alternative Meetings of Professional (CAMP) and graduate students and the UNC-CH School of Public Health LGBT Caucus. The Summit will be held at the School of Social Work Building, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. **The Health Summit is free to all.** ▼

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International A.N.S.W.E.R Peace Rally in Charlotte

by David Dixon



International A.N.S.W.E.R.—Charlotte (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism) is sponsoring a rally in Charlotte, October 27 — which coincides with local and regional rallies across the nation drawing thousands of participants.

International A.N.S.W.E.R. is a coalition of students, peace groups and individuals from all over the globe who seek peaceful solution to discord, as well as justice and tolerance for us all.

In the face of terror, our anger is understandable. Our pain is intense. Our fears are normal. War in the name of democracy to vent

anger; to ease pain; and allay fear makes casualties of us all. In the midst of violence we can not be distracted from the search for peace in our time and for all time. We must work to keep the hope of peace alive among us.

Attendees will meet at Marshall Park. The march will proceed through uptown and end with a peaceful demonstration on the steps of the Federal Courthouse. ▼

Noon — Saturday, October 27
Marshall Park: 3rd St. & McDowell
Information: 704-763-6796
www.geocities.com/nomorevictims/nowar
www.internationalanswer.org

It's official: Ray Warren is in the US Senate race

CHARLOTTE — This could also be called "a race for the cure" — bringing us healing hope after decades of diseased rhetoric.

Former North Carolina Superior Court Judge Ray Warren formally filed as an official Democratic candidate vying for the party's nomination for the seat now held by retiring Sen. Jesse Helms.

"After thirty years of looking back with Jesse Helms, it is time to move into the new century," said Warren.

An attorney and a former Republican, Warren served two terms in the North Carolina legislature during the 1980's. He has served as a Superior Court Judge for over seven years until he recently resigned his judicial position to enter the race.

Warren describes himself as a moderate Democrat. He indicated his campaign will focus on promoting North Carolina as a home for high technology business and industry.

"We are a state full of adults educated under an outdated set of economic assumptions", he said. "We need to give adults, as well as children, the tools to compete in a global information age economy."

Warren also wants to move the state away from the strident social conservatism of Senator Helms. He views projecting a more moderate image of the state as an important eco-

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