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# Walkin' with Zombies

## Pagans begin holiday

All Hallow's Eve — Halloween.

*The gates of life and death are opened; the Sun Child is conceived; the dead walk, and to the living is revealed the Mystery; that every ending is but a new beginning. We meet in time out of time, everywhere and nowhere, here and there, to greet the Lord of Death, who is Lord of Life, and the Triple Goddess who is the circle of rebirth.*

(From "Spiral Dance" by Starhawk, a witch.)

Halloween is an important day for witches. It is their New Year's Day. More interesting, though, they believe it is the day when the veil that separates the living from the dead grows thin, enabling both to speak with one another.

For Stephanie Fox, Halloween "is the time when you leave behind old things." Fox, a journalism graduate and self-proclaimed witch, is high priestess of her coven, which meets every two weeks on the full moon to practice rituals, chant and reach trance states. She also teaches a Search class, Witchcraft and Paganism.

Witchcraft, or "wicca," is only one denomination of paganism, explains Fox, who estimates there

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