

Fired town workers win Sheldon Award

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In a mix of politically inspired poetry, music and awards, Chapel Hill residents remembered Bob Sheldon on Monday night.

Sheldon was the owner of Internationalist Books and Community Center and a renowned political activist before he was shot dead at his store 20 years ago by a still-unknown killer.

"He was like a mentor. I looked up to him," said Andrea Eisen, a UNC alumna who volunteered at the bookstore as an undergraduate. "I worshipped at his feet."

As part of the celebration, the store created the "Bob Sheldon Award" in 2002 to recognize local activists who stand up for causes Sheldon would have advocated.

This year, the award was given to Kerry Bigelow and Clyde Clark, who were fired from their jobs as town sanitation workers in October.

Advocating for workers' rights like Sheldon did during the 1970s, Bigelow and Clark — who are both

members of the N.C. Public Service Workers Union — are currently appealing the town's decision to terminate them.

"We can't have a town where they're gonna be the judge and the jury," Clark said as he accepted his award. "Nobody is gonna say, 'I'm wrong.'"

Sheldon was remembered as a person who listened and engaged in conversations regardless of his political view, said William Stott, a close friend of Sheldon.

"We talked about how we could make a difference," Stott said.

The book store acts as Sheldon's biggest memorial, with books Sheldon chose still lining the store's walls. His political causes continue to be promoted through the various posters and bumper stickers spread throughout the store.

"I never thought of a bookstore as a form of expression," Stott said.

Twenty years ago, Eisen said the store was a place for people to be listened to.

"He was incredibly charismatic,"

Eisen said. "He made you feel like he gave you his full attention."

Sheldon's sisters, who had not come back to Chapel Hill since their brother's death, decided to take part in this year's memorial.

"Thank you for your loyalty and dedication to the Internationalist Bookstore and community center," Donna Sheldon said.

She said she wasn't nervous about coming back to the store but had to convince her sisters to accompany her.

"It was overwhelming, amazing, it just feels fabulous," Donna Sheldon said. "It was just a very personal thing that it felt like I needed to do."

John Williams, the store's financial coordinator, said he hopes to see the bookstore continue to inspire people through books and activism.

"The store has had ups and downs and swings, but never left to right."

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is an 8 - It's a day of action and adventure. Your future looks clear. Time to reexamine your goals. Your relationships evolve to new levels with gentle care.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 6 - If you don't adapt, you could feel trapped at work. Practical ideas take over, so save an inspired plan for later, after the dust has settled. Go with the flow.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 7 - You crave home of activity with overall confidence. Allow your childish self to shine. Your creative solutions surprise everyone, especially yourself.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 6 - Love works in mysterious ways. You may not be able to figure it out, but you can always enjoy it. Be willing and generous, and take what you get.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is an 8 - You crave home. A conversation with a family member opens up something you didn't know about yourself or your past. Practice kindness.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 6 - Be careful with spending today. Your overconfidence may translate to unnecessary expenditures. Practice window-shopping, and enjoy without buying.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 9 - A whirlwind of activity rushes in to your day. You handle it professionally and gracefully. Keep your communications clear and to the point.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 - You're in a chippy mood, and ready for action. Use your flourishing creativity for inspired conversation, to write letters or to compose a song.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is an 8 - Today you're full of confidence, and you can take on the biggest challenges with ease. Follow your big plans and adapt them as necessary.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 9 - Everything goes according to plan. Work flows unusually well. Don't take it for granted or get too comfortable. Learn from mistakes, and keep your foot on the gas.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is an 8 - Work seems more than you can handle. Take advantage, and get support. Just because you bring in more income, don't start spending more than you need.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is an 8 - The next five weeks will go by very quickly, with plenty of frantic activity. Today's a good day to meditate and get grounded before the productive storm.

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