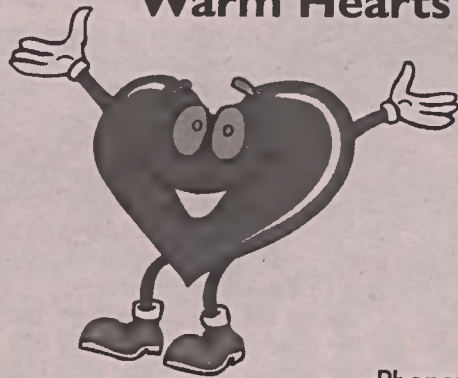


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Rudolph shows resentment and sympathy for gays

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certed effort to legitimize the practice of homosexuality. Homosexuality is an aberrant sexual behavior, and as such I have complete sympathy and understanding for those who are suffering from this condition. Practiced by consenting adults within the confines of their own private lives, homosexuality is not a threat to society. Those consenting adults practicing this behavior in privacy should not be hassled by a society which respects the sanctity of private sexual life. But when the attempt is made to drag this practice out of the closet and into the public square in an 'in your face' attempt to force society to accept and recognize this behavior as being just as legitimate and normal as the natural man/woman relationship, every effort should be made, including force if necessary, to halt this effort.

"Any conscientious individual afflicted with homosexuality should acknowledge that a healthy society requires a model of sexual behavior to be held up and maintained without assault. Like other humans suffering from various disabilities, homo-

sexuals should not attempt to infect the rest of society with their particular illness."

Lesbian nightclub bombing in Atlanta

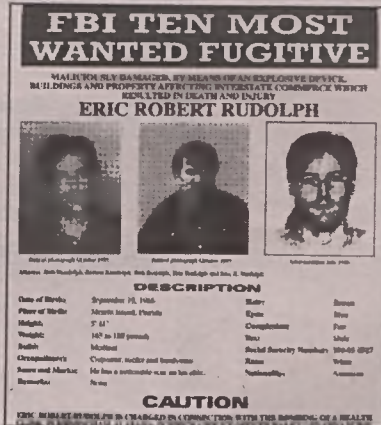
"The first device was designed not necessarily to target the patrons of this homosexual bar, but rather to set the stage for the next device, which was again targeted at Washington agents. The attack itself was meant to send a powerful message in protest of Washington's continued tolerance and support for the homosexual political agenda."

Five years in hiding

"Washington was lucky that day in Birmingham, they had a witness who happened into a fortuitous position, and my truck was identified. I knew something was amiss based upon the early reports coming out of Birmingham so I prepared to make a move as I debated within myself whether or not to run or fight them in

court. I chose the woods.

"The next year was a starving time. Hunted and haggard, I struggled to survive. But I am a quick study, and so I learned to adapt to my situation. I adapted so well, I decided to take my fight to my enemies."



Rudolph escaped capture for more than five years.

Pride still on schedule

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Charlotte Pride has been plagued with troubles since last year's event and the arrival of the anti-gay organization Operation Save America. OSA members somehow managed to set up shop in the festival with a tent from which they distributed anti-gay religious literature, while many posed as stealth operatives, weaving their way in and out of the crowd harassing LGBT festival-goers by videotaping them, querying them about their sexuality and suggesting they should consider changing their orientation. By days end an estimated 50 OSA members were removed from the park during the event.

"That won't happen again," says Kris Conyers, Pride vice president. "We've met with attorneys and had a new contract drawn up that participants must sign in order to be involved. It allows us to make them leave at our discretion."

According to Conyers, the contract also indicates that vendors or organizations may not harass Pride attendees in any manner.

OSA, however, has promised to be back at the festival in some way or another, though it is expected that this year their presence will only be felt from sidewalk protests.

Pride's problems, though, don't end there.

Last November, OSA members once again went on the offensive when they attended a city council meeting to ask the city to stop renting park space to Pride because they felt aspects of the festival

were lewd and obscene.

Despite opposition from Mayor Pat McCrory, the festival was eventually granted a license and the ball was rolling again for Pride 2005.

But now the event is facing serious financial woes with a debt from Pride 2004. The event's other vice president, Nathan Smith, has sent out multiple calls for donations in an attempt to keep Pride 2005 on track.

"So many people know that Charlotte Pride is a [vehicle] for social acceptance and for celebration. They say they want to support, but not a lot of support has come through our doors," says Smith.

"When we had our Pride Community Forum a few weeks back someone asked about our financial situation and I was very blunt about it. We have a debt, a debt of around \$6,000 that we are trying to erase. We have reached out to the community and there have been a wonderful few that have come back with open arms by either donating or offering to volunteer the day of the festival."

It is Smith's hope that attendees to this year's festival will donate some of their hard-earned cash back to the gay community through offerings to Pride.

"Then Charlotte Pride would be in a wonderful position to pay off the debt, have a wonderful festival this year and have money left over to start working on Charlotte Pride 2006."