

## Powell's regrets confusion

To the Editor:

Powell's regrets any confusion caused by ambiguity in our advertising for the Randy Shilts lecture.

Profits from the event were split with the Oregon AIDS Task Force. This arrangement was made when Powell's initiated its relationship with OATF.

Regarding tax deductions for charitable contributions on personal income tax:

The consultant on charitable activities who we spoke with said that, as far as the patrons are concerned, standard procedure is to claim the entire amount — in this case, \$7.50.

After the event the question was raised again, this time by *Just Out*. Powell's contacted the IRS. The word from the district office is that, indeed, only \$3.75 of the \$7.50 admission is tax-deductible.

Again, we regret any confusion. We will be clearer about such matters in the future. We at Powell's feel we are in a unique position to

co-sponsor events that can be of service to the community, and we hope to continue along these lines. We feel that fund-raising and dissemination of information are integral parts of being a member of the community.

*Joanna Knapp*  
Coordinator of Publicity/Promotions  
Powell's Books

## Take that, First Interstate!

Mr. William Siart  
President and CEO  
21515 Hawthorne Blvd.  
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Torrance, CA 90503

Dear Mr. Siart:

I find to my dismay, that First Interstate Bank has made a sizeable financial contribution to the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Please close my First Interstate checking account immediately. The USOC has shown

ignorant, homophobic contempt for my community, and I see no reason to subsidize ignorance and bigotry.

I resent being made to support, involuntarily, my enemies.

As you must be aware that while the name "Olympic" is freely used by those who sponsor crab cooks, rat races, frog jumps, and other endeavors (some worthwhile and some frivolous), the USOC refused use of the word "Olympic" to the gay/lesbian community for their annual athletic competition. The unequal treatment should be obvious.

As you must also know, this issue reached the U.S. Supreme Court. It is the *dissenting* opinion on this Supreme Court case which will in time prevail, not the ignorant, homophobic and logically silly majority opinion which states that the USOC has not been discriminatory in

their refusal to let the Gay Games use the name "Olympic," while letting hundreds of other organizations do so.

Have you no awareness that at least 20 percent and possibly more are gay men and lesbians, and, additionally, your customers? Some are very large depositors.

While I regret that you do not look at what your bank is doing from a moral, ethical perspective, from a purely business standpoint, you are going to lose a lot of money on this "misguided patriotism."

*David P. Steward, MSW*  
Mountain View, CA

Member, Board of Directors  
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

## In memoriam

*Timothy G. Sapp*

Timothy G. Sapp died of AIDS-related cancer on November 20, 1987, at the age of 35. He had been hospitalized at Bess Kaiser several weeks earlier with paralysis from the chest down due to pressure put on the spine by lymphoma cancer.

Tim was a purchasing manager in the Laboratory Instruments Division at Tektronix and a volunteer for the Oregon AIDS Hotline.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Nov. 21, at University of Portland's Chapel of Christ the Teacher. The Rev. John McGuire officiated at the service. Kathy Valdez of Mount Angel played the flute and sang "Ave Maria," "Joy Is Like the Rain" and "On Eagle's Wings." Tim's lover of five years, Jeffery Unger, gave a

brief eulogy honoring a man who valiantly and without complaint battled AIDS, cancer, seizures, bacteremia, fungal infections and pneumocystis pneumonia.

Tim was born and raised in Pennsylvania; he moved to Portland a decade ago. Although he was a private person, he took pride in being gay, and he celebrated life.

Tim was extremely talented at doing anything to which he set his mind: carpentry, electrical wiring, sewing, cooking, gardening, and creating something out of nothing. He and Jeffery spent much of their time restoring their 1902-vintage southeast Portland home.

His pet project was a large Koi pond with a waterfall and lush plantings of water lilies, water iris and water poppies.

Tim's wit, strength, creativity, humor, courage and love are remembered by all who knew him.



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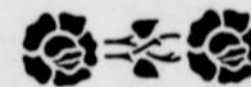
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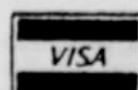


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