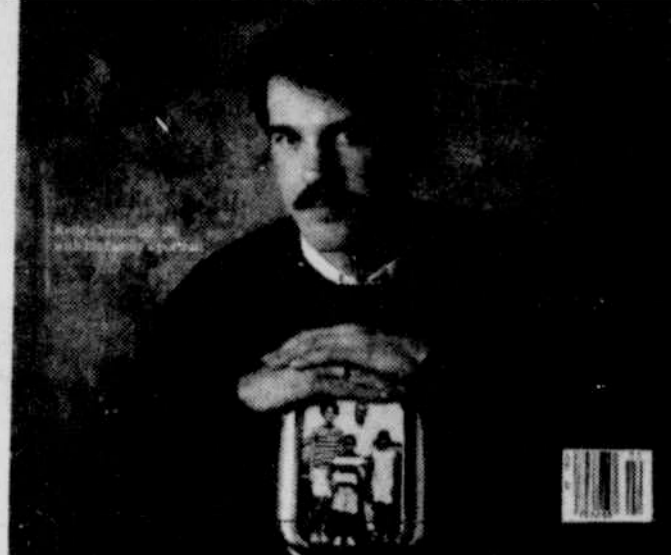


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Chronisters getting used to notoriety

The courage and understanding of a local family made it to *Newsweek* last month. The story of Paul and Joan Chronister and their acceptance of their son Kelly, made the cover of the weekly news magazine January 13. Kelly Chronister and his Vancouver, WA family were featured in the story "Growing Up Gay," a generally sensitive and intelligent article which placed gayness in a journalistically innovative environment — not in a clinic, not in a bar, but in a family. The Chronisters, a close-knit, traditional family, agreed to go public with their experiences of coming to terms with their gay child and with Kelly's coming out and realization of gayness, when *Newsweek* contacted them last June. *Newsweek* wanted to do a positive "supportive" story about gayness, says Kelly's mother Joan, and contacted a New York City branch of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

The magazine, though, wanted to feature a family with a gay son in a smaller metropolitan city, and due to the national visibility of Portland's ParentsFLAG group Portland was selected. The Chronisters were subsequently selected because they are more "out" than some other families in ParentsFLAG, says Joan Chronister, and they have a gay son (*Newsweek* specifically wanted a family with a gay son, not a gay daughter).

When contacted, the Chronisters and Kelly agreed readily.

While most response from the *Newsweek* article and the parallel article in the Vancouver *Columbian* has been positive, there have been adverse reactions, particularly locally in the *Columbian*. (One letter queried, "If God

had wanted things that way, don't you think he would have created Adam and Bruce?") In the week following publication, Kelly Chronister says there have been communications from all over the US and Canada. The sentiments of one caller speak for many: "You are helping more people," he said, "than you can possibly imagine."

K Falls educator thwarts education

by Scott Michaels

In the past, I have blasted Klamath Falls for being so restrictive in its beliefs, and its population for being society-molded zombies. I reserve these statements as being true, but with a more open mind to change, which has occurred.

Recently, I was asked by a student from one of the local high schools to come to her Contemporary Family Living class and speak on the subject of Homosexuality and AIDS.

I was, needless to say, thrilled. I have spoken before to large numbers of people on various subjects, but this would be a first. After speaking with the instructor, I was informed that the school administration would not allow me to speak to those students on those particular subjects. He said, "I don't feel the school is ready for that."

In my opinion, I feel he is, in essence, saying the students should be kept from the facts. The students, to coin a phrase, should be kept in the closet about homosexuality.

I am close friends with a couple of those students, and I have been asked questions that they were curious about. They had asked me, for the simple reason, that there wasn't anyone else who could answer them.

I feel this kind of repression is unnecessary and especially in this case, stupid. These students are obviously mature enough to understand, and cope with these subjects. Why else would they be in the class?

There are enough "closet cases" in every city and town in this vast country and world. With people like the principal of the high school, so closed-minded about this subject, no wonder there aren't more "closet cases" still wondering about their sexuality.

As the lyrics of Depech Mode's song "People are People" so elegantly put it, "help me understand... takes another man to help me understand."

Shadburne "stronghold of Satan"?

by W. C. McRae

In December 1985, Multnomah County Commissioner Gordon Shadburne, in a letter on county stationery to "Christian Leaders," characterized the Portland gay and lesbian community as a "stronghold of Satan." However, in the February 13 *Willamette Week* Shadburne was himself accused of being a member in that same stronghold. In a strongly-worded editorial, *WW* editor Mark Zussman condemns Shadburne's hypocrisy, and points out that Shadburne's wife alleged that Shadburne, a fundamentalist Christian and bitter opponent of gay rights, himself has had affairs with other men.

Gordon Shadburne has suddenly found himself at the axis of contending stories involving homosexuality. Richard Levy, who briefly served as County Commissioner in late 1984, spearheaded efforts behind the county gay rights ordinance that was passed during his tenure, with Shadburne's being the sole dissenting vote. When his term was completed, Levy next surfaced as Shadburne's staff assistant. Levy was a former member of the political lobby of Portland Town Council, and has always been openly gay. His presence on the Christian homo-

phobe Shadburne's staff raised eyebrows, and fueled speculation about Shadburne's intentions. Even political opponents voiced concern when Shadburne "compromised himself" by appearing in gay bars and other gay establishments.

Shadburne is still involved in a bitter divorce suit. In the divorce papers filed in September, 1984, his wife, Linda, accuses him of physically assaulting her in the presence of their three children. She registered apprehension that Shadburne would take the children and move them to Napa Valley, where Shadburne has invested in real estate. This has resulted in an acrimonious custody battle for the children involving allegations of homosexuality on both sides.

Linda Shadburne has a relationship with another woman. Shadburne finds that living arrangement unsuitable for his children. Linda Shadburne has in her turn alleged that Shadburne himself has had affairs with men, the names of whom she wouldn't reveal since they were "family men." They are rumored to be men linked politically to Shadburne.

Shadburne has characterized the allegations against him as "lies." He refused to return calls to *Just Out*.

When contacted by *Just Out*, Levy claimed that he is looking for a new job, but Shadburne says he will stand behind Levy in his present position. Levi also said that the Commissioner is not contemplating any legal action against *Willamette Week*.

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