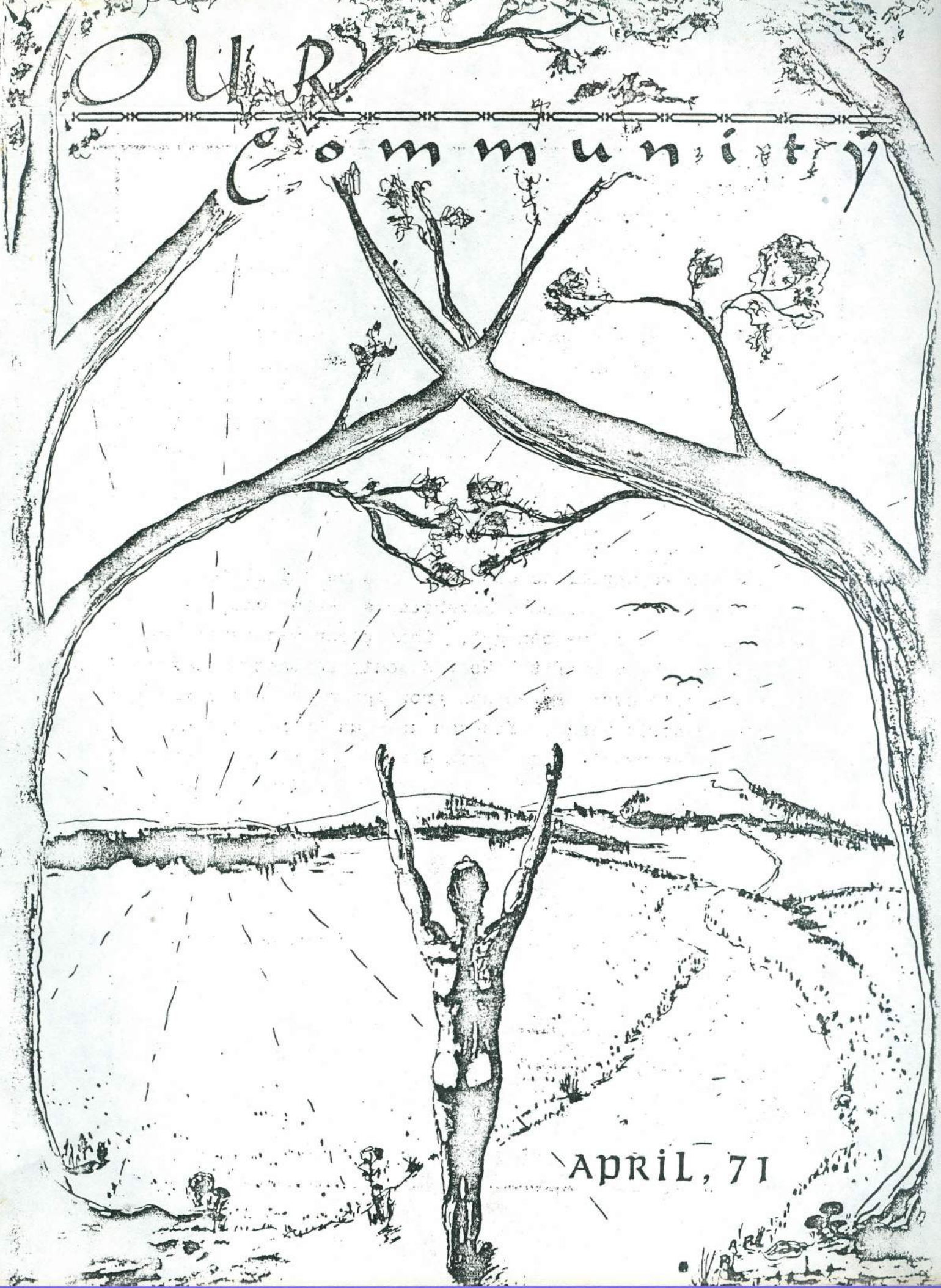


OUR Community



Dear Friends,

This is our second issue, and we're proud to announce that we've grown a bit. One of our readers created our cover; we have a few advertisers (bless them --and please, whatever you do, patronise them); we've received a number of letters praising our efforts; a doctor has volunteered to write a column for us; and we've doubled our circulation --1000.

We had hoped to be able to print this issue, but we just can't afford it, so we've had to ITEK it. But we will keep our eye on the future, have faith, work hard, and pray that someday soon OUR COMMUNITY will be printed --with pictures!

Again we appeal to our gay brothers and sisters in business: HELP! We need advertisers --in fact, we need all the help we can get. This paper was never intended to make a profit. We want only to meet expenses plus a little over, so we can grow and reach every gay person in north Texas. You can help us by giving the copy you are reading to a friend when you have finished. We who are gay must pull together. If we don't help each other, who will?

This is April, the month of Spring, new birth, and of Easter, so we think it appropriate that our lead article comes from the Bible. We hope you will be inspired by its beauty, and we wish you love, happiness, and peace.

Most Sincerely,

Editor



LOVE STORY

A vital part in the history of Christianity was the deep love affair between Johathan and David. Not only was this one of the most touching homosexual love affairs of all time, but it was because of this love that Jonathan more than once turned against his own father, King Saul, and saved David from assassination at Saul's hands. (Jesus is a descendant from the house of David)

And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.

And (King) Saul armed David (son of Jesse) with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him. And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth. Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely. Saul became jealous of David and sought to kill him.

And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to theeward very good;

Jonathan hides David in a field, to prevent his father from slaying him.

Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?

For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die.

And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done? And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David,

David arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded.

And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the Lord, saying The Lord be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

That was the last time Jonathan ever saw David. David later becomes king of all the peoples of Isreal. The Philistines slay Jonathan, and King Saul is wounded. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

When David learns of Jonathan's death, he laments:

I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

KAMENY FOR CONGRESS

Have you heard the great news? Frank Kameny, the first publicly acknowledged homosexual in American history to run for a major political office, is now a candidate for the post of D.C. Nonvoting Delegate to Congress! A strenuous three-week campaign, with the help of the local and out-of-town gay communities, netted a total of 7700 signatures of D.C. registered voters -- 2700 more than were required to put Frank on the ballot!

The fact that homosexuals could rally around this campaign and accomplish the tremendous feat of gathering 7700 signatures on street corners, in front of grocery and drug stores, in gay bars is positively exhilarating! They said it couldn't be done -- BUT THEY DID IT!

Now Frank has the unparalleled opportunity to wage a forceful educational campaign about homosexual civil rights. Every day since announcing his candidacy Kameny has received publicity on T.V., radio, and/or the newspapers. People are talking about him. And, strangely enough, he has met almost no hostility, a surprising amount of straight support, and a kind of awe at his achievement.

What does all this mean to the gay folks in Texas? Let me tell you. This campaign is important because it is being waged in the nation's capital. All our state representatives and the federal government are watching the proceedings. They will be educated by Frank Kameny's campaign and will bring their enlightened views home to Texas, where we will benefit from them, as we will also benefit from more rational policies of the federal government toward homosexuals.

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The MCC has changed its bowling night from Tuesday to Monday, due to prior engagements keeping too many away. This is for the people of the community and their friends who would like to come. Bowling is every Monday at the L-K Bowling Lanes in the Lancaster-Kiest Shopping Center in Oak Cliff. If you need transportation or want further information, feel free to contact Al at 337-5714.

A number of the community, about 45 or so, from the MCC, the COF, and the Vineyard, plus a lot of good friends showed up for the first (and hopefully, not the last) Gay Sway roller skating party March 13th at Fair Park. This informal gathering for good fun for all ages gave us an opportunity to meet with others in a casual atmosphere, and was certainly a step in the right direction towards cementing together the community into a unified whole. It is through such social events, through groups like the COF and others, and through the religious organizations such as the MCC and the Vineyard that we grow more socially mature and aware of the others who have so much in common with us.

The MCC has been involved lately in a degree of publicity when three members of the Board of Overseers were invited to appear on HOT LINE, KNUS-FM's talk show with Rod Roddy. The show is live, with telephone call-ins, and is taped and replayed on KLIF. The trio were pleasantly surprised by the reception they had from the radio audience, most of whom were very interested and encouraging. The radio station, however, received the brunt of the crank mail protesting Mr. Roddy's generous attitude, and he proceeded to contact several area ministers to provide a "rebuttal" against the MCC.

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Unfortunately, he was unable to get a black minister who had promised to appear, nor could he obtain a Catholic. After much difficulty, he finally was able to get a Baptist Minister and a Jewish Rabbi to be on his panel. The Baptist Minister regarded homosexual acts as sinful, but otherwise was quite cautious in what he said. The Rabbi, however, was very liberal and apparently did not consider it sinful at all. The outcome of this 2 1/2 hour program was that only four of the many callers were straight; all others were gays who were listening, hoping to find an opening to put in a word for the community.

Appearing most recently was a local member of the MCC, who recently came to Dallas from California, Carol, a transsexual who has not yet had the operation which will make her physically a woman. Carol, too, met with favorable reactions from the callers.

It is gratifying to see that the world is becoming increasingly aware and more liberal on the subject of homosexuality. Those who want to read of this new look on "that" subject are encouraged to read the April edition of Playboy. There is a lengthy (24 pages) interview of 11 panelists --a clinical professor of psychiatry, a social worker, a lawyer, gay leaders of the homophile movement, a theologian, a magistrate, --the usual. Most of the comments were surprisingly favorable, but a few were not. This writer sometimes wonders how a straight could make the statement: "The homosexual's sex life is likely to be loveless one-night stands; his life, even filled with friends, is basically alone; long-term mutual commitment is rare." How would a trial lawyer know all this? How many happily married homosexuals would a lawyer be likely to know? Really know, that is.

Look. Let's get some things straight. There are two kinds of sex; the best kind, with love. And that other kind --RAW sex. (And that ain't bad either). Both gays and straights enjoy both. As to long-term mutual commitments, it's hard to tell. Happy gay "committed" couples usually lead a quiet life. They entertain friends at home, and never get notorious publicity. Quite the opposite from the little queen who goes from marriage to marriage.

None the less, when 1 out of every 4 straight marriages in the nation end in divorce (and many more are unhappy), you kind of wonder WHOSE long-term commitments are rare. As to raw sex: sure, we have our baths and other pick-up places. But they have their whore houses, haven't they? Mr. Huk, the pot is hardly in a position to call the kettle black!

But Dr. Bieber (our old enemy --most homosexuals can be "cured" if they only wanted to be) even says: "I see no reason to have any laws that punish private homosexual behavior between consenting adults, and this is actually the de facto situation in most states. There is no reason to have such laws and I think removing them would be a constructive and realistic thing.

That, Dr. Bieber, is what the homophile movement has been saying for more than 20 years.

I would disagree with Dr. Bieber when he says that only 1% of the Army consisted of undetected homosexuals in World War II. Like Dr. Bieber, I too was in that war. I can't quote percentages (who can?) but I can tell him that Headquarters and Headquarters Co. was almost totally gay --at least ours was. So was Special Services!

And we were in the infantry too, digging trenches in the cold rain, getting the G.I. shits, standing guard in the burning sun, and fighting on two fronts beside our straight brothers. So why can't we live together --the human family?

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Dear Dr. Nymm,

I've recently discovered accidentally that my son is homosexual, and though I've tried to talk him out of it, I can't seem to make any headway at changing him. I've even invited other girls over to the house for him, without any success. What worries me most is that he even told the girls what he is, and several of them thought it was just fine. I'm wondering and worried. Will these young people ever amount to anything?
Wondering and Worried

Dear Wondering and Worried,

I'm wondering why you are worried. First no amount of trying to "talk him out of it" by you, at this stage, will work. You are over-simplifying the situation. If any "change" is ever to occur, it will have to be through qualified psychiatric channels, and the boy must be very greatly motivated to want to "change." (And it doesn't sound that way). If he is unable or does not want to "change," the only reasonable thing, for all concerned, is to learn to accept it and to adjust. It sounds like he and his young friends are already doing that.

It is a desirable human quality to be tolerant of other's ideas, or their lifestyles, if and when those others cannot, or do not wish to change (to our ways), and if they are not trying to force their ideas upon us. Frequently, it is the parents of these "younger people" who worry me most. I sometimes wonder: "Will they ever amount to anything?"

Dr. Nymm

PS. Something else I'm wondering: What did you mean by "other" girls?

Dear Dr. Nymm,

I have heard of a device that can enlarge the male organ, but I don't know if there is such a thing, or what to ask for. Should I consider using it, if one can be gotten?

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Thurs 29	MCC Vineyard	Prayer service Esperanto classes	8:00 PM 8:00 PM

Dear Shortie,

I don't know, as I have not seen it (the device, that is). Furthermore, why all the concern? If a man uses well what he has, who could ask for more? (Unless by "more" one means a repeat engorgement).

All of the so-called "enlarging devices" that have come to my attention to date are based on the idea of placing the penis into a vacuum chamber, where of course it may be temporarily larger --just so long as the vacuum is kept around it. So where can you go to have sex in a vacuum?

The point is, that none of these produces permanent, or even reasonably long-lasting enlargements, and the attempt may very well be dangerous to you and your penis. If you think it is a problem having a penis that is less than hugh, what about having one that is less than hugh and also injured, perhaps even permanently.

Your time would probably be better spent in improving technique. Incidentally, not worrying about it during sex will in itself be helpful in increasing the penile size and you probably wouldn't consider yourself "shortie" for long.

Dr. Nymm

LETTERS, DO WE GET LETTERS!

To the one who took time to answer my questions for the ROLLING STONE story I am researching and writing --many, many thanks. Your answers are quite valuable to me.

Continued success. Every tiny step is so important --especially in places like Texas (I can speak -- I'm FROM there).

S.B. California

I sincerely appreciate your newsletter which I received the first of the week. I found it to be very well done and interesting reading.

B. & J. --Dallas

Congratulations on a most impressive First Issue.* Seldom has there been a publication that achieves such a well-organized and comprehensive level on contribution with its first step into the world of printed communication.

I hope that this will be only the first of many more fine issues, and that your future success can be anticipated from the quality of the first. Bon Voyage!

R.S. --Dallas

The little boy passed his parent's opened bedroom door one night, and wondered why he was punished for sucking his thumb.