

PORTLAND WOMEN'S COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Humor & Satyre

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For this issue on humor, I decided to get a sample of what some of our local feminists thought to be funny. So, I asked wimmin, "What makes you laugh?" Responses ranged from those of "bad taste" to those of "very bad taste." Seriously though, it appears we can laugh at ourselves, at the faux pas of others, and at the absurdity in the world. From the responses, I believe we use humor as a way to appreciate those special parts of ourselves and each other, and as a way to release tension, anger, disgust and frustration. So -- here is a sampling of what we, in the Portland Women's Community, find humorous. Names have been omitted to protect the guilty.

"BAD TASTE/GOOD TASTE FROM THE POLITICOS"

- *The attempt on Ronald Reagan's life.
- *The fact he tried to do it with a small caliber pistol.
- *A button I saw which read, "Where is Lee Harvey Oswald when his country needs him the most."
- *Men who think they're feminists.
- *Men, in general.
- *Weddings.
- *When supposedly straight men tenderly imitate gay men.
- *Richard Nixon's resignation.
- *Reports from the NRC stating that all those nuclear accidents don't threaten our health.
- *Being "politically incorrect".
- *CMP and New England Tellie crying that they're going broke.
- *Parade magazine's recent cover - Ronald Reagan's "What July 4th Means to Me."

"FROM THE HEDONISTS"

- *Being tickled.
- *Relationships, romance, love and sex.
- *Drugs...LSD.

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- *Remembering my first French kiss.
- *Being tickled on my, in my...and anywhere except my ribs.
- *Being naughty.

"FROM THOSE OF VERY BAD TASTE" - You know who you are!!!!!!

*Watching someone fall down a flight of stairs - A total loss of decorum.
(We know you're all laughing at that one!)

"GOOD CLEAN HUMOR"

- *Old pictures of me in a mini-skirt.
- *Colors - They make my heart light.
- *Clowns.
- *Portland drivers.
- *Cynicism and cats.
- *Puns - when I don't get them.
- *Superman II - when he bashed the bad guys up against the Coca-Cola sign.
- *Men in shorts.
- *Dry humor.



"THE BEST OF OURSELVES AND OUR FRIENDS"

- *My job, my marriage and my child.
- *My ballet dancing.
- *People taking themselves too seriously.
- *People who think they have control, but don't.
- *Watching friends jump when they've been spooked.
- *Teaching a friend to run an outboard motor and we smashed into some rocks.
- *Gina Kelley at her wits' end in the middle of losing a Monopoly tournament.
- *Funny stories by people about something stupid they did.
- *When people do something stupid and then try to act like they haven't done it.
- *Being caught in my own mind trips.
- *Therapy lingo.
- *My own sense of humor.
- *My own stupidity.
- *When someone is trying to be extremely polite and calls you by the wrong name.
- *With bases loaded and a runner advancing to home plate, Ann Houser was valiantly trying to catch the ball and throw it home -- and her pants fell down.

"FROM WOMYN'S BEST FRIEND"

- *Bess Houser - "Trim, purebred dogs."
- *Shiner Greaney - "Bess, when she's on a diet."

And, let us send some good energy to our sisters who responded:

- *Nothing lately.
- *That question.
- *I haven't laughed for a long time.
- *F@%##\$@%#\$ B@c\$%*\$!% - That's all I have to say lately.

One more thing about humor - You would have had to have been there.



LOVE OF THE RIDICULOUS

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During one of my past lives, when I was separating from my husband, I started collecting mail order catalogues. Edmund Scientific arrived, filled with wonderful gadgets: 8 ft. high balloons, gyroscopes, tiny magnifying glasses. Another discovery was a cowboy store called Sheplers in Wichita, Kansas that sold Levi's original 501 concealed button-fly jeans, a style I happened to be enamoured with at the time. During this period I also applied for jobs that vaguely resembled the foreign legion, one, working with indigenous people in a remote section of Alberta, Canada; the other, in a girls training school in Anchorage, Alaska, that boasted, as one of its selling features, a proximity to Alaska-land. Instead of these adventures, I settled for leaving N.Y.C. and staying with a friend in her small cabin in the mountains of North Carolina. There I languished for a month in a John-Boy Walton stupor of misty mountain mornings, afternoon rains on tin roofs and visiting the local grocery store/ community gathering place for peach ice cream cones. I left because I started to say "y'all" and because I missed the sea.

So what's all this have to do with humor? I feel, in all of the above, the irrepressible quirkiness of life. I also feel that an appreciation of the ridiculous acknowledges and helps me deal with the dark side. Our lives are not perfect. We need braces and glasses; we lose jobs and lovers. Our car gets towed and the final insult, we die. But, woven through all of this is a flawed, nubby textured brand of humor.

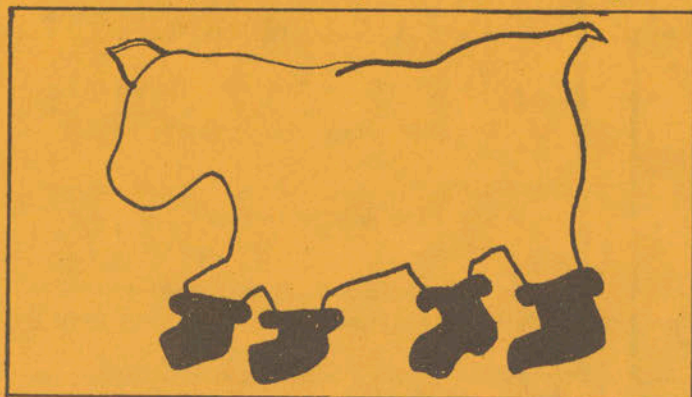
Once, during therapy, I was doing self-hypnosis (something that surprised me since I felt my stubborn, controlling ego would never let that happen). In the course of my wanderings a fantasy creature accompan-

ied me. It was a huge rhinoceros wearing bright red rubber galooshes on each foot. It galoomphed through my sub-conscious with me, just kind of hanging out, whimsical, up for anything, a good companion. I don't know where the rhino came from but I was happy it was there. We stomped through puddles together, splashing, having fun.

Then, during a subsequent therapy session, I found myself being pursued by a horrible black mass, the only distinguishable feature being a giant, yawning mouth, glossy, black strings of saliva glistening within. It was pursuing me, threatening to engulf me. The therapist asked me if I could stop running, if I could turn and face the creature -- I tried and to my surprise when I did turn it sheepishly turned into my friend the rhino, wearing its red galooshes, looking bashful, shy, embarrassed. It looked as if it were saying, "it's really me; I was just kidding," wanting to be loved as the slimy creature, in some way, wanted only to be loved. I carry both of these images with me, not really understanding them but accepting them on a feeling level as two faces of a primitive survival mechanism. As long as I can laugh at the strangeness, the whimsy and the monster in myself and recognize it in others, I don't feel crazed.

Every so often something refreshingly innocent happens (like Anne Hauser losing her sweat pants during the middle of a crucial play to home plate during softball). Then, I am engulfed with a gut belly howl. But, more often than not, the "laughing" is not so simple, combining, as it does, the dark side and whimsy. The rhino bowing sheepishly from behind the monster mask. I trust the laughter from that place to see me through the sad and comic twists of this life.

Nicole d'Entremont





For this issue, we also interviewed some famous Americans, who were kind enough to share with us what they thought to be funny:

Nancy Reagan - "Polyester pant-suits."

Ronnie Reagan - "Poverty, racism and nuclear war."

Stanley "Tuffy" Laffin - "Copulation."

Sandra O'Connor - "Integrity."

Billie Jean King - My "mistakes."

Alexander Haig - "Peace and whole bodies."

George Lucas - "The real world."

Maribelle Morgan - "Women with functioning minds."

Phyllis Schaffley - "Practicing what one preaches."

Lily Tomlin - "My own jokes."

one evening i gather

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One evening i gathered with a small group of women to learn more about writing poetry. Drawing a blank as to a subject I grabbed a thesaurus, closed my eyes, flipped through the pages, and let my finger randomly fall to one spot. Imagine my surprise when I opened my eyes to find myself pointing to the word "Feminist".

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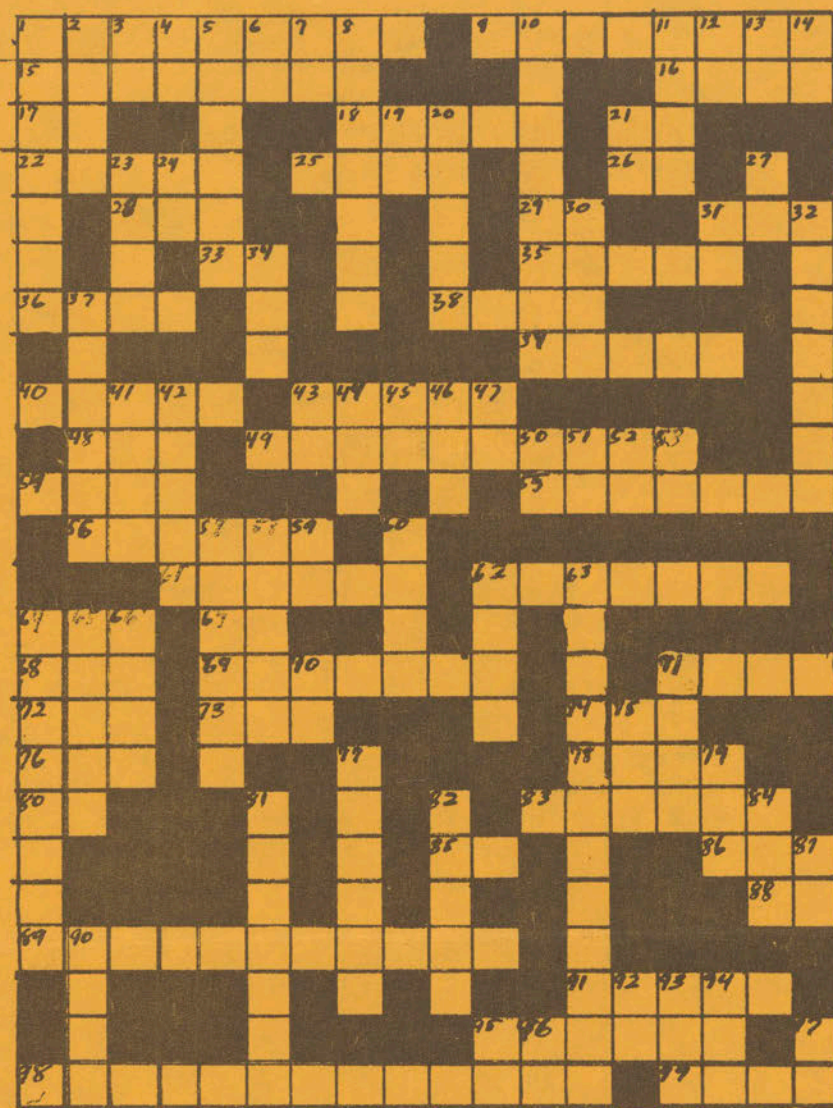


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ACROSS

1. Where I went into to do this puzzle.
9. Every woman is one of these.
15. Holiday celebrated by feminists.
16. 12th.c. B.C. Libyan Female Military Commander.
17. Initials of the first woman to attempt to play in the NBA. (1979)
18. Moon Goddess.
21. Initials of 1st congress woman.
22. What many of us do for Exercise.
25. What you talk to the deaf in.
26. Old Amazons(abbreviation).
28. Roadside tavern.
29. Initials of the 1st person anywhere to open a birth control clinic.
31. Country with repressive attitude towards women.
33. Initials of pioneer aviator and feminist
35. Egyptian Creator of universe
36. On the ocean
38. book by Kate Millet
39. 1st name of Wild West sharpshooter

40. Thessalian king who tried to seduce 11 down
43. Roman Sacred Goddess of Women.
48. Irish Republican Army (Abbr)
49. Form of societal organization which feminists are trying to reestablish.
54. Egyptian Ruler of the Universe
55. Female Warriors
56. pen name used in last months newsletter.
61. there are four of these every year.
62. Many of us have these "pictures" of the future.
64. Women's ____.
67. Railroad (abbr.)
68. Adam was her rough draft.
69. Last name of 33 across.
71. Tennis player in the news.
72. Sisterhood of Sisters (Abbr.)
73. Spinsters Health Haven (Abbr)
74. Lesbian Power Authority(Abbr)
76. Initials of Beatrice K. Solomon, businesswoman.
78. Tomlin's first name
80. International Year...(Abbr)
83. Sister of Moses.
85. Greek maiden loved by Zeus and changed into a cow
86. A woman without a ____ is like a fish without a bicycle.

88. Youth Organizations (Abbr)
89. Lesbians who want nothing to do with men.
91. Heroine of Twelfth Night
95. Country where 49 across once predominated
98. Woman who Meg Christian says has done much to mold young women's minds.
99. Lover of Anne Bonney.



DOWN

1. A dancer who would have been better off with a bow tie.
2. the body
3. ____ga woman Russian Ruler 892-971.
4. Initials of the 1st black woman to get a degree from a U.S. College
5. the wisest person on Olympus
6. 1st part of Atkinson's name
7. Initials of a popular dancer who started the "fad" of women with short hair.

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DOWN CON'T

8. Mythical greek king who killed his father and married his mother
10. Amazon who could outrun every man in sight.
11. Wonder Woman's favorite goddess
12. Initials of feminist rock band leader. (Mainstream and Women's)
13. Equal Employment (Abbr)
14. Preposition--concerning
19. Initials of woman prime Minister of India.
20. prolific journal keeper
21. Little Woman who wished she'd been born a boy.
23. see-82 down
24. Initials of the axe welding woman of temperance.
27. Initials of the lover of Alice B. Toklas
30. Real name of Edith Bunker.
31. United Hussies (Abbr)
32. Greek goddess of chastity, hunting and the moon.
34. Equal rights Amendment (Abbr)
38. Adjective describing American society
41. Goddess of the Rainbow
42. Water hole in the Dessert.
43. Virginia (Abbr)
44. Estimated Time of Arrival (Abbr)
45. Initials of the woman Astrophysicist accepted to the U.S. Space program.
46. Egyptian Queen and Stateswoman 1400 B.C.
47. Initials of group that publishes "Lesbian Connection"
50. Initials of high-jumper Rosemary Ackermann.
51. Initials of Author of "The Thorn Birds"
52. Initials of author of "Nancy Drew" books (Real Name)
53. Young Zionist (Abbr)
57. Mother ___ of Calcutta, India-Nobel Prize winner 1979.
58. Patience's Lover.

59. You and me
60. Very dull British Queen
62. ___ Sackville-West
63. "Filling up and ___" --Chris Williamson line.
64. "Living with ___" recorded by 77 down.
65. Tusk material
66. Harry Truman's wife
- 70 Initials of the author of "The Well of Loneliness"
71. Hindu Mother Goddess
75. 99 across was a female ___ ate.
77. Last name of Artist of 64 down
79. Yellow edible tuber
81. "Bisexual" book by Virginia Woolf
82. If you're going to do a number on Someone, try this one (with 23 down)
84. fifth month.
87. If she doesn't say yes, she says ___.
90. Millays' first name
92. Initials of Dwight D. Eisenhower's mother.
- 93 Oceanographic Center for Research (Abbr)
94. Singer Brenda
95. Initials of actress Gretrude Lawrence
96. Initials of Playwrite Rochelle Owens.
97. Initials of author of "Through the Waves" (Local)

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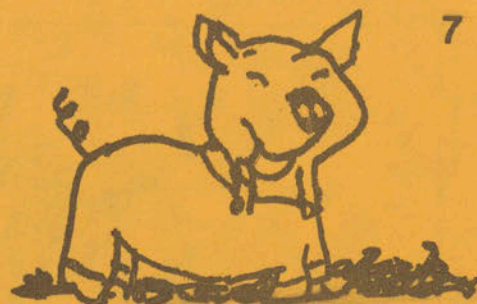


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PIGMANIA



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"Sooooee!" "Razorback!!" Why are people screaming these strange words over two little rubber pigs? Because they are PIGMANIACS! And what is a PIGMANIAC? A PIGMANIAC is someone who is addicted to PIGMANIA. "What is PIGMANIA," you ask? Well, it is not a strange social disease or an obscure Eastern European country. It is in fact the grooviest game to sweep the Port City since strip Monopoly.

It may seem odd that one could develop an abiding passion for a game that consists solely of tossing two miniature rubber pigs like dice and scoring according to how they fall, but it can happen to anyone!! PIGMANIA was first discovered in Boston and enthusiastically reported to women throughout Portland. Women who were once calm and serious citizens became fanatics at the first roll of the pigs. Since that first memorable afternoon gardens have been left unattended, homework has been left moldering on desks, loved ones left home with only their knitting for entertainment while the PIGMANIACS spend hours screaming "Hoofer!" "Snouter!" "Leaning Jowler!"

Historically squeaking, PIGMANIACS have a rich past dating back to the "fun-loving but slothful Pigalonnians" who threw real pigs into the air to score. Most of the game was actually spent chasing the pigs after each throw, as they would go "hog wild!" Through the ages, however, and with the aid of modern technology those original Pigalonnian squealers have been reproduced in miniature. Now PIGMANIA can be played in the comfort of your own apartment, the back of a Volkswagen Bug, or on your desk top during a boring class at USM.

So, if you're walking down the street and happen to hear "Making Bacon!" "Razorback!" or "Hoofer!" coming from somewhere ahead in the distance, run towards it! If you're lucky, you too can become a PIGMANIAC!

A. Nony Moose





left over talk

"you shouldn't like
his music."
Sarine spoke
with her French accent
of Bob Dylan
as I gulped
my tequila
licked
salt
from my palm
sucked lemon
to destroy
the taste of alcohol.

"but Dylan
shows the backside
of the front"
I blurted out.
"we need absurdity."

"yes, but feminine
not masculine.
It weakens us,
destroys us,
beats us to nothing."

We debate
as we stumble
downstairs
to the car
to a play
with dancers
speaking.

Sarine rides
in the backseat
subdued with thought.

Six a.m.
the morning after,
head dizzy
with left over talk,
I pack
my belongings.

Upon opening
my car door
an odor of rotten cheese
overwhelms me.
I search
find nothing.
Drowsily I make
my way
to a gas station.
Smell permeates the air.
I dig deeper
to find
Vomit
Spattering
my clothes
my journals
my book.
I gag
but not wanting
the service station attendant
to notice
my nausea,
I pay
drive off,
holding my nose,
to a vacant lot
of a neighborhood store.
I leap out
run away
to escape
the odor.

Standing
in the middle of
a parking-lot
choking
six-thirty a.m.
Sunday
hungover
in Provincetown,

I ask myself,
Did a lesbian-feminist separatist
vomit
in the backseat
of my car
and not tell me?

Barbara Cleveland

**Congratulations to
Debra Mae Vane. She
won the raffle for the
Michigan Q's Music Festival**

The Latest on Wastes

HARDSCRABBLE HILL, Orland, Maine, is a women's rural retreat and workshop center, built and operated by women. Private retreats include private room and vegetarian meals and are \$20 per day. Workshops to come include:

August 7-10, The Essential Self: Training Workshop in Psychosynthesis, \$90.

August 15-16, Conference: Women in the Healing Arts \$35 or \$20 for one day.

August 28-31, Women-Quest II Expedition at Mt. Katahdin, \$120.

For further info about these and other workshops, contact Hardscrabble Hill, Box 130, Orland, Maine 04472, 469-7112.

On August 6 - 9 there will be a commemoration of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Events include a Vigil in Monument Square from Noon to One, Thursday through Saturday, Fasting, Films, and Discussions, and Candle Lit Boat Launching. For a complete schedule call Deb Hibbard at American Friends Service Committee, 772-0680

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT MARCH AND RALLY, Concord, N.H., Saturday, Aug. 29. For info, write: Take Back the Night, N.H. Commission on the Status of Women, Room 16, State House Annex, Concord, N.H.

the 6th michigan womyn's music festival --- august 13th through 16th --- the alberta jackson band, terry garthwaite, the harp band, sweet honey in the rock, edwina lee tyler and a piece of the world, meg christian, orquestra sorbrosita, the contractions, alix dobkin, ibis, casselberry and dupree, the sharon russel band, deuce, alive, ginni clemmens, ferron.....

On October 16-18th in Detroit, an All-Peoples Congress is planned where thousands of people will come to say "no" to the Reagan program. At this Congress, lesbians and gays, Black, Latin, Asian, and Native peoples, labor unions, undocumented workers, the elderly, the physically challenged will work together to create a platform that is truly representative of our needs. The All Peoples Congress will lay down a plan of action to overturn the Reagan program. It will set a date for a national day of resistance to Reagan and the new right. For more information contact the New England Lesbian and Gay Focus of the People's Anti-War Mobilization, 355 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

We received a PSA from New Age Community Enterprises, Inc., in Portland, about a second-hand store they opened on Oak St. However, we decided not to print it due to the reported anti-feminist tendencies of the owner.



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The Latest on Wastes

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The Equal Opportunity Office of UMO is preparing a Women's Development Resource Booklet. This booklet will be a "women's yellow pages" that will list not just women-owned businesses and agencies which serve women but also the skills, knowledge, and services that individual women or groups of women are willing to share on either a paid or a volunteer basis. The resource booklet will be disseminated at cost to individuals, non-profit organizations, and businesses. You are invited to submit information about a business, service, skill, or hobby that you would like to share with others, so that your capabilities will be known and utilized by more people. Write to Joanne Fritsche, Chris Browning, Equal Opportunity Office, 259 Albert Hall, UMO, Orono, ME.

Climbing the firetower

I was told to look neither up nor down
but straight ahead.

I did.

Passing the tops of trees.
The solid sidewalk of horizon.
Moving through the dizzying pitch of blue.

But what I trusted was

My grip.
My sure flesh whitening
on cold iron.

Nicole d'Entremont

women opposed to registration and the draft -- a group in cambridge, for info, write c/o the women's center, 46 pleasant street, cambridge, mass. 02139

PHAESTOS AND AGHIA TRIADHA

Northern Lambda Nord, a Gay and Lesbian organization of Northern Maine, Northwestern New Brunswick, and Temiscouata, Quebec reports that the Mother Earth News has confirmed their policy of refusing all Lesbian and Gay advertising. The Editorial Board of this issue of the Portland Women's Community Newsletter supports NLN's call to boycott The Mother Earth News by: cancelling subscriptions and notifying the magazine as to the reason why; refusing to purchase the magazine on the newsstand and notifying them accordingly; and sending letters to: Beverly Roots, Advertising Services, The Mother Earth News, P.O. Box 70, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28791. We find such a blatantly discriminatory policy reprehensible, especially considering the numbers of Lesbians and Gay men who are homesteaders and small farmers. (Apparently, The Mother Earth News has not heard the news that Mother Nature is a Lesbian!) At minimum, the Editorial Board calls for a name change, for how dare they slander Mother Earth's egalitarian nature!

LOW-LEVEL WASTE

gyn/ecology discussion a group of womyn have been joining together each wednesday evening to read and discuss gyn/ecology by mary daly. if you would like to join us, call bunny or nancy at 774-1819 for more information.....

...ymca women's reading group the women's reading group meets every monday at 5:30pm at the women's room at the ywca. we are a collective group wishing to read and discuss literature by and about women. we will be concentrating on selections by virginia woolf, doris lessing, george sand, and radclyffe hall in the next few months. for information call nancy at 774-1819.....softball for all!!! the portland women's community has reserved jack softball field for every other sunday 9-11am through the summer. the dates are august 9, 23, sept. 6, 20. bring bats, balls, mits & a light heart. the field is located next to jack elementary school, north st., munjoy hill. any ??? call ann, 772-3093, or bunny, 774-1819.

....for september rent: intown portland, 5 room house, 1 1/2 baths, small fenced yard. four fireplaces; heat with wood if you like. low rent, lease. call 772-3459, peggy.....

...woman roommate wanted: non-smoker to share large, sunny apartment near university campus (ptld). two rooms of your own. i am feminist and vegetarian, flexible. value warm people and quiet times. \$165/mo. plus low util. 773-1394.....

i need someone to work my typing job for six weeks starting mid august, \$4.50 hr. natalia, 774-7682

.....tuesday evening music meetings with kay gardner for musicians and non-musicians any level, july 21 - august 25 at seagnomes home on church st. in stonington, maine, 367-5076, 7pm, \$5 ea.....
also kay gradner in concert, august 19, at 8pm at the stonington opera house, to benefit the island nursing home.....

wednesday, august 5th, take back the night meeting at 81A vesper st., in portland, maine, 7pm, call 772-6953 for info.....
and also---newsletter survival meeting potluck at 81A vesper st., portland, august 6th, 6:30 pm.....



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READERS! SUBSCRIBERS! ALL! There will be NO regular September issue of the Women's Community Newsletter. Many of us staffers are taking the trip out to the Michigan Women's Music Festival during the crucial 2nd week of production in August. PLUS a couple of us gophers need a break! But, don't fear! We will be sending out the calendar and possibly an announcement page to keep you in the swing of things.

NOTE: On Thursday, August 6th there will be a "Newsletter Survival Meeting/Potluck Supper" at 6:30, 81A Vesper St. EVERYONE is invited- veteran staff members and any other women at all interested in the newsletter's future. Tentative topics include: Editorial Policy, Preventing Burnout, Personal Feelings and Tastes, Money, all that good stuff and any other concerns you may bring with you. Please make it a point to come to this one. The newsletter may depend on it! Meanwhile, keep those articles, calendar events, news, features, GRAPHICS, letters, etc. coming! The theme for the October issue will be "Dreams - For the Community and Beyond." Deadline for the September issue of the Calendar and/or announcements is August 10th. Submit to Nicole d'Entremont, 90 Quebec St., Portland, Me. 04101. Subscriptions are \$5 for 12 issues (more if you can, less if you can't). Thanks!

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