

# just briefs

## Gay and lesbian helpline begins operation

1-800-333-CHAT. Remember that number — it's a new, statewide lesbian and gay helpline which begins operation on July 5. The helpline will be open 16 hours a day, from 4 p.m. to 8 a.m., seven days a week. Monday through Thursday from 4-10 p.m. The helpline will provide complete disability access, as well as TDD for deaf, hearing impaired or non-speakers. (The number for Eugene residents is 683-CHAT.)

The Lavender Network, Inc. and members of the Eugene gay and lesbian community began organizing the helpline almost a year ago. Last September TLN received a grant from the Chicago Resource Center which was matched with funds raised within the community.

"We are concerned that the helpline be available and useful to members of our community — lesbians and gays in rural Oregon, minorities, gay and lesbian youth, and people with disabilities — who are not currently being served by any other organization," said Rya Philips, Helpline Coordinator.

Helpline organizers are seeking contacts with gays and lesbians in every city and town in the state in order to keep their resource manual as current as possible; write to The Lavender Network Helpline, PO Box 5421, Eugene, OR 97405 or call 1-475-7285.

## National Lesbian Conference update

The National Lesbian Conference planning meeting to be held in Portland will occur the weekend of July 21-23, on the campus of Portland State University. Local organizers expect approximately 200 lesbians from many locations across the country who will plan the National Lesbian Conference to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1991.

Registration for the planning conference will be \$15-\$50, sliding scale; the fees include three days of meetings, workshops, networking with women from across the country and all entertainment during the weekend. On Friday, July 21, local lesbians have organized Best of the Northwest, a concert with Motherlode, Portland Lesbian Choir, and special guests Musica Femina at the Northwest Service Center (1819 NW Everett) at 8 p.m. Plans also include a dance, coffeehouse, and a reception on Sunday.

Local organizers are in need of housing for out-of-town women who will be attending the planning conference. To offer housing or to volunteer, call Lesbians in Progress (LIPS) at 288-2894.

## Scholarship seeks applicants

The Pride of the Rose Scholarship Fund announces that it is accepting applications for scholarships to be awarded in August.

This is the 10 year anniversary of the program which was started in 1979 by Rose Emperor V Frank and Rose Empress XXI Allison of the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court of Portland. Over the years 17 people have been awarded \$14,000 towards their college educations.

Traditionally, the scholarship recipients are announced at Sanford Director's Turnabout show at Darcelle's. This year's show is on August 20.

Applications for the scholarships are available at Phoenix Rising or by calling Kurt at 639-0888 or Frank at 236-1091. Applicants must live in the tri-county area, be gay or have gay parents, and must be pursuing their education beyond the secondary level.



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## Women's fall gathering slated

The 16th Annual Women's Fall Gathering, organized by Womansource of Ashland, Oregon, will take place on the weekend of

August 25-27 at Lake of the Woods. The gathering will feature workshops, entertainment, an auction, crafts sale and vegetarian meals. Childcare for children under six will be available.

Fees for the gathering are sliding scale with a limited number of work exchange scholarships available. Preregistration (with a non-refundable deposit) is required. For information write Womansource, PO Box 335, Ashland, OR 97520 or call 1-488-0167.

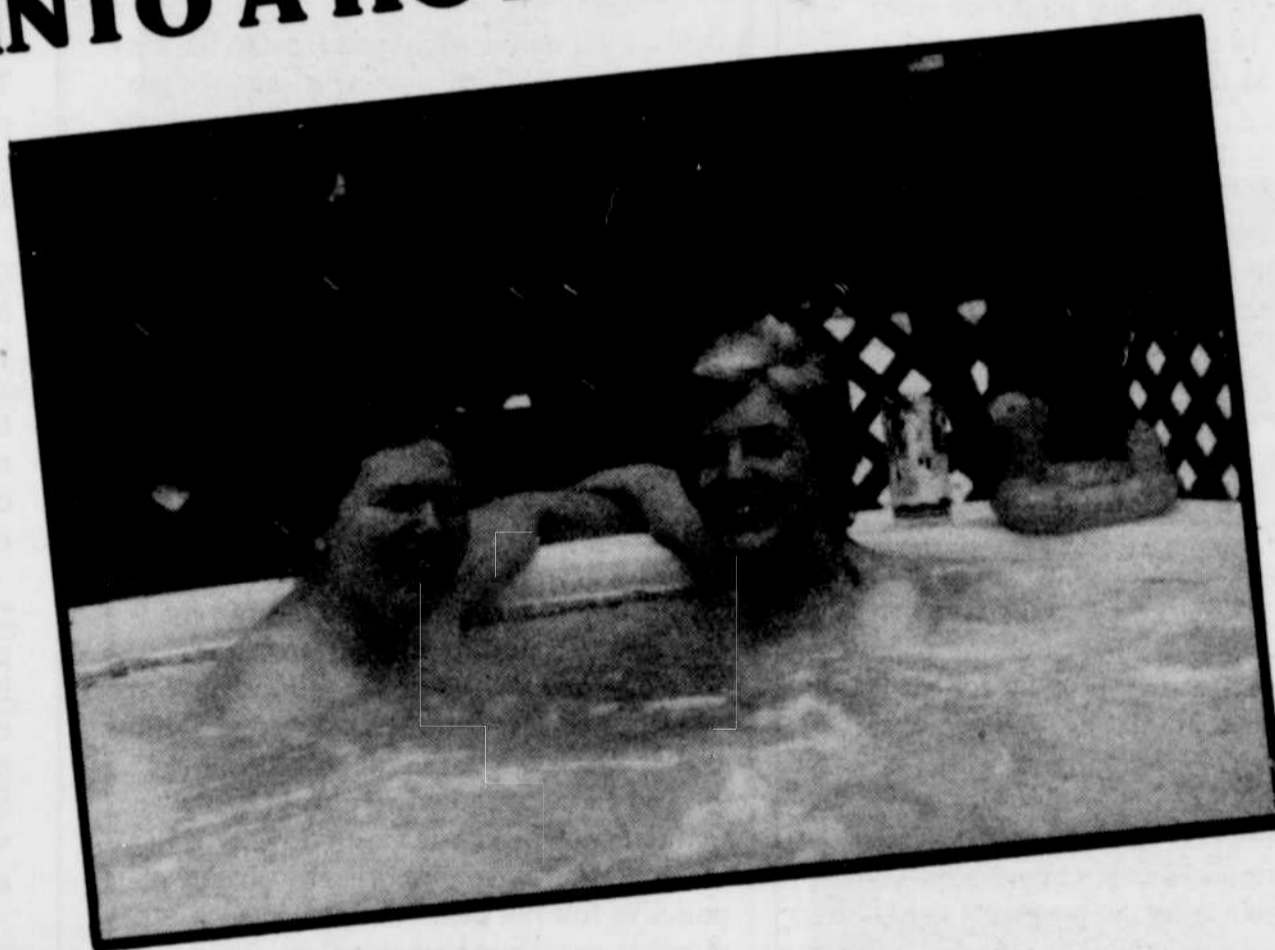
## Coast bed and breakfast closes

Lavender Nest, a women's bed and breakfast in Lincoln City, has closed for an indefinite period. The property where the establishment was located has been sold.

Partners in the venture, Vilik and Mary, anticipate reopening at another location on Cascade Head in fall. ▼

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