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phlet is to be prepared explaining the boundaries along the Columbia River. The homeowners, both lawyers, sued the Fish and Wildlife Department and the Division of State Lands, claiming the agencies didn't enforce the nude beach rules. They said people regularly trespassed on their property and could be seen performing sex acts in their yard. Mainstream media have given the story continuing coverage in recent months but have made no mention that the couple's property is near an unofficial gay section of Collins Beach. The complaints about sex acts failed to specify the gender of the offenders.

OUTSIDE IN LOSES FUNDING

Outside In, a downtown agency serving homeless youth, including many sexual minorities, announced May 8 that it has lost all of its funding for mental health services. The \$38,000 Multnomah County grant was the only funding for mental health services for Portland's street kids. In less than one year, the agency says its young clients made 84 visits to psychiatrists, some for medication management. Outside In cites two reasons why youth are not successful in transitional programs: alcohol/drug abuse and mental health issues. The agency says a study on Portland's homeless youth showed that major depressive disorder was about four times greater than in community adolescents and that dysthymia (a less severe but more chronic form of depression) appeared to be more than 10 times greater.

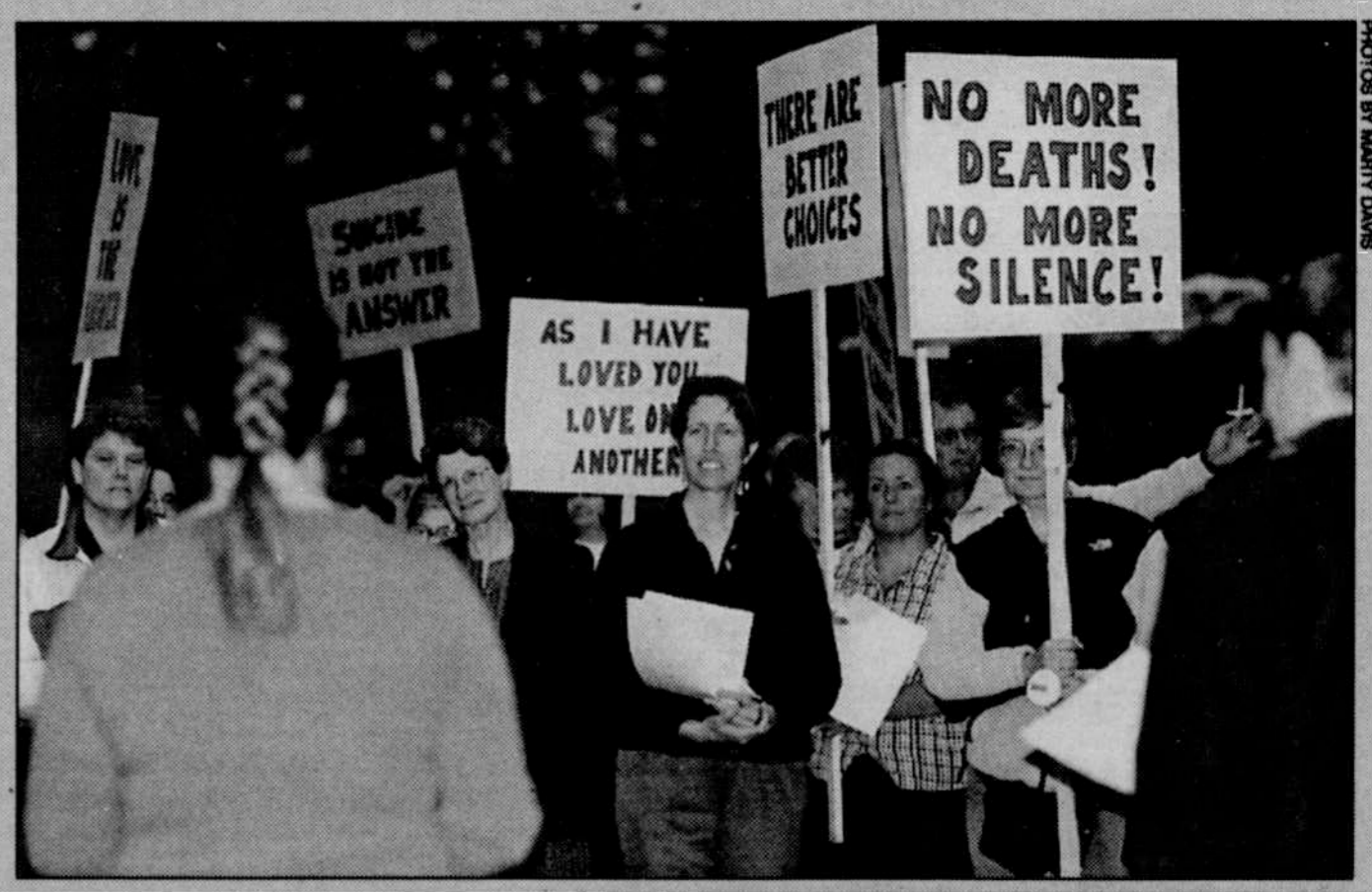
ADDICTION GROUP WILL MEET IN THE ROSE CITY

The National Association of Lesbian and Gay Addiction Professionals will gather for its annual conference May 24 at the Portland Hilton downtown. The one-day meeting includes presentations from national experts on substance abuse prevention and treatment for sexual minorities, awards and a keynote speech by Dr. Terry Tafoya, an internationally noted Native American. He is a clinical psychologist and traditional storyteller.

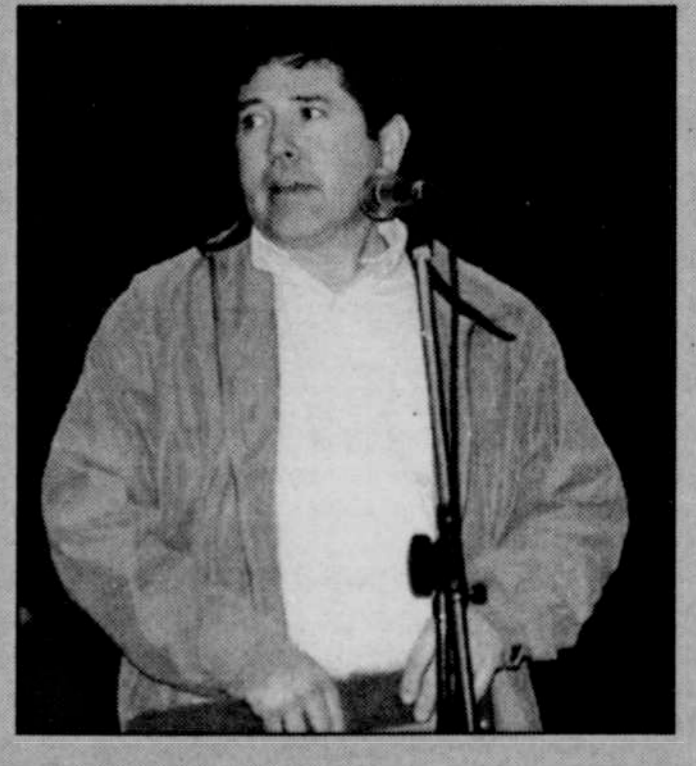


One of the honorees will be **Rodger L. Beatty** the U.S. Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. "Dr. Westley Clark's courageous leadership in promoting higher standards of care and increased access to substance abuse services for underserved and hard-to-reach populations benefits all of us," said association president Rodger L. Beatty, a University of Pittsburgh professor.

The group, founded in 1979, is dedicated to the prevention and treatment of alcoholism, substance abuse and other addictions. Its mission is to confront homophobia and heterosexism in the delivery of services to sexual minorities. For more information call 703-465-0539 or visit the Internet site www.nalgap.org.



The Portland chapter of Affirmation, a group of gay and lesbian Mormons, co-sponsored a candlelight vigil to remember those who have committed suicide as a result of anti-gay pressures May 8 at the entrance of the temple grounds in Lake Oswego. The event was one of several held throughout the country to coincide with National Suicide Prevention Week, May 6 to 12, as part of the "No More Deaths, No More Silence" campaign. Ricardo Hernandez (right) of the American Friends Service Committee spoke during the vigil.



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