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In the six states where courts have heard custody or visitation disputes involving trans parents, two states, Colorado and Montana, revealed a good record while two other states, Nevada and Oregon, had bad records. Both Ohio and Missouri had mixed or unclear records.

"The trend is going in the right direction," Bennett said. "But that is a small consolation for parents and children who in some states continue to be torn apart by the heartlessness of prejudice. We still have a long way to go to achieve the justice all our families deserve."

TRIANGLE GROUP ANNOUNCES PUBLIC HISTORY TOURS

The Burnside Triangle Advisory Group will play host to two public tours highlighting more than 100 years of gay and lesbian history in the neighborhood from 1 to 3 p.m. Sept. 28 and 29.

Interested parties are asked to gather just prior to the start time outside Ringlers Pub at the corner of Southwest 14th Avenue and West Burnside. The tours are free, open to the public and wheelchair accessible.

The advisory group, organized by the Metropolitan Human Rights Center, will advise the city on redevelopment plans for Portland's historic gay district. It is a citizen-led effort to share ideas and concerns in the West End redevelopment efforts specific to the Burnside Triangle. The group is seeking improvements such as more trees and foliage to give the area more of a daytime walkway feel and an atmosphere that eventually might lead to closing Southwest Stark Street on weekends for festivals and pedestrian-only use.

For more information call Melinda Marie Jetté at 503-653-8893 or Brian Hoop at 503-823-3075.

COMMITTEE DISTRIBUTES BROCHURES

The Creating Change 2002 Host Committee is busy getting the word out about the country's largest queer conference, slated for Nov. 6 to 10 in Portland.

Organizers recently mailed out brochures to generate interest, and now volunteers are needed to help drop them off at neighborhood businesses Sept. 21. The committee plans on hitting Southeast Hawthorne Boulevard and Belmont Street, Northeast Broadway, Northwest 23rd Avenue, the Pearl District and any other appropriate areas.

The next host committee meeting will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Sept. 18 in the first floor conference room at 123 N.E. Third Ave. Newcomers should arrive 15 minutes early to catch

up on what's been happening so far.

Conferencegoers have a little more than a month to take advantage of reduced registration rates. The cost is \$200 through Oct. 15, when it will increase to \$250. The limited income rate for any date is \$100.

For large groups, discounts are available if payment is received all at once. For a group of 11, the rate is \$1,250. For a group of 22, the rate is \$2,500. Names must be provided by Oct. 1.

For more information call 503-282-1542 or e-mail creatingchange02@yahoo.com. To register visit the Internet site www.creatingchange.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Human Rights Campaign Portland Gala Dinner will start 6 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Hilton Hotel, 921 S.W. Sixth Ave. Entertainers will include the Kinsey Sicks, billed as "America's Favorite Dragapella Barbershop Quartet."

Tickets cost \$150. The fund-raiser benefits HRC, which lobbies Congress, provides campaign support and educates the public to ensure queer U.S. citizens can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.

To purchase tickets, call 800-494-TIXS or visit the Internet site www.boxofficetickets.com. For more information, to volunteer or to donate, contact Jay Harter at 503-245-9743 or jharter@pobox.com.

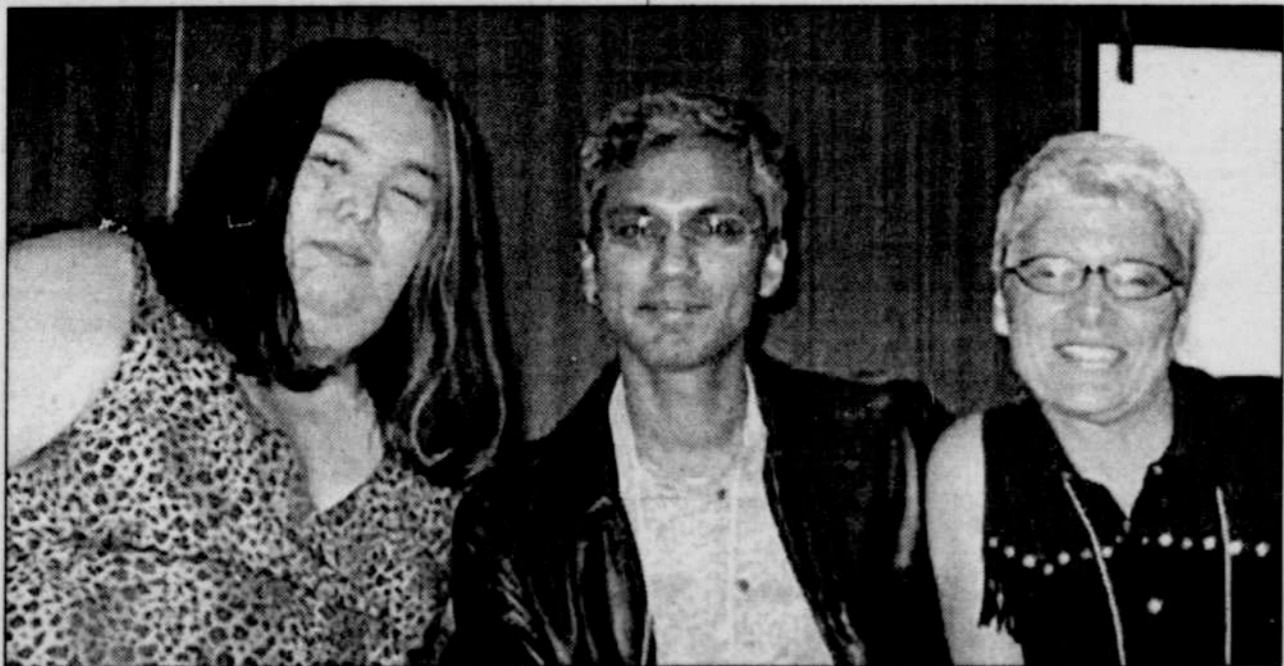
INTERSEX ACTIVIST ATTENDS SUMMIT

More than 300 people attended the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex Health Summit 2002 from Aug. 21 to 25 in Boulder, Colo. It was the first sexual minority health gathering at which bi, trans and intersex issues were a major focus.

A conference session was devoted to intersex issues and why they matter to the queer health movement. Intersex advocates oppose surgery to correct infants born with indeterminate genitalia and urge an end to the secrecy and shame that surround the diagnosis of an intersex condition.

While some queer participants value intersex inclusion believing it encourages a nonbinary view of sex and gender, Portland activist Emi Koyama of the Intersex Society of North America emphasized that she is not arguing for the abolition of gender or that children with intersex conditions should not be assigned a gender at birth. Rather, doctors and parents should make their "best guess" about a child's future gender but should not perform surgery to correct intermediate genitalia and

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Emi Koyama (left) and Cheryl Chase (right) (with psychiatrist and science historian Vernon Rosario) explained why intersex concerns are important to the queer community during a health summit last month in Colorado

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