

I might want my C1TV

Don't look for the listing in *TV Guide* or even on the Preview Channel's slow scroll of lineups, but do check out Channel 99 on Portland-area AT&T cable for some totally queer TV. A new national cable network, C1TV is starting out slowly but has ambitious plans.

For now, it only has one hour of programming a week, Wednesdays from 10 until 11 p.m. A handful of original programs rotates throughout each month, including shows on gay lifestyle, music videos and short films.

On July 26, I caught an episode of *WOW*, a half-hour magazine with pieces on travel, men's fashion and a Miami circuit party. It struck me as a whole lot of fluff and not even especially queer-centric. The second half-hour was a USC student film called *Meet Joe Gay*, which was an improvement over the previous show.

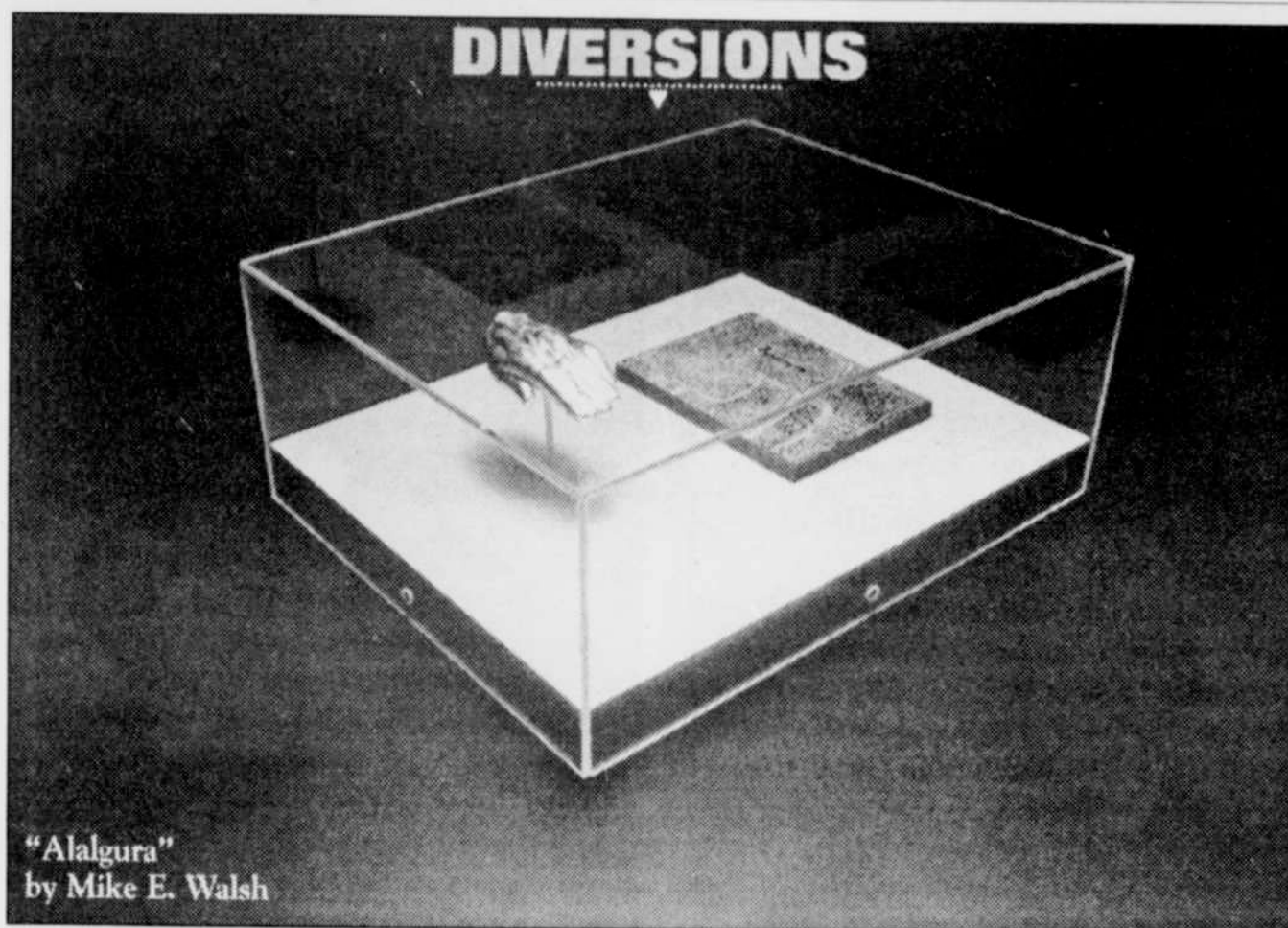
The slogan for the network is "the world through your eyes," which is fine if your eyes reside in an affluent, toned, young, urban body—which seems to be the target audience. The programming also appears more skewed to gay men than lesbians, but perhaps that will change.

Scheduled to air Aug. 9 is *The Boys of Manchester*, an hourlong look behind the scenes of the popular British series *Queer as Folk*, which debuts the following week in half-hour episodes. Don't be surprised if that isn't what you see, however, because the shows broadcast July 26 bore no resemblance to the listings in the publicity materials or on the Internet. C1TV wants to have an interactive, fully complementary online presence, but its site is a badly designed work in progress. Stay tuned!

Texas twang thang

If you haven't heard enough lesbians with guitars lately, a new one is passing through Portland. Christy Claxton shines her boots in Austin, Texas, and is on a massive tour to promote her CD, *Out of Nowhere*.

From a sampling, she sounds like a bluesy Ani DiFranco wannabe with a good dose of country. Claxton does two gigs with her backup trio, the Dirty Blondes: 9 p.m. Aug. 12 at the Old World Brewery, 1728 N.E. 40th Ave., and 8 p.m. Aug. 13 at St. Johns Pub, 8203 N. Ivahoe St.



"Alalgura"
by Mike E. Walsh

Now for something completely different

A lesbian who plays tasty piano and writes and sings jazz!

Appearing during the Mount Hood Jazz Festival at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 5 in Gresham will be Patricia Barber, a phenomenal musician from Chicago. With her third CD, *modern cool*, living up to its name—and earning the rarely bestowed five stars from the jazz bible, *Downbeat*, she is poised to release her latest record, *Nightclub*.

Possessing a pure voice she can color in any hue, Barber is a master stylist who also records covers of songs such as "You and the Night and

the Music" and "Light My Fire." But her own lyrics are what stand out as thoughtful, insightful yet accessible poetry set to inventive melody lines.

Let's get neighborly

All Northeast Portland residents are invited to a gathering of gay, lesbian, bi, trans and otherwise kinky folks Aug. 13 at McMinn Kennedy School.



Get to know that cute guy (or gal) who lives down the block in the city's

friendliest neighborhood. Organizers hope to make this a regular event, so stop by and share your ideas for fun activities.

The mingling begins 3 p.m. at 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave.—ask for the nen-q table. For more information call (503) 731-8034.

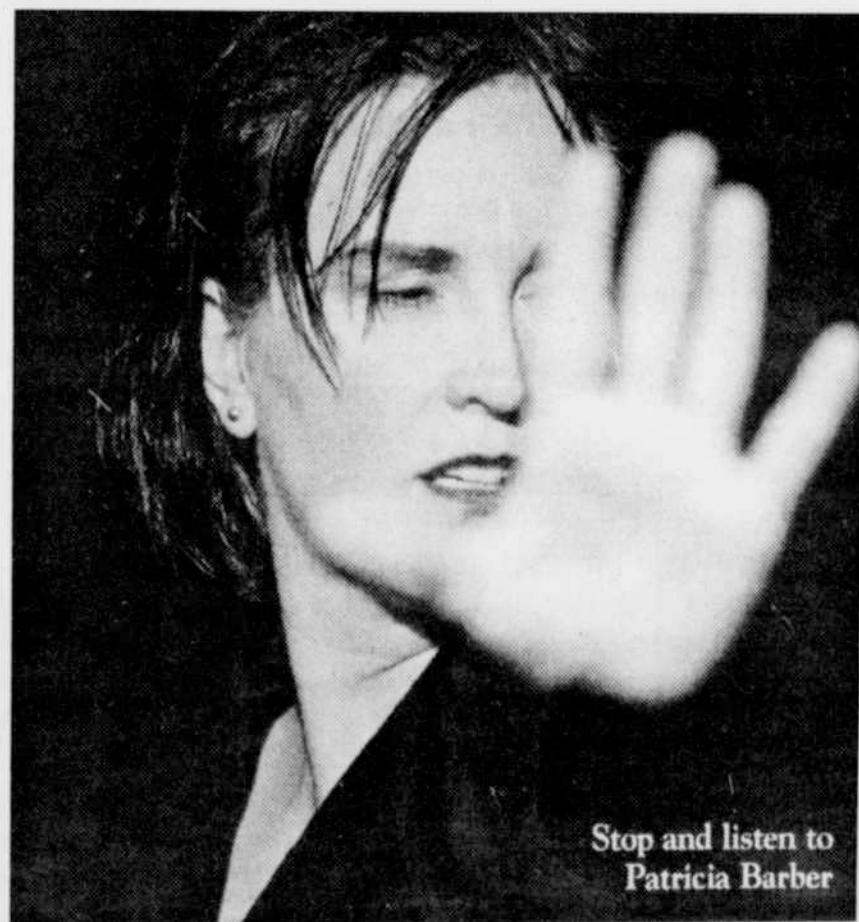
What a concept

Eugene conceptual artist Mike E. Walsh has gotten a lot of ink for his multimedia installations exploring AIDS as a gay man.

His newest show—Aug. 8 through Sept. 3 at the A.N. Bush Gallery in Salem—is *Australian Series: Fragile Circle*, assemblages inspired by a monthlong sojourn down under. Composed of a wide array of materials, each piece documents the universality of cultural diversity.

The gallery is located at 600 Mission St. S.E. For more details call (503) 581-2228.

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Stop and listen to
Patricia Barber

So long to the boys—and girls—of summer

The Rose City Softball Association has batted its last balls of the season, so all hail the victors!

FINAL SEASON STANDINGS

OPEN DIVISION	W-L
Boxxes Storm	19-0
Embers Red Wings	13-6
Full Sail Titans	13-6
JQQ's Genuine Draft	12-7
Egyptian Club Riders	8-11
Quest Yellow Pages	6-13
Webpride, Vancouver	4-15
Gay Men's Chorus	1-18

WOMEN'S DIVISION	W-L
Mad Dogs	13-1
Tan Body	12-2
Just Out Mud Skippers	9-5
Players	8-6
Hobo's	7-7
The Royals	6-8
Haggis's Hustlers	4-10
Play Hers Club	0-14



CHAMPIONS

"B" DIVISION

First place: Boxxes Storm
Second place: JQQ's Genuine Draft

"C" DIVISION

First place: Embers Red Wings
Second place: Full Sail Titans
Third place: Quest Yellow Pages

WOMEN'S DIVISION

First place: Mad Dogs
Second place: Tan Body
Third place: Just Out Mud Skippers

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