

lesson for ambiguously gendered teacher Bobbi Glass (Diane Delano). And in the season finale May 18, look for RuPaul to guest star as Mary Cherry's drag queen father!

• **Providence** (8 p.m. Friday, NBC)

Gay actor/comedian Scott Thompson (*Kids in the Hall*) plays Elliot, a temperamental gay baker who works at a gourmet pet food store, The Barkery. In the April 27 episode he was featured finally coming out to his mother.

• **Queer as Folk** (10 p.m. Sunday, Showtime)

The raging gay series is set in Pittsburgh and features two openly gay actors in its ensemble (Randy Harrison and ex-Portlander Peter Paige). There's been lots of man-to-man sex, and a lesbian couple thrown in for balance, plus a bunch of taboo-breaking storylines. The series is taking a break in May for *Further Tales of the City* but will return in June for its final four episodes of the season.

• **Some of My Best Friends** (8 p.m. Wednesday, CBS)

Inspired by the film *Kiss Me, Guido*, this sitcom is cursed with a horrible title and low ratings. Its likable cast includes Jason Bateman as Warren Fairbanks, a fastidious gay man whose roommate is hunky, macho Italian Frankie Zito (Danny Nucci). Also starring is gay actor Alec Mapa as Vern, Warren's best friend. Although queeny, he's a lot less of a caricature than Jack on *Will & Grace*. Unfortunately, *Some of My Best*

Friends might not last much longer. With five episodes aired haphazardly on the schedule, the audience couldn't find it. Two remain unaired and are likely to be shown in June.

• **South Park** (10 p.m. Wednesday, Comedy Central)

New episodes of the animated series are expected to show up soon, and for those who didn't know, Mr. Garrison finally has come out of the closet and now is teaching kindergarten!

• **Will & Grace** (9 p.m. Thursday, NBC)

The ultrapopular gay sitcom pretty much has coasted on its Emmy-winning butt this year. Gay lawyer Will Truman (Eric McCormack) dated a few times, and it even was implied he had sex, but no man-to-man contact was shown. Meanwhile, supergay best friend Jack McFarland (Sean Hayes) has continued to act

Mr. Garrison and his significant other

queeny and flit from man to man. Grace gets a hunky dumb boyfriend in Woody Harrelson, but nothing much of any substance happens, even in the May 17 one-hour season finale, wherein Jack finally meets his father. Let's hope the show takes some chances next season. 

ANDY MANGELS is a longtime Portland entertainment writer who watches way too much television, but at least he gets paid for it sometimes. His fourth book, a *Star Trek: The Next Generation* novel, will be generating buzz of its own in late May! You can write him at AMangelsSW@aol.com.

Back to Barbary Lane

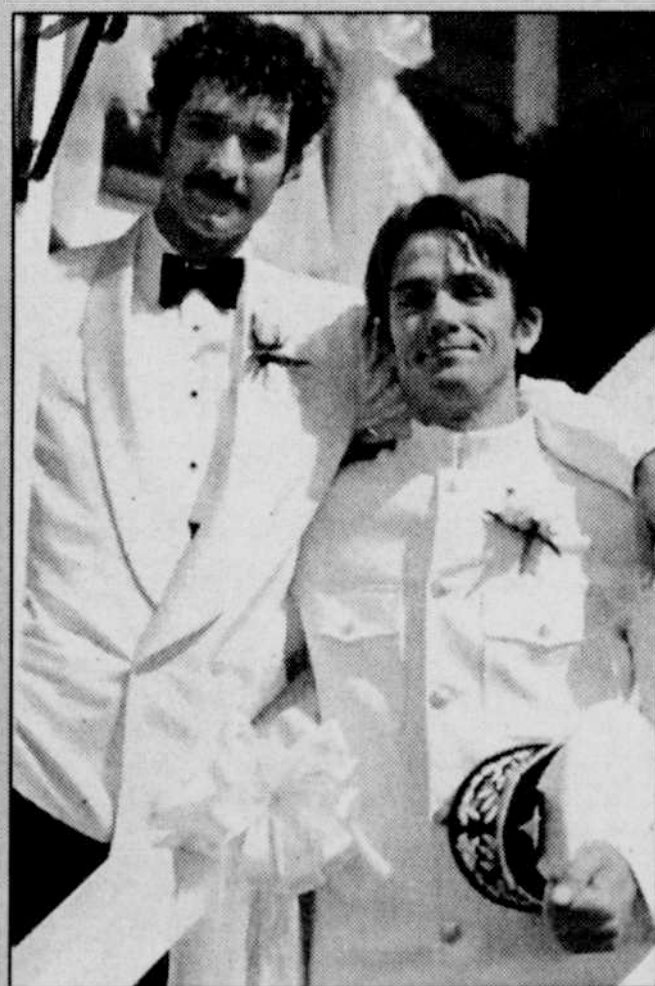
Showtime reunites Armistead Maupin's beloved characters

It's been 25 years since Armistead Maupin's groundbreaking *Tales of the City* serial first appeared in the pages of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, exploring the lives and loves of a gay and straight cast in a humor-tinged storyline. In 1993, a British company brought the first *Tales of the City* series to television, and PBS aired it to great acclaim—and great controversy.

The casual nudity, sex and drug use were too much for a puritanical nation that wanted to forget the 1970s ever existed in that form. It would be another five years before Showtime would broadcast an even racier *More Tales of the City*, and the 1998 production was showered with Emmy nominations.

Starting May 6, Showtime will air the all-new *Further Tales of the City*, a four-part miniseries reuniting the cast for a story that takes some of them from their home at San Francisco's 28 Barbary Lane to adventures in the Alaskan wilderness! Following its successful bid at pushing the envelope with *Queer as Folk*, Showtime promises an even sexier story this time; hunky stars Billy Campbell (*Once and Again*) and Paul Hopkins even drop trou for a full-frontal nude scene.

In *Further Tales of the City*, Michael Tolliver recovers from his breakup with Dr. Jon Fielding by getting involved with cops, cowboys and a certain Rock Hudson-like closeted movie star; Mary Ann



Hopkins (left) and Campbell show all on Showtime

Singleton gets the lead to a big story but wonders if it will put the brakes on her wedding plans with Brian; DeDe Halcyon arrives alive, proving she didn't die at the Jonestown Massacre; and transsexual landlady Anna Madrigal is reunited with her brothel-running mother, who hooks her up with a new man. Plus, look for appearances by Joel Grey, Parker Posey, dyke comedian Lea DeLaria and Bruce McCulloch of *Kids in the Hall*.

ARMISTEAD MAUPIN'S *FURTHER TALES OF THE CITY* plays at 10 p.m. weekly through May 27 on Showtime. The series will repeat at midnight May 30 and 31.

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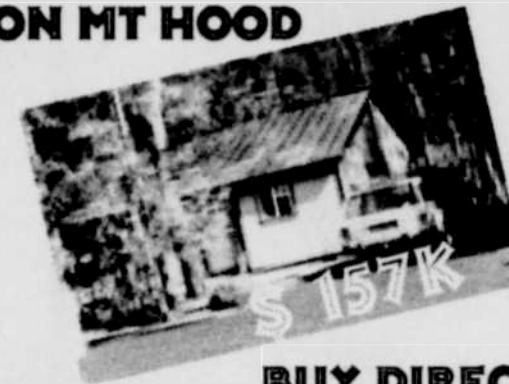
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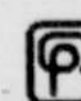
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