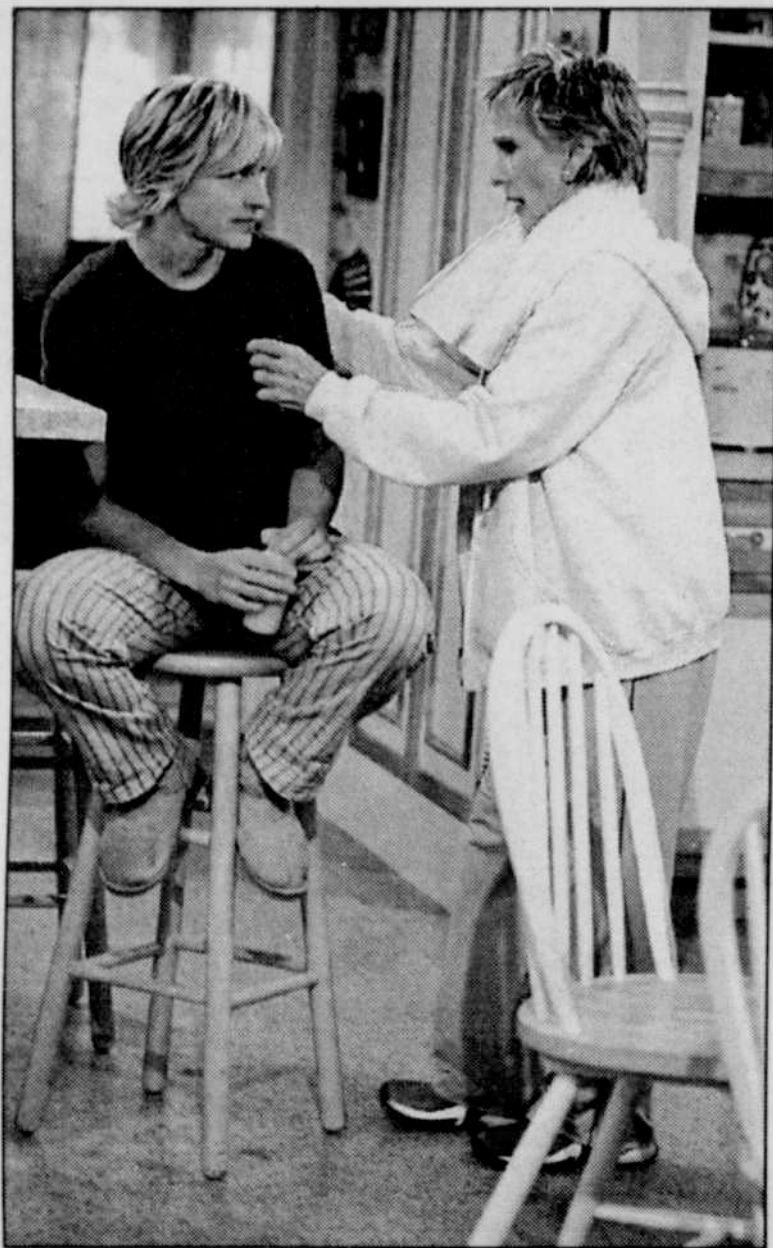


Channel this!



Ellen Richmond moves back in with her mother, Dot, in the fantasy town of Clark

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

Six new episodes of the popular animated series will air from Nov. 7 to Dec. 12, featuring gay kindergarten teacher Mr. Garrison, gay Satan and possibly other funny stuff.

• **Oz** (10 p.m. Wednesday, HBO)

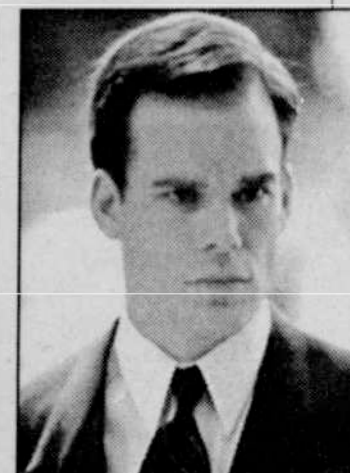
Although the homosexuality often is presented as "situational," this gritty prison drama features lots of man-to-man sex and homoerotic undertones. The series' fifth season starts in January with a batch of eight new episodes.

• **Six Feet Under** (HBO)

Created by gay writer/director Alan Ball, this grim series about a family of undertakers has been a surprise hit. Lead character David Fisher (Michael C. Hall) is gay, and the first season saw him wrestling with coming out to his family and breaking up with his hunky cop boyfriend (Matthew St. Patrick). HBO will repeat the first 13-episode season starting Dec. 12, and a second 13-episode season already is filming for debut in March. Publicists promise the gay police officer indeed will return.

• **Survivor: Africa** (8 p.m. Thursday, CBS)

After a second season with no gay contestants, this reality series' third go-around has another gay boy in the running. Brandon Quinton, a member of the Samburu tribe, has survived the first three shows as of this writing. The 25-year-old Dallas-area bartender once was married to a woman but now is divorced and single. His luxury item for the grueling African desert? Chapstick. Although he doesn't seem to



Cop Keith Charles (left) and undertaker David Fisher are on-again, off-again lovers on *Six Feet Under*

possess the conniving spirit that spurred Richard Hatch to victory in the first season, Quinton is part of a dominant alliance pitting the younger contestants against their elders.

• **The Tick** (8:30 p.m. Thursday, Fox)

Debuting Nov. 8, this live-action sitcom based on a comic book series is actually really



Daytime's lesbian teen, Bianca Montgomery of *All My Children*

damn funny. Some homo undertones are evident between the big blue hero known as the Tick (Patrick Warburton) and his sidekick, mothman Arthur (David Burke), but in an

upcoming episode, "Couples," the gay angle really pops up. Friendly Fire (Patrick Brene) decides to leave his demanding mentor, the Fiery Blaze (Ron Perlman), and form a sidekick support group. Blaze is, as they say, "flaming." For those who always have wondered about Batman and Robin, here's your queerific allegory.

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

The megapopular gay sitcom has seemed awfully ungay this season. Lawyer Will Truman (Eric McCormack) has been relegated to a sexless life—and the only bed we've seen him in belongs to his neurotic roommate, Grace (Debra Messing). Her continuing storyline with hunky dumb boyfriend Woody Harrelson has taken center stage, as has rich shrew Karen (bisexual actress Megan Mullaly) and the imprisonment of her hubby for money problems. Even ultragay Jack McFarland (Sean

Hayes) has been toned down, as he adapts to helping raise the teen-age son he never knew he had. The series might win Emmys and get high ratings, but its gay content is disappearing faster than a bottle of vodka on Karen's desk.

• **ER** (10 p.m. Thursday, NBC)

Kerry Weaver (Laura Innes) came out of

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