

It's really 'reality', ain't it?

Seems the 'in' thing these days is Reality Television, where people play out real life scenarios, often for huge cash prizes. Yeah, right...

Okay, I'm a cynic, but (much to my chagrin) I admit I've watched my share of 'reality' on the tube, as most of my daughters are hooked.

The all time favorite with my girls is American Idol, where a group of wannabe pop singers are eliminated weekly by popular vote, the winner receiving a recording contract.

Ruben wrapped it one up Wednesday night, but I wanted Clay to win. (If Trenyce had made it that far, she'd have been my pick. One comment— can Clay do something with his hair?)

Okay, I was hooked by osmosis.

How 'bout Survivor? I've only ever been addicted to Survivor Marquesas, (to the point I had the VCR permanently set on weekly record.)

But I did manage to catch enough of the latest Amazon series, and waited with joyous anticipation to see that smarmy Rob finally get voted off, when it came down to the final three. (Like, what was their problem? Couldn't they see he was a deceptive, manipulation jerk? Sheesh!)

Personally, I thought Jenna (the swimsuit model) was a lame choice, since all she did was stand around and look good (and flashed the guys to make them fall in the water during a reward challenge.) But it's reality, right?

I've been told The Amazing Race is a good one to follow, but have never seen an episode. Since it starts next week, I may just give it a shot, to see teams make it around the world in record time for a million dollar prize at the end.

The Bachelor was really getting under my skin, as one of my co-workers came in every morning after, chatting up a full-scale analysis of the choices poor little rich boy Andrew Firestone had made, giving the bevy of beauties a rose to keep them hanging on for another week.

Okay, so I watched the final episode (alone,

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no less) to see if he picked Jenn or Kirsten— but I only watched it to be able to carry on a conversation with my daughters after the fact— right...

(For the record, I was pleased he saw through Kirsten's snippy little gold-digger's ruse and snag Jenn, the girl next door with great hair.)

Extreme Makeover has hooked me a couple times, simply because it's not a competition, more a mini--documentary on how much of a difference they can make on a person with tummy tucks, boob jobs and face rebuilding.

I wanted to scream the other night as we had to flip from one program to another to see who the girl picked on Mr. Personality, hosted by former White House Presidential Stress Remover Monica Lewinsky, as a girl is courted by a bunch of guys in masks without ever seeing his face. (She chose the millionaire— surprise, surprise.)

Damn the luck, wouldn't matter if he looked like Quasimodo, she'd still smell the money.

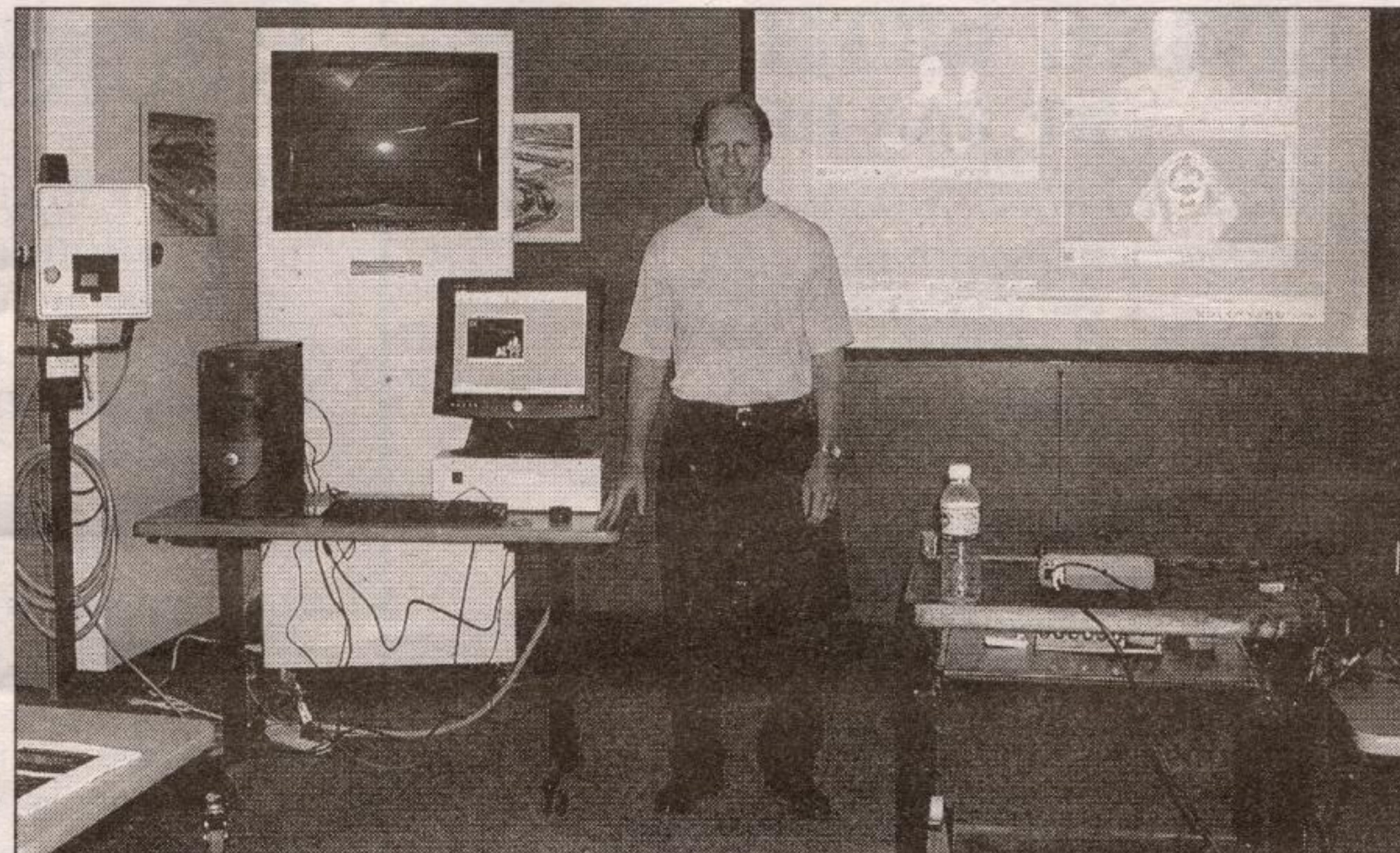
Hello? That's reality? I don't think so.

Watching someone gag down a gross 'food' items on Fear Factor has no appeal to me, and I simply refuse to waste the hydro it takes to watch The Osbournes, bleeps and all.

But I must admit, I was really upset last week as Joey and Pacey got together, cuddling up on the couch, leaving Dawson out in the cold to carry on producing his television series, all alone.

Oh, right, I'm sorry. I forgot.

Dawson's Creek isn't reality television...



Larry Biggin of Boothroyd Imaging Solutions Inc. stands in front of the thermal imaging equipment his company is providing to Pearson and Vancouver Airports on a trial basis to aid in the detection of passengers who could be carrying the deadly SARS virus.

Georgetown firm helping out in ongoing battle against SARS

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units will later be sent to Vancouver Airport.

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—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

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