MTV casting directors hit SLO

By Amanda Hippe

This is the true story of Cal Poly students picked to try out for a TV show to find out what happens when Real World hopefuls stop being polite and start getting real.

San Luis Obispo has been chosen as one of the 16 stops that the MTV Real World casting crew is making in the United States to find the cast for Real World 13.

On Tuesday, casting directors and coordinators for the show will set up camp downtown at San Luis Obispo Brewing Company, 1119 Garden St., to evaluate hundreds of people ages 18 to 24 as they look for possible members for the new household.

Real World is still going strong as one of the most talked about and popular reality shows. The show, which began as MTV's first reality show, has now been in production for 20 years, with a total of 13 seasons.

By Angela Watercutter

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The CHP is investigating the accident and has not issued a citation to the driver. 57-year-old Tilman Evans, an agriculture science sophomore, rides the police escort home sometimes. “My suite mates would kill me if I walked home alone.” There are similar programs at many state universities.

STRIKES
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SALINAS (AP) — Two Isayas and several other passengers were sitting in front of us, we can see it.” Horowitz said after doing this for the last six seasons, he just knows when there is a possible cast member auditioning before him. While Horowitz hopes to spot a possible cast member in Salinas Luis Obispo, some students say it is a lost cause.

They are wasting their time in San Luis,” construction management senior Josh Picken said. “L.A. already has an abundance of exhibitionists.” Other students said the show itself is a lost cause.

“Shows like Real World force society to play God by pouring together dysfunctional groups of people and watching their lives instead of living their own,” sophomore construction management major Nick Cosby said. “There’s no way I'm going down there.”

The walkout by grocery clerks coupled with a strike by transit mechanics has created a spate of problems across the region. Hundreds of thousands of commuters are stranded. Freeways are clogged. Grocery stores are scaling back hours. And the already ailing economy has taken another hit.

The strike against the Metropolitan Transportation Authority began Tuesday when mechanics walked off the job in a dispute over health benefits and other issues. It has stalled the nation’s third-largest mass-transport system, which serves 550,000 people a day.

MTA drivers and other union workers at the agency are honking the strike. Representatives from the MTA and the mechanics union met Saturday with a state mediator.

Trip to the Getty Museum

This ASI Events sponsored trip includes

- Transportation by luxury coach
- On-board refreshments and movies
- Getty museum entry
- Transportation to historic Westwood, L.A. for dinner on your own
- Opportunity to meet new friends

All for $15/student ($25 non-student)

Sign up in the University Union Epicenter by Wed., October 29th space is limited

Trip will depart from the University Union at 8 a.m. and will return to Cal Poly at approximately 10:30 p.m.

for more information contact ASI Event at 756-1112 or asi.calpoly.edu/events
WASHINGTON — The public’s growing unease with the current health-care system has built support for a new approach that would mean care for all Americans and changes in laws governing prescription drugs, a poll suggests.

A majority, 70 percent, said it should be legal for Americans to buy prescription drugs outside the United States, according to the ABC News-Washington Post poll. One in eight respondents said they or someone in their home has done just that. Such purchases can save money but they violate the law.

LAKEFRONT — A magnitude 3.5 earthquake shook the east San Francisco Bay area early Sunday.

The temblor hit at 5:33 a.m. about two miles northeast of Lafayette, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The quake was preceded by two quakes of magnitudes 2.5 and 1.7. It was followed by two additional quakes of magnitudes 1.6 and 1.7.

LAFAYETTE — A man has pleaded guilty to embezzling more than $32,000 from her local PTA.

Christine Lee Valk, 25, of Lafayette pleaded guilty Thursday to one felony count of embezzling. She will be sentenced Dec. 4 in Humboldt County Superior Court, where prosecutors say they will ask for a sentence of 180 to 240 days in the county jail.

VENDURA — A diver exploring the waters off Anacapa Island died late Tuesday after being rescued by a sheriff’s official who tried for more than 30 minutes to resuscitate him.

Nicholas Armington, 40, of San Rafael, died of unknown causes as he was being transported by a sheriff’s rescue boat. Authorities continued CPR in Armington during the 30-minute boat ride to the harbor, where they were to meet paramedics. Armington died on the trip.

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WORLD

A PAZ, Bolivia — Bolivia’s new president worked Sunday to com­plete his cabinet and pledges to create an administration indepen­dent of traditional political parties and aimed at solving the country’s deep problems of poverty and social inequality.

Carlos Mesa, thrust into the presidency by the resignation of his pre­decessor after deadly street riots, held a ceremony with top military lead­ers ahead of the swearing-in of a cabinet, planned for later Sunday.

EIN YABRUD, West Bank — Palestinian gunmen ambushed an Israeli army patrol in a West Bank town on Sunday, killing three soldiers, Israeli security sources and rescue services said, the most serious attack in the area in months.

The deadly attack came a few hours after Palestinians in Gaza fired rockets at Israeli towns, and Israeli forces wound up a phase of a wide­ranging operation in a Palestinian refugee camp on the Egyptian border.

TOKYO — Japan is preparing to send non-combat troops to Iraq by the end of the year to help with reconstruction, a top government official said Sunday.

Fukushiro Nukaga, chairman of the Policy Research Council of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, said a small team will be sent initially to establish an operations base, with more troops to follow.

They would be the first Japanese ground troops to help with the Iraq effort. Japanese naval ships have already been helping transport supplies for U.S.-led forces in the Middle East.

BEIJING — Promising economic and political change, China’s new leader opened a meeting Saturday to debate reforms that will move the country closer to capitalism, including the first-ever guarantee of private enterprise under communist rule.

President Hu Jintao and communist party leaders at the four-day meet­ing were also expected to consider a more stable legal system and mea­ures to encourage private investment, diplomats and foreign analysts said.

— Associated Press

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Come to the BIG IDEA party, share your story, build a team.

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College Roundup

B L A C K S B U R G , Va. — RU-21, 17, said to reduce the effects of alcohol on the body, is not effective on those who choose to drink heavily.

Emil Chaburs, chief operating officer for Spirit Sciences USA Inc., said the company that distributes the pill warned that RU-21 is not a miracle pill, it can cure, and it will work for non-heavy drinkers.

But it will not work for people who have problems drinking in large amounts.

Live wire services

— Associated Press

This Week Roundup

Featuring JEFFREY ROSS

Monday, October 20

8 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium (doors at 7:30 p.m.)

Featuring PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

Tuesday, October 21

8 p.m. Chumash Auditorium—FREE

Featuring BRANDON SILVERA

Wednesday, October 22

4 - 5 p.m. in Backstage Pizza—FREE

— u Hour

Featuring ATTILA & DAVE PROJECT

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How much is that God in the window?

Throughout the course of history there have been many dynamic duos. Batman and Robin. Lois and Clark. Brandon Walsh and Kelly Taylor. Steve Hill and Chris Roth.

These pairs have been able to accomplish great feats together as well as become the envy of all others who wished to follow in their footsteps.

We would like to add another name to this paramount list: El Corral Bookstore and the Cal Poly Christian community.

Over the years, bookstore staff have decided to help advertise for Christianity. Last year, it was the One Truth clothing line that filled the racks inside the bookstore. This year, it is the Mercy-loaded window out front.

"OK, that was a bit dramatic," you might think. " Aren't we just trying to find a way to ignore the obvious. It's a coping mechanism."

I repeat, the man admitted he was guilty of "behaving badly" in many of the incidents of which he was accused. And in the next breath said, "but this isn't me." Apparently that was then, this is now and Schwarzenegger is a changed man. I don't really care. I'm one of the 45 percent who didn't vote for him.

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Letter to the editor

Sex column recall poorly justified

Editor:

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And never mind that the man himself admitted that many of the allegations against him were true, fact, true. The bomb dropped, but it turned out to be a dud. Those stories were barely slowed Schwarzenegger's momentum. Numerous polls showed the recent news of his misbehavior didn't sway a lot of people. Either people didn't give the accusations much weight, or they weren't going to vote for him anyway. The negative attention certainly didn't stop Schwarzenegger from becoming what fans fondly call "The Governor.

As for conspiracy theories, I don't buy it. It's too convergent. People didn't jump on the conspiracy theory bandwagon just to try finding a way to ignore the obvious. It's a coping mechanism."

Consider a situation that I have written about before: you're walking home, you're afraid of rapists, and you see a man in a car parked on the side of the street. If you were a normal person, you probably would not second guess about reporting the incident to the police because it's something you should find on your own.

Maybe we all just paranoid, knowing that God is staring us down through that window, watching our every move, our every sin.

Or we maybe we just too afraid of organized religion and those who are constantly putting us in the open instead of letting us find our own faith on our own time.

I'm sure that whatever message there is from this window will be the most important thing I'll ever receive.

Letter to the editor

Arnold allegations were newsworthy

Every time somebody who's popular gets bad press, the villagers rush out, torches in hand, ranting "Blame the mainstream! Burn the newspaper!"

Let's face it, the age of Camelot is over. That went out with the 1980s, literally. Surely by now you've read or heard something we've already published that blew the wheels on John E Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe, or perhaps "Bill and Monica" is a better reference. At any rate, the days of ignoring mish­

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Christianity. Last year, it was the One Truth clothing line that filled the racks inside the bookstore. This year, it is the Mercy-loaded window out front. Only GtxJ can make people (over)react.

place. In fact, Theresa Kaiser, who is in charge of marketing and graphics, said that most of the events and the campus community, whatever direction that may take us. Some cowered in fear in the face of this Godzilla-like statement. Others were just amused by people's reactions to the advertisements.

Steeped in history, this window has caused much controversy. Some have argued that such a window should never be allowed in the first place. In fact, Thomas Kaiser, who is in charge of marketing and graphics at El Corral, said numerous other colleges and universities Homecoming Rose Float, Lantern Festival, etc. — have been posted in the window. But this year, it is the Mercy-loaded window out front.

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and the campus community. Whatever direction that may take us. The window features mannequins carefully posed into what Mercy On Campus members do. One mannequin is worshiping, one is playing a guitar and the last one — their favorite — is advertising for his club and his religion. Above the mannequins, the fine boxed, paper-mache letters hang from the ceiling, spelling out: "MERCY."

Seeing this window stuck a chord in our hearts. Never before have we seen such a sign, a gateway to freedom and knowledge. But we weren't saved. We were just amazed by people's reactions to the advertisements.

Some smiled. Others blushed. Some drooped to their knees in prayer. Some cowered in fear in the face of this Godzilla-like statement. Some were just amused by people's reactions to the advertisements. Some reacted with horror. Some just let it be. My personal crazy idea, even though nobody asked:

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What does it say about Californians that we elected Schwarzenegger despite his questionable behavior? We don't need to go to such lengths to defend the right to print newpaper.

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‘Meanest Man in Comedy’ comes to Chumash tonight

• Love, war and Rosie O’Donnell are all part of comedian Jeffrey Ross’ repertoire

By Lauren Johnson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

He’s tackled Leno and Letterman. He’s taken the hot seat on Comedy Central’s “The Daily Show.” He’s performed tonight at 8 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. Ross recently hosted MTV’s roast-style event for TRL-TCF Daily, and he has written films and TV shows like the “2000 Academy Awards” and Comedy Central’s “The Man Show.” He also toured Iraq to perform for U.S. troops.

So why is such a big name coming to such a small town? To gossip about Britney Spears, of course.

Q: Why are you coming to Cal Poly?
A: Well, luckily, Cal Poly chose me. But then I looked at a map and saw where it was, and since I have a convertible I thought it would be great to get away from the smog in L.A.

Q: What should Cal Poly students expect Monday night?
A: It’ll be a break from the stress and hard work of being a modern day student for an hour. You’ll forget about your boyfriend, girlfriend, family, school, friends. I’ll probably make fun of the people in the front row, and then do love poems at the end of the show.

Q: Love poems?
A: Yeah, romantic love poems from my own personal experience at the end of my act — that’s my trademark.

Q: Do you change your act depending on your audience?
A: Yeah, a little. (On Monday night) I’ll probably talk about my college experience and relate it to yours. I’ll probably make people think about things like life, sex and family. College students are adults — we all laugh at the same things.

Q: Who has been your best audience?
A: Iraq. I just got back from performing for the troops over there. They were so grateful, it was just so good for them to laugh. But we should call the war Operation Enduring Diarrhea.

Q: That’s lovely. Anyway, what has been your favorite gig?
A: Well, recently, I did that big MTV Bash. I produced it and starred in it. That was gratifying because it was my idea and afterward some of the money went to charities. And it was great to do a show with rock stars and movie stars. I got to work with everyone from Britney Spears to Madonna to Kid Rock.

Q: So, can you give me any celebrity gossip?
A: I saw Fred Durst giving Britney Spears a really dirty look. And Britney was so very nice, but she had really bad breath.

Q: Ah, poor Britney. So what do you do if the audience doesn’t think you’re funny?
A: Well, I have the knowledge that I know I’m funny. Most people think I’m pretty funny. And, hey, there’s always another gig. I can go up the next night and do it again. But you can’t hurt comedians — we’re indestructible. We’re like ants in an anthill — you can step on us but we’ll always come back.

Q: What sets you apart from other comedians?
A: I don’t think about any other comedians, and I don’t usually watch other comedians. But I know most comedians aren’t as laid back as me. I’m pretty honest and hilarious. But I don’t really analyze myself. I go by instinct, you know, it just comes naturally to me. If I did analyze myself I would probably fall over or just stop being funny.

Q: How do you balance sensitive issues in your routine, the like war in Iraq?
A: Experience tells me where the line is when it comes to taste. I’m kind of a dummy, so I try to strip it down to terms and ideas that everybody can relate to.

Q: How would you like your future to turn out?
A: I love being a comedian. I’d love to keep doing shows, writing jokes and making people laugh. It’s like a dream come true. I know that sounds corny, but it’s true.

Q: And, lastly, which celebrity do you most like to make fun of?
A: Well, I don’t analyze myself. I go by instinct, and I just don’t usually analyze. But Rosie O’Donnell is probably my favorite. Rosie doesn’t even know most comedians.

Jeffrey Ross

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Tuesday  9am.........Michele....................Insomniac U rental
Wednesday  9am............Hang the DJ..........Palm tickets
Thursday  6pm............Miles Ahead............Insomniac U rental
Friday    12pm.......Down In Front!.........Palm tickets
Saturday  11am.......Jenn H....................Palm tickets
Sunday   3pm............Big Bang................Palm tickets

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News

POMONA

Police dog bites bystander

POMONA (AP) — A police dog pursuing a suspected car thief at a fast-food restaurant bit an innocent bystander, authorities said, leaving the man with a gash on his arm that took seven stitches to close.

Matthew Lemieux, 21, of Chino Hills, was standing in front of his place of work with a friend, Oct. 11, when the dog, named Rudo, ran up and grabbed him.

"It's just like what you see on TV," he said. "The dog just rips and shakes his head. You can't really do anything because it's a cop. You're not allowed to punch a cop."

Police turned Rudo loose after a man suspected of stealing a car jumped out of the vehicle and fled on foot. The man, who ran behind a building and got away, was out of sight by the time Rudo's handler released him, said police Capt. Dave Keele.

Police dogs are trained to sit and bark if a person doesn't resist, but Keele said Lemieux didn't stay still enough.

"He offered his arm to the dog," Keele said. "I guess basically because he didn't know what else to do."

Lemieux said the police department paid his medical bills, and the city of Pomona offered him $400 in compensation. He turned down the $400, he said, adding he plans to take legal action because his injury caused him to miss two weeks of work.

Pomona police have used dogs for approximately 20 years, Keele said, noting this is the first case he knew of in which a canine collared the wrong person.

"It's unfortunate, but basically we did everything we're supposed to do," he said. "We just didn't see the guy there."

Student wounded by gunfire at UCLA party

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man was shot and wounded following a party at the University of California, Los Angeles early Saturday.

Police were called about 2 a.m. to the westside of the campus to investigate a party that allegedly had swelled to more than 600 people. Officers dispersed the crowd, but a single gunshot rang out as people left.

The victim, a male student who does not attend UCLA, was not immediately identified. He was discovered off campus about 2:30 a.m.

The man was shot in the ankle and taken to a hospital where he is in good condition, police said.

After the gunshot, shots also were fired between two vehicles in a near-by parking structure. When police arrived, the vehicles were gone.

There were no reports of any victims from that incident.

The shootings are under investigation.

Saturday's shooting is the second on the UCLA campus this month. A school police officer shot a 52-year-old man Oct. 6 after he refused to cooperate with the officer.

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Zac Connors and Cordell Webb. Connors went 7-19 for 78 yards and was sacked for a safety. Webb set up St. Mary's only touchdown in the fourth quarter for a touchdown, he also had 112 yards on 6-13 passing. Peterson left the game in the third quarter after taking multiple hits but will start the Mustangs next game. He was without the hill this year so

Tony Evers said, "We wanted to give them a more moderate course to run on." Simmons said that the race was without the hill this year and that he was not really sure how it came out. They gave it to us," Webb said of the rare.

“The first mile out was the hardest,” said Simmons, "but that was without the hill this year so

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the women's competition with a time of 17:42.4. The women's race is 5,000 meters, equivalents to three miles. UC Irvine beat the rest of the pack to win the race.

Cal Poly's top female runner Amber Simmons took fourth overall with a time of 18:08.2. "I got a personal record today," Simmons said, "but that was without the hill this year so

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Mustangs trample Gaels

By Graham Womack

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Three drives and three touchdowns in the first six minutes of the game: That's all Cal Poly needed to steamroll the St. Mary's Gaels Saturday.

Catalyzed by a dominant offensive display and the return of senior quarterback Chris Peterson, the Mustangs got ahead early and easily, on their way to a 54-10 win over the Gaels (0-7). The win broke a three-game losing streak for Cal Poly (4-3) that came on the road against ranked opponents.

The win was Cal Poly's most one-sided victory since Nov. 22, 1997, when the Mustangs beat Sac State 45-0.

Fullback Ryan Bianchi, who led all rushers with 110 yards on 12 carries and ran a touchdown in the third quarter, said he felt the game was over midway in the first quarter.

"I knew we had 'em, and I just knew they weren't going to play at our level," Bianchi said.

Cal Poly put up 472 yards of total offense, compared to the 169 yards managed by Saint Mary's. In the first half alone, the Mustangs outscored St. Mary's, 38-0, and racked up 300 yards total offense, as opposed to the Gaels' 70 yards.

"The plan was to go out there and put them away as early as we can," receiver and return man Darrell Jones said. "We didn't want them to hang around and get any momentum, get any confidence."

Cal Poly first scored a minute into the game when Brandon Shepard took a pitch from Peterson and sprinted 63 yards down the right sideline. Peterson then sent Jones into the end zone for a 59-yard touchdown reception at 11:55. The Mustangs climbed ahead 21-0 three minutes later when slot back Gino Randle raced in for an 8-yard rushing touchdown.

Quarterback Chris Peterson escapes the tackle from a St. Mary's linebackers. Peterson lead the Mustangs to a 54-10 victory Saturday night.

Both Jones' and Randle's touchdowns came after Mustang interceptions. Jones also had a 77-yard punt return touchdown in the second quarter.

The big difference came on the ground, where the Mustangs netted 360 rushing yards and four rushing touchdowns for their strongest rushing display this season. Besides Bianchi, Randle finished with nine carries for 54 yards. Peterson took a pitch from Peterson and ran a touchdown in the third quarter.

Overall, five Mustang backs saw significant playing time. "Part of it was just the nature of the game," coach Rich Ellerson said. "We were ahead. We were trying to shorten the game a little bit, and we're not going to keep throwing the ball up in the air when you've got someone on the ropes like that."

The Gaels went through quarterbacks like Kleenex — shuffling between starter Parker Mangum, who finished with two interceptions and no completions, and backups Mora in 16th place (27:11.8). Starbucks, ran unattached with a time of 25:51.1.

The Cal Poly men's team mem-

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Cross country teams place at invitational

By John Pierson

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Eight teams gathered Saturday at the Fairbanks Memorial Cross-Country Course for the 2003 Cal Poly Invitational.

The Cal Poly men's team members were not at Pre-Nationals in Iowa the second time around. The third place team finished third behind UC Irvine and See Jane Run, a non-college women's running team from Santa Monica.

The competition, seen as a preview for the Big West Conference meet on Nov. 1 at Cal State Northridge, had a strong competitive atmosphere.

"The guys will be very competitive today," said women's track and field coach Terry Crawford, who oversaw the meet while head coach Mark Conover was at Pre-Nationals. "This will help for us, and what kind of depth we have."

The first place winner, Robert Smith, ran unattached with a time of 25:49.4. Stanford's top male runner, Jacob Gomez, came in right behind with a time of 25:51.1. Stanford, seeded as the favorite at the West Regionals, placed fourth overall with a time of 26:08.4. "We ran really well today," Braumann said. "It was great to get out and run for the team. We kept pushing each other the whole way. The hardest part of the course was the switchbacks. You constantly lost momentum going around the turns."

Next, Stanford's top male runner, Nathan Braumann, placed fourth overall with a time of 26:08.4. Matt Swaney in seventh place (26:22.9), Luke Llamas in eighth place (26:23.6), and Jameson Mora in 16th place (27:11.8) were also quite strong. This weekend, we'll have a bigger group to work with."

The team will have a bye this weekend.