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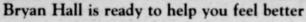
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Captive homo on display for a week at Clackamas Town Center

BY MARC ACITO

ow I know why monkeys throw poop at you when you stare at them in the zoo," says Tim Bias, a recent contestant in KKRZ-FM's Mall Survivor contest at Clackamas Town Center.

For eight days "Gay Tim," as he was referred to on the radio and the Internet, lived in a pen in the middle of a mall.

Think it sounds easy? Think again.

"Imagine being captive in your living room with 12 other people with the lights and the vacuum cleaner going 24 hours a day, and you begin to get the picture," says the tall, handsome owner of a Farmers Insurance agency in Vancouver, Wash.

Denied any electronic devices and reading material and limited to one change of clothes (not including underwear), contestants only had a sleeping bag, a pillow, basic toiletries and one luxury item for comfort.

Bias and the 12 others were allowed five bathroom breaks a day of only 10 minutes each. As on television's *Survivor*, they underwent various challenges for rewards or immunity from being voted off the "island."

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