

movies

MILK November

(Focus Features)

Academy Award Nominee Gus Van Sant directs Academy Award recipient Sean Penn as the slain gay-rights icon Harvey Milk. The major motion picture opens across the country in November. Mr. Milk (1930-1978) was an activist and politician. In 1977, he was elected to the city supervisors' board of San Francisco. He was the first openly gay man to be voted into public office in America. The following year, both he and the city's mayor George Moscone were shot to death by another city supervisor, Dan White. "Milk" was filmed in San Francisco. **PINK on-the-set:** Matt Damon was originally cast as Dan White, but had to back out due to scheduling conflicts with the film, "Green Zone." www.focusfeatures.com (until website is up). **PINK on-the-set:** MILK also was known as Untitled Harvey Milk Project.



The Dark Knight July

(Warner Bros. /Legendary)

"The Dark Knight" reunites director Christopher Nolan with star Christian Bale, who returns to continue Batman's war on crime. With the help of Lieutenant Jim Gordon (Gary Oldman) and District Attorney Harvey Dent (Aaron Eckhart), Batman sets out to destroy organized crime in Gotham for good. The triumvirate finds themselves prey to a rising criminal mastermind known as the Joker (the late Heath Ledger), who thrusts Gotham into anarchy and forces the Dark Knight ever closer to crossing the fine line between hero and vigilante. **PINK on-the-set:** An exchange of dialogue between Gotham **National Bank Manager:** The criminals in this town used to believe in things. Honor. Respect. Look at you! What do you believe in? What do you believe in! **The Joker** replies: I believe whatever doesn't kill you simply makes you...stranger." www.thedarkknight.com



Gay in Amsterdam June 3

(Laguna Productions DVD)

The first Dutch film to take place in Amsterdam's gay scene stars Hugo Metsers (HBO's miniseries, "Band of Brothers") and Serge-Henri Valcke (Academy Award Winning "No Man's Land"). Living the high life in one of Europe's most exciting gay capitals, Max and Pascal are the couple who seem to have it all. Together and in love, they are the envy of the trendy Amsterdam gay scene. But their stability is about to be rocked and tested to the limit by the arrival of a handsome new visitor from the States. Max is swept away in a whirlwind affair with the American intruder. Now it's time for Max and Pascal to see how serious they really are about each other. **PINK on-the-set:** Dutch is primary language with some English and English sub-titles. No closed captioning. "Gay in Amsterdam" is available through TLA Video at <http://www.tlavideo.com>

music

TWENTYFIVE George Michael

(Epic)

TWENTYFIVE is George Michael's first U.S. release since his 2004 studio album called *Patience*. This one could be labeled "greatest hits" as some of his biggest hits are included—even from his years with Wham! Yet it is not at all a walk down memory lane as TWENTYFIVE showcases six new songs and two duets. One collaboration is with rhythm and blues diva Mary J. Blige and the other with fellow rock legend, Paul McCartney. Michaels has had 80 million record sales worldwide since his career began. This includes six number one singles in the U.S. alone. Catch Michael if you can at a stop on his 25LIVE tour. June stops include San Diego, Las Vegas, Phoenix, and Los Angeles. Michaels rolls into Chicago in July and then heads east. Check www.georgemichael.com for details.



Simone on Simone Simone

(High Priestess/Koch)

Born Lisa Stroud, the gifted daughter of legendary Jazz vocalist Nina Simone pays homage to her mother's legacy by taking her name and launching a swinging, big band tribute to the late Mme. Simone with her first solo album, *Simone on Simone*. Eleven of the cuts are from her mother's repertoire, including one live performance on which her mother accompanies her. It features one poignant and highly personal song, "Child In Me" that Simone fondly refers to as "my love song to my mother." Blessed with a rich vocal range, a skill for interpretation and a soul-deep understanding of music as a means of healing, empowerment and celebration, Simone is very much her mother's daughter. More to the point, she is most assuredly a multi-talented artist in her own right. (See interview page 22.)



The Fame Lady GaGa

(Interscope Records)

Behold Lady GaGa! Fresh out of New York City, she is the do-it-yourself disco-erotica queen and is about to change the world one sequin at a time. She makes her own clothes, writes her own tunes, and has a plan to shatter every disco ball from here to Ibiza. Lady GaGa's debut album, *The Fame*, is a start. It is out this summer and includes the single "Just Dance" that features Colby O'Donis. Check out the hot remixes by Harry "Choo Choo" Romero, Richard Vission and Trevor Simpson. Guaranteed to heat up the dance floor, GaGa is already turning heads. Even before releasing music, *Women's Wear Daily* made her its cover girl and *W Magazine* called GaGa "one of the hottest acts on New York's club scene" who "defies categorization."

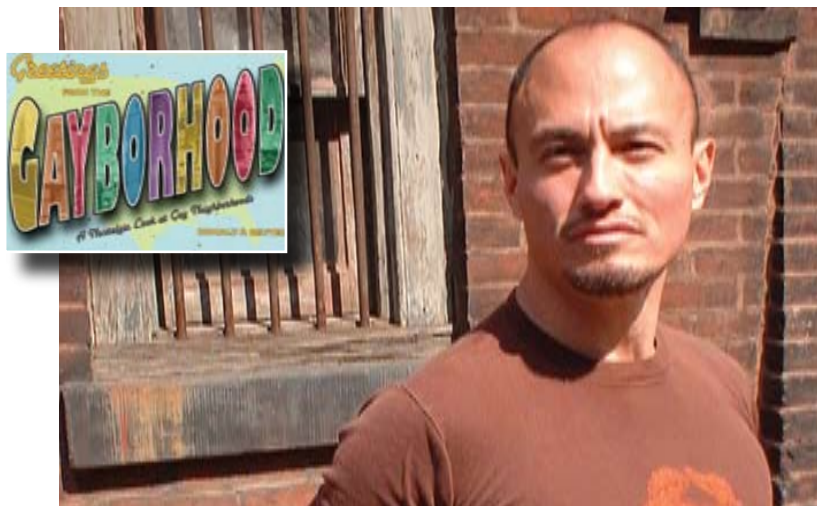
books

Greetings from the Gayborhood:

Don F. Reuter

(Abram's Image)

"Gay + neighborhood = gayborhood: that urban area where we gay people are—or appear to be—the majority of visitors and residents. But that's hardly the whole story," writes Don. F. Reuter in his third book on gay culture. In *Gayborhood* he chronicles the evolution of gay neighborhoods and studies how continual gentrification has affected both them and their role in the greater community. By noting the changing identify of gay neighborhoods, Reuter also uncovers the general trending of all urban areas away from their once individualized past to a point of physical and spiritual sameness. It is a spirited and sexy time capsule that celebrates the history, creativity and longevity of gay America in 12 cities including New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.



The Astrology of Great Gay Sex, The Ultimate Guide to Finding Mr. Right and Avoiding Mr. Wrong Myrna Lamb

(Hampton Roads)

Astrology radio host and advice columnist Myrna Lamb surveyed more than 1,500 men about their sexual turn-ons and turn-offs, fantasies, and dreams. The responses were candid and astonishingly consistent to each sign of the zodiac. In *The Astrology of Great Gay Sex*, Lamb combines the survey results with her own insights to deliver a sexual astrology book that's informative and fun. In the second half, she gives readers a primer on sexual compatibility—sign-by-sign. The book includes two copies of the survey so you and your partner can uncover your own dreams and fantasies.



Straight Acting: Gay Men, Masculinity and finding True Love Angelo Pezzote

(Kensington Publishing)

Finding, let alone building, a strong relationship can be challenging for gay men. The reason? Masculinity. *Straight Acting* is a new book by author, psychotherapist and Ask Angelo advice columnist, Angelo Pezzote. Pezzote encourages readers to go beyond limiting ideas of how "real" men should behave and to bravely express their true selves in order to forge real, lasting intimacy. It isn't as hard as you would think. Readers learn how to be comfortable in their own skin and to create more fulfilling relationships. He also gives tips on how to avoid falling for a player, how to maintain a sizzling and satisfying sex life, navigate open relationships, and dating advice.