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- NOON BLEATHER'S "SAUSAGEFEST", THE MOTOWN PUB
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- 9 PM MR. SOUT COAST BEAR CONTEST, 8-BITE'S
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Where The Bears Are Actor George Unda Sets Sights on Mobile's Upcoming Bleather 5: "The Hunt"

Mobile, Alabama - George Unda has known he was a bear. But he didn't have any idea he was about to become a bear seen in the woods all across America and the internet. The 30 year old Californian now has a starring role in season two of the internet "bear" comedy sensation, **Where The Bears Are**.

Unda is about to be this year's special guest for Bleather 5, Mobile, Alabama's annual Bear/Leather/Men celebration, set for July 26-28 in the Port City.

His hometown is San Bernardino, just southeast of L.A. in Southern California, and he has a sister (who has a very hot and talented brother.) Ask Unda



if he's "hooked up" and he'll simply say "I'm not single." He met his hunky and bearish man while filming episodes of **Where The Bears Are**.

Unda was asked to audition for his role during an actual filming of an episode of season two. Why not, he thought. He'd be lucky to get a minor role. Unda was

asked two read for three different roles, but captured the part of Detective Marcus Martinez after his second audition.

"The whole idea was fresh," says Unda. "I think it shows a good example of the L.A. Bear scene. The show also shows guys around the country what Los Angeles is like and what our bears are like."

Also appealing to Unda was the project's grass root support, mostly donations of dollars from those who enjoy the show.

"I believe it is groundbreaking," he says, "and I can't believe a network like Logo hasn't picked up on it yet. Bears are a huge community. We show a good element of gay men outside the Hollywood cookie cutter images."

Unda believes the bear community is leading the charge to break the stereotypical image of gay men. "I'm flattered to be part of the movement," he says.

The weekend of July 26-28, 30 year old Unda brings his bearish self to Mobile, Alabama. He'll be the invited guest for Mobile Bleather Weekend 5, the fifth summer get together of bears, leathersmen and, well, MEN on the Gulf Coast. It's new territory for the man from San Bernardino. Among many "requirements," Mr. Under will assist with the annual Mr. Gulf Coast Bear Contest.

"The South is kind of foreign to me," says Unda. "I did spend the night in Mobile once. I was in a hotel along I-10, but only slept through the night. To me, the South is another country all to itself. What I've seen tells me everybody is

extremely friendly and extremely accommodating."

As far as his anticipation of Mobile Bleather Weekend? Unda seems perfectly willing to adapt to the dual bear/leather mashup.

"I plan to bring a few harnesses," he promises.

As we say in the "extremely accommodating" South:

"Well bless your heart!"

Find out more about Mobile Bleather Weekend, July 26-28 in Mobile, Alabama by visiting their website: www.mobilebleatherweekend.com.

You can see actor George Unda in action in the second season of the web comedy "Where The Bears Are" at www.wherethebearsare.tv.

26th Gay Appreciation Awards Gala July 27, 8pm @ Oz New Orleans

All roads lead to Oz New Orleans on Saturday, July 27th for the 26th annual Gay Appreciation Awards (GAA) Gala. It will be an exciting evening as **Ambush Mag** voters find out their winners in the various award categories. Scheduled from 8-10pm, Oz is located at 800 Bourbon Street. Door admission is \$10.

Mina Hernandez, a leader in the LGBT community for many years, will receive the coveted 26th Lifetime Achievement Award chosen unanimously by the GAA Board of Directors culminating the festivities.

The dynamic team of board members Lisa Beaumann and Teryl-Lynn Foxx will once again emcee the affair. Returning Entertainer of the Year Monique Michaels, as well as all Top 5 Show Bar of the Year Finalists (doing production numbers): Bourbon Pub & Parade, Golden Lantern, JohnPaul's, Michael's On The Park, and Oz; have been invited to showcase their talents.

The 26th annual Gay Appreciation Awards voting on-line June 11-17 brought an array of Top 5 Finalists with many first time finalists, with one of those being the winner.

Top 5 Finalists (voted by the Gulf South readership of **Ambush Mag**) include:



Mina Hernandez
26th Lifetime Achievement Award
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