

# STAR WEEK

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## WEDNESDAY'S BEST BETS

**10 p.m** (TV0) **LAST CALL AT THE GLADSTONE HOTEL**



A compelling new doc. Shot over five years by co-directors and writers Derreck Roemer and Neil Graham, it deals with Toronto's oldest continually running hotel, the Gladstone which opened in 1887. By 2000 it was a seedy, derelict building catering to the down and out of Parkdale. We watch as a battle of wits erupts between the two co-owners with the permanent guests stuck in the middle. It's a stark Victorian melodrama but we're watching reality unfold. We come to care for some of these people (Maryanne Akulick, left) who lead lives of quiet desperation in rooms with water dripping from the ceiling. An accomplished film. – J.B