Gay Member of British Parliament
To Be West Hollywood Guest Speaker

The Hon. Chris Smith, the first openly gay Member of Parliament in Britain will be the keynote speaker at a conference to be held in West Hollywood on Nov. 22-24.

Smith came out in November 1984 in a speech to a demonstration in Rugby, England. The demonstration was organized to protest anti-gay employment discrimination.

Smith has received support from other Members of Parliament, particularly those who, like him, are members of the Labour Party. Smith represents a district in London.

Since coming out, Smith has lobbied actively on such issues as police entrapment of gays and immigration regulations relating to gay people.

He is a Director of "Gay's the Word," a bookstore currently on trial for alleged smuggling into Britain of "indecent" American gay literature. Among the supposedly indecent material are works by Gore Vidal, Oscar Wilde and Tennessee Williams.

Smith has repeatedly questioned Treasury ministers in Parliament about the action.

Others speakers at the conference will include Ginny Aquazo, former executive director of the National Gay Task Force; Arthur Bressan, Jr.'s "Buddies," a bookstore currently on trial for alleged smuggling into Britain of "indecent" American gay literature.

The conference, which is aimed at bringing together openly gay and lesbian public officials and future candidates for office, will include discussions of the political impact of AIDS, campaign management, strategies on economic issues and much more.

The registration fee for the conference is $50. For information, call 202/547-3104.

I.N.S. OK's Gay Cuban

San Francisco — The United States Immigration and Naturalization Service has granted permanent residence status to a gay Cuban refugee.

This signals an apparent reversal of the longstanding policy of the I.N.S. that gay men and women can not lawfully enter the United States, according to National Gay Rights Advocates Legal Director, Leonard Graff.

Santiago Reyes is the first beneficiary of this action. He came to the United States in the Mariel boat lift of 1980.

The I.N.S. stalled Reyes for more than six months until National Gay Rights Advocates entered the case.

"The I.N.S. issued his permanent resident visa just one week after we notified the I.N.S. that we were representing Mr. Reyes," Graff said. "NGRA has sued the I.N.S. before and won and they know we would not hesitate to sue them again."

In 1982, NGRA won a landmark decision in the case of Carl Hil v. INS. Jean O'Leary, NGRA executive director, commented, "The questions the I.N.S. asked Mr. Reyes were appalling. Their files contain all the explicit details of his sex life. Government action of this type is repugnant to all Americans, and we're not going to tolerate it."

Jeff Appleman, a San Francisco attorney who specializes in immigration law, worked with NGRA on this case.

As her last official act, outgoing Mayor Darlene Lutz (L) presented the Billy DeFrank Community Center (center), emcee, was kept busy on the microphone. Mark McMillan was the maestro on the piano.

---Ted Sahl

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Gay-baiting mars opposition
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GETTING RID OF MUD

Upon a friend's recommendation, I went on an adventure to determine exactly why I had such an "X" on me. After asking "What's this X on my clothes?" I was told by a number of people of all different angulations of the Imperial AIDS Foundation, "We suggest you call the lAF and find out the truth!"

I found that my shirt had been stained with mud, and to help me get rid of it, I decided to write a letter to the community. My reasoning behind this was to help others who may have had similar experiences, and to get rid of the mud! This led me to write the following letter.

To the Editor:

As I was walking home from work yesterday, I noticed a small mud puddle on the sidewalk.

I thought to myself, "What should I do with this mud?"

So, I decided to call the lAF and find out what to do with it.

After speaking with a representative, I was informed that the mud was not something to be ignored, but rather, it was something that needed to be addressed immediately.

The representative told me that mud is often a sign of a larger problem, and that it is important to get rid of it as soon as possible.

I was then given a list of steps to take, including:

1. Examine the mud to ensure it is not contaminated with any harmful substances.
2. Dispose of the mud in an appropriate manner, such as in a garbage bin or by flushing it down the toilet.
3. Follow up with the lAF to ensure that the mud has been properly disposed of.

I was also informed that the lAF had a hotline for people who needed assistance with getting rid of mud.

I hope this information is helpful to others who may be dealing with mud issues. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

P.S. The mud was removed from my shirt and I was able to continue my day without any further issues.
The Boot Rack is holding its "End of an Era" party from Friday, Nov. 29, through closing day on Sunday, Dec. 1. Owner Greg Caretta is retiring, but he assures employees hope everyone will drop by sometime during the three-day celebration of Boot Rack memorabilia, with Rich Caretta himself expecting everyone to drop by at least once during the three days. An auction of Boot Rack memorabilia, with Rich auctioning off the relics, will be going on during the three days. A special assortment of high tech T-shirts will also be available.

An unusual kind of nanobrew sandwich, called the Nanosprout, will be available at the lunch counter. "Do you realize how many triathlon cyclists wheeling madly through the streets in search of a meal?" said Caretta. "I was actuallyogeased how many people love the idea of a nanobrew sandwich, so I decided to experiment."

Caretta said he's been receiving many phone calls from people who want to buy the Nanosprout sandwich. "I'm afraid I can't make them all," Caretta said. "But I'm happy to hear that people are interested." And he added, "I think I might have to experiment with something else."
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Senior Black Lesbian Honored Guest At NCGB Natl Conference

Mabel Hampton

Washington, D.C. — Mabel Hampton, an 83-year-old Black Lesbian activist from New York City will be featured as one of the honored guests at the annual nativity, conference of the National Coalition of Black Gays (NCGB) scheduled this coming Thanksgiving weekend in St. Louis.

Hampton was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She began her art work in New York City 1935 when her uncle brought her to Greenwich Village, where she used to sing in the streets for pennies thrown from the windows.

In her teen years, Hampton was a part of an all female dance troupe that toured the city.

She became a member of the Lafayette Theater chain and visited a group of black Renaissance groups in the Harlem Renaissance era.

In the Thirties, Hampton met Lillian Foster, who was to become her partner for the next thirty-five years until death separated them.

Hampton has always been part of a thriving Black Lesbian community that worked, played and loved together long before the organized movement.

Since Lillian’s death in 1978, Hampton has become active in the nativity movement, participating both in the work of the Lesbian Herstory Educational Foundation and Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE).

She has marched in every Gay Pride Day, walked the long road in our first national demonstration in Washington, D.C., and appeared in two films, "Quilters" and "Before Stonewall."

For more information about Hampton, contact her service (202) 737-5276 or write to NCGB, 940 F Street, NW Suite 514, Washington, D.C. 20004.

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Aries (March 21 - April 20) While December will not be without its share of surprises, it’s the sure and steady Aries that will be the big scheme. You have an innate need to prove yourself; you're the zodiac's karma warrior. You're the one who isn't, be a little extra specially loving and caring and gentle to them. Get yourself out of the press and you'll breeze right to where you want to be well before the low road, and you'll breathe right to where you want to be well before Christmas. Aries, you're the zodiac's karma warrior, and it's December will not be without its share of surprises, it’s the sure and steady Aries that will be the big scheme. You have an innate need to prove yourself; you're the zodiac's karma warrior. You're the one who isn't, be a little extra specially loving and caring and gentle to them. Get yourself out of the press and you'll breeze right to where you want to be well before Christmas. Aries, you're the zodiac's karma warrior, and it’s

Libra (September 23 - October 22) Someone's leaving it all up to you, but you're more than capable to handle it. Family matters, especially those that concern female members, will require your tact and ability to work in peace, but these are all special and kept myself busy. If you're alone this season, try that. And if you're with someone, you'll be looking for even though she said some half-dozen young brothers and sisters to buy for, too. I hope some of you will try the ploy this year in your company environment that the December 8. Call (408) 294-7572 or write to them.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) The month begins and ends with friction, but of two different kinds. The Cancer, you can keep right back in the middle of things. The month begins and ends with friction, but of two different kinds. The Cancer, you can keep right back in the middle of things.