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The Wisconsin Light

The United Calls for Nominations for Awards Banquet

Madison—The United, Madison's LGBT and Allied Social Service Agency, is accepting nominations for its Sixth Annual Community Awards Banquet to be held Friday, July 17th as part of Madison's Pride Weekend.

Interested people are urged to submit nominations for awards in the following categories: Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Organization of the Year, Ally of the Year (referring to individuals or groups that have worked to support LGBT rights from outside the LGBT community), and United Volunteer of the Year. Help us to honor the individuals and groups that serve as your role models, your inspiration or your helping hand.

Nomination forms are available through The United. Please call (608) 255-8582 or stop by the office at 14 West Mifflin Street, Suite 103 in Madison to pick up materials. The deadline for nominations is June 1, 1998. Late nominations will not be considered.

Nominations will be reviewed by a committee of community members who will select the award recipients. Recipients will receive their awards at The United's Sixth Annual Community Awards Banquet at the Sheraton Hotel in Madison.

Recognizing our local community members and their talent and dedication is important to us all, especially in the face of recent challenges to our civil rights, our family rights and freedom in our schools. The purpose of The United's Community Awards is to honor all who are fighting for our rights and lives.

Past award recipients include David Clarenbach, Jamie Nabozny, Sol Kelly-Jones, Kissing Girls Productions and the Hotel Washington, among many others.

As a part of our twentieth anniversary celebration, this year The United wishes to recognize all of the people who have worked for and volunteered at The United, and to recognize 25 years of service for the Madison Gay & Lesbian Resource Center. Thank you to everyone who made these great organizations the unique community groups they are today.

Marshfield Man Survives Gay-Bashing With Both Anger and Hope

Marshfield, WI—On Friday night, May 8, 1998, one of the leaders of the Marshfield Gay and Lesbian Organization was victimized by a Gay-basher who struck him on the head five times. The suspected assailant is currently in police custody in the Wood County jail in Wisconsin Rapids.

The victim was Victor Pilsner, 30, who had been attending a neighbor's party, not knowing he was being set up for a Gay-bash. According to those who witnessed the scene, there were five men dressed in camouflage suits with black paint on their faces. Half the group stayed at the party and, later, invited Victor to a bar.

Victor asked them if it was safe to go. They assured him that it was safe. Victor went to the bar, ordered a soda and smoked a cigarette. While he was doing this, he was hit from behind five times. Victor went to the bartender, got a phone and called 911. Six squad cars answered the call. The suspect ran through the back door and went to Cheers where he was arrested.

Victor has recovered well and will continue the struggle for Gay rights.

"Gay-bashing is a hate crime," Victor said. "It is illegal here in Wisconsin. No matter where you live in the State of Wisconsin, the law exists."

"The police were very helpful and supportive. They understand the hate crime laws. They got as much evidence as they could to lock this man up. This basher deserves to be brought to justice and be put in prison."

"I will not stop my fight against hatred. This incident gave me the push to fight more. I am still not afraid, instead I am

Gay Medical Association Issues Caution on Use of Viagra



Brewer's Hill Tour - The gothic cottage home of Michael Weber, built in 1876, is one of the stops on the Milwaukee Brewer's Hill Home and Gardens Tour. The Brewer's Hill area offers an eclectic mix of residents combined with many fine homes.

Milwaukee's Historic Brewers' Hill to Hold House and Garden Tour on June 6

By Terry Boughner

Milwaukee—Every two years, the Historic Brewers' Hill Neighborhood Association holds a house tour. This year is the third time for "the House and Garden Tour." It will happen on June 6, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be bus service between sites, lectures, food vendors and a variety of entertainment. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 on the day of the tour. For ticket information, call (414) 299-0746.

There will be a lecture by former Milwaukee Mayor Frank Zeidler.

That's all the essential information. Now, let's get on with what this house and garden tour of Brewers' Hill is all about.

For those of you who don't know about Brewers' Hill, it, along with Walker's Point, is the oldest neighborhood in the city—perhaps the oldest. Neighborhood legend has it that a fur trader had his cabin rammed into the side of the hill, facing the Milwaukee river.

True or not, Brewers' Hill is still a fascinating place.

Back in the 1970's, the once magnificent neighborhood had become a pale shadow of the high toned place it once was. The houses were falling apart. This one, where Jerry and I live, was doomed to see the city's wrecking ball.

However, people, like Jerry, with a deep and abiding interest in renovating Victorian homes, began moving in here and fixing things up. Today, over 100 homes have undergone—or are undergoing—restoration and rehabilitation. (It's an eternal process, believe me.)

Walk the quiet, tree-shaded streets and you'll see the rich variety of architecture. There's Italianate, Greek Revival, Queen Anne and Federal Style designs, among others.

This year, the tour will include 9 homes and 4 commercial buildings. For example, Mason Sherwood and Mark Franke are opening their beautiful Stick-Style Car-

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Attorney Christopher Krimmer Named to Head ARCW's Expanded Legal Program

Milwaukee—The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) has announced the statewide expansion of its Legal Assistance Program that provides free legal services to people with HIV and AIDS. Effective immediately, the program will expand from a Milwaukee-based service to one that is available to all people living with HIV and AIDS throughout Wisconsin.

The Legal Assistance Program provides HIV-related legal services on issues such as discrimination, access to benefits, and estate planning.

The expansion will be led by Attorney Christopher Krimmer of Milwaukee who has been named by ARCW as the director of the Legal Assistance Program. Krimmer, a Cum Laude graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School, brings to ARCW a powerful background in areas of family, creditor/debtor and estate planning law and civil rights advocacy.

"With over half of the people living with HIV and AIDS residing in greater Wisconsin, the need for legal assistance is

San Francisco—The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) recently met with representatives of Pfizer Inc., which launched Viagra. At this meeting, GLMA and Pfizer discussed concerns about the impact of Viagra on the health of some Gay and Bisexual men.

Viagra and Protease Inhibitors

Specific interaction studies with Viagra and protease inhibitors have not yet been done. Thus, HIV-positive men who are taking protease inhibitors and who are considering using Viagra should carefully review what is known about Viagra with their physician. It is not known how Viagra will interact with protease inhibitors, thus caution should be taken and patients should be monitored carefully. It is believed that protease inhibitors could enhance some of the side-effects of Viagra, such as headaches and flushing.

Viagra is metabolized by the cytochrome p450 enzyme in the liver. Medications which inhibit the p450 enzyme system (specifically the 3A4 isoform) may affect the metabolism of Viagra. These include medications commonly used by HIV infected persons, such as protease inhibitors and some antibiotics, such as the newer macrolides e.g. clarithromycin and azithromycin.

When Viagra and protease inhibitors and/or antibiotics are taken together, they could cause an elevation in Viagra plasma concentrations. Medical providers should therefore consider starting these patients at the lowest possible dose of Viagra (25mg).

Viagra's approved package insert states, "higher plasma levels may increase both the efficacy and incidence of adverse events."

Viagra is a major advance in the management of erectile dysfunction, but people with HIV and their providers should remember that there are many reasons for erectile dysfunction, ranging from low levels of testosterone to depression, and that a full medical work up is indicated prior to initiating therapy with this agent.

Viagra and Poppers

Consistent with the way Viagra produces its beneficial effects, it may potentiate the hypotensive effects of nitrates in any form (particularly inhaled forms such as amyl nitrate—poppers—and is therefore contraindicated).

Poppers act by dilating blood vessels and the concurrent use of poppers and Viagra could result in sudden and marked lowering of blood pressure, which can be potentially serious or even fatal.

increasing in every region of the state," said ARCW Executive Director Doug Nelson. "Our commitment is to assure that everyone with HIV and AIDS in Wisconsin has access to legal services."

Nelson praised the selection of Krimmer to lead the statewide Legal Assistance Program.

"Christopher is an outstanding public interest lawyer with a deep commitment to the fight against AIDS," said Nelson. "His legal expertise, leadership and advocacy skills are a tremendous asset to ARCW and guarantee that Wisconsin's AIDS community will be well served."

Krimmer expressed great enthusiasm for his new responsibilities. "I believe that directing the Legal Assistance Program will be a great opportunity to address the legal issues a person with HIV and AIDS may have, regardless of where that person resides in Wisconsin. I hope to make the Legal Assistance Program at ARCW a model to be followed by other AIDS

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