

## Marc Wavra Works at 4U Boutique

Final Friday August 26 at 4U Fashion Boutique 16 East 12th Street will be showcasing the amazing work of Marc Wavra. The time, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Marc Wavra represents an unusually diverse approach to the medium, including classic urban landscapes, abstracts and hand painted images. He says his best work feels like himself.

In his work, he attempts to add a sense of luxury to the mundane, to turn the ordinary into extraordinary.

His works have been exhibited in more than 45 one man and group shows and can be seen in homes and collections through the tri-state. Marc tries to find the beauty in the decay and litter of urbania, pulling out, digging for its once proud past.

Marc's work lies somewhere between the imagination and memory.

Snacks and beverages will be provided!

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### *Meeting space available at community center*

The Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Greater Cincinnati once again is offering its space on Hamilton Avenue for use by other community groups.

E.mail center president Rusty Lockett ([rusty.lockett@cinCYGLBT.com](mailto:rusty.lockett@cinCYGLBT.com)) for bookings.

When not booked for meetings, the center is open to the public Monday through Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays from noon until 4 p.m.

Visit the center's home page, [cincyglbt.com](http://cincyglbt.com), to learn more about their programs and events.

## Women Out Front Dinner/Golf Outing

Saturday, August 27 Women Out Front will have a Dinner and Miniature Golf Outing.

Meet at Bi's Restaurant and Brew House at 5 p.m.

For more information contact Vicki Trout at [trout\\_v@yahoo.com](mailto:trout_v@yahoo.com)

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### *Walk to Stop AIDS! September 18th*

Save the Date for the Walk to Stop AIDS! Sunday, September 18th. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at Sawyer Point Walk will begin at 10 a.m.

Even with the recent funding cuts, STOP AIDS is still focused on its mission to fight HIV/AIDS through its prevention education services. In addition, the agency provides free (*anonymous*) HIV testing in the Greater Cincinnati

community at the STOP AIDS offices. Support their prevention education & testing programs by supporting the Walk to STOP AIDS!

*More details in September Print Edition.*

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### *Transgender group meets Thursday*

Next Cincinnati Trans Community Group meeting is tomorrow! CTCG Hang out.

Location: Rohs Street Cafe in Clifton Heights. Time: 7 p.m. Thursday, August 25th

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### *Champagne Taste Customer Appreciation*

A Champagne Taste and Customer Appreciation Night will take place at Bar Monet Monday, August 29 · 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., 9th and Willard Streets in Covington. Buffet begins at 6 p.m.



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***Richard is dead  
 Was he satanic?***

Marcellus Richard Andrews is dead in Michele Bachmann’s home town.

The 19-year-old college student was hanging out on a friend’s front porch in Waterloo, Iowa, enjoying the summer air, while two of his friends, Nakita Wright and Tudia Simpson, went for a walk around the block.

They only made it a block or so when they ran back, after hearing people shouting “faggot” and “Mercedes,” the feminization of Marcellus’ name.

The two friends arrived

to find Andrews surrounded by a group taunting him with anti-Gay epithets.

Simpson admits to throwing the first punch after the group refused to leave, let alone stop harassing Andrews. A group brawl ensued, and soon after, Andrews fell limply to the ground. When Wright tried to protect him, a young man ran up and kicked Andrews’ unconscious body in the face.

As the fight died down, it became clear that Andrews was in bad shape, and the two friends called 911.

Andrews spent three days on life support, before being pronounced dead. His family made the decision to remove him from life support when it became clear he would never wake up.

Andrews’ death is a tragedy in its own right, but also speaks to dangerous political game that Michele Bachmann is playing on the campaign trail. Bachmann, who famously called homosexuality a life dedicated to Satan and has vowed to write discrimination against LGBT Americans into the Constitution, refuses to answer questions about

homosexuality and marriage equality on the campaign trail even though her congressional district has the highest number of LGBT-related suicides in the nation.

Bachmann announced her presidential candidacy in Waterloo, Iowa earlier this summer. Her campaign tactic of denouncing Gays as Satanic and undeserving of equality, but then refusing to speak up when her constituents kill themselves and her neighbors are beaten to death, is clearly dangerous.

How many more LGBT

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people need to die before Bachmann sees the irresponsible harm her political influence is instigating?

via WCF Courier

**Rick Perry has porn problem**

**Daily Kos**

It seems that the GOP's present white savior, Rick Perry, has a big porno problem.

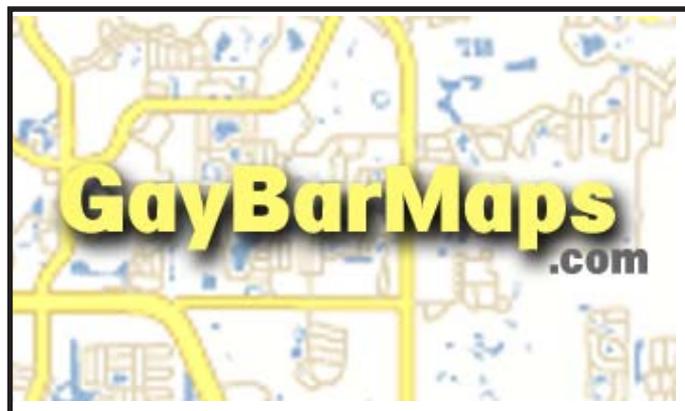
Back in 1995, when his bouffant hairdo was barely all the rage, Perry invested thousands of dollars into Movie Gallery, Inc, a porn distributor company. It was the largest distributor of porn movies, and was even opposed by the conservative American Family Association, the same organization that now claims to support Rick Perry after he showed up to host their prayer rally, The Response, in early August.

And did Rick Perry later passed laws to help porn companies like Movie Gallery, Inc., avoid 'tort suits' for illegally distributing porn across state lines.

Rick Perry used similar language when signing the tort-reform bill that limited the liability "thereby increasing profits" of companies like Movie Gallery. Perry said the bill would "remove the incentive for trial lawyers to file frivolous lawsuits." Continuing Perry said, "We will save thousands of jobs, generate millions in new revenue to the state"; only some of those jobs come at the price of young girl's physical and psychological health.

The AFA has undertaken a nationwide campaign advertising in **USA Today** and **Washington Post** urging government officials to investigate Movie Gallery.

Many Texas authorities are allegedly dragging their feet.



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## What has Obama done for Gays?

This is a list of the rights and equalities granted to the GLBT Community under the Obama administration. This may put to rest any thoughts that the President is ignoring the importance of equality. He has done more for LGBT rights than any other US President in history.

### Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act

This is first federal civil rights law to protect Gays and Lesbians.

- He instructed all federal agencies to extend benefits where possible to civilian federal employees with same-sex partners.
- He issued two Presidential Memoranda in June 2009 and June 2010 directing federal agencies to extend whatever benefits they could, under existing authority, to the

same-sex partners of federal employees. These include sick and funeral leave, long-term care insurance, travel and relocation assistance, child care subsidies, and certain retirement benefits. The State Department extended numerous benefits to the partners of Foreign Service officers, including diplomatic passports, access to overseas medical and training facilities, inclusion in housing allocations, and access to emergency evacuation.

- He ended the ban on **HIV-positive immigrants and foreign visitors.**
- The federal Prison Rape Elimination Commission proposed national standards to reduce sexual abuse in correctional facilities, including standards regarding LGBT and intersex inmates. In early 2011, the Justice Department proposed regulations to implement those standards.
- The State Department

reversed a Bush Administration policy that refused to use a same-sex marriage license as evidence of a name change for passports.

- Health and Human Services (HHS) Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability reviewed the lifetime ban on blood donation by Gay and Bisexual men, concluded that it is a “sub-optimal” policy that screens out low risk donors and called on HHS to conduct research to support a move to a policy based on risk behavior, regardless of sexual orientation.
- The Department of Justice issued an opinion clarifying that the criminal provisions of the Violence Against Women Act related to stalking and abuse apply equally to same-sex partners.
- The Department of State revised the standards for changing a gender marker on a passport, making the process less burdensome

for Transgender people.

- The Department of Labor issued guidance clarifying that an employee can take time off under the Family and Medical Leave Act to care for a same-sex partner’s child, even where the partner does not have a legal or biological relationship to that child.
- HHS revised its funding guidance around abstinence-only-until-marriage sex education programs, requiring that recipient programs are inclusive of and non-stigmatizing toward LGBT youth, and mandating that they include only medically-accurate information.
- HHS awarded a \$900,000 grant for the creation of a national resource center on LGBT aging issues to Services & Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Elders (SAGE). HHS also awarded a \$13.3 million grant to the L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center to create a

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 model program supporting LGBT and questioning youth in the foster care system.

•At the request of HHS, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) issued a lengthy report in March 2011 detailing the range of areas in which more research is needed on LGBT health needs.

•In March 2011, HHS sent a number of recommendations to the White House for policy and regulatory changes that HHS could undertake to improve the health of LGBT people, including: collection of LGBT health data, guidance for states on including LGBT families in federal welfare programs, and guidance for states on protecting the financial resources of a same-sex partner when his or her partner enters long-term care under Medicaid.

•He announced new regulations through The Department of

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that recognize LGBT families for federal housing programs and prohibit discrimination in getting federally insured mortgage loans.

•The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) added gender identity to the equal employment opportunity policy governing all federal jobs.  
 •He appointed more than 100 openly Gay people in his administration, some of which include the government’s top personnel official and the head of the Council for Environmental Quality.

•He issued Presidential Memorandum in April 2010 directing HHS to issue regulations requiring all hospitals receiving Medicaid and Medicare to prohibit discrimination in visitation against LGBT people. HHS issued regulations that went into effect in 2011.

•He awarded the

Presidential Medal of Freedom to Gay icons Billie Jean King and Harvey Milk.

•He hosted a White House Summit on bullying and recorded a video message telling young LGBT individuals that “ It Gets Better.”

•He ordered the data to be released of legally married Gay couples from the 2010 census, granting legitimacy of same-sex relationships.

•HHS rescinded provisions of a Bush-era rule which allowed health care providers to refuse to provide any health care service or information for a religious or moral reason.

•He championed the repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”, a 17-year-old ban barring LGBT individuals the right to serve openly in the military.

•He wants Congress to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), which will prohibit employers from

considering sexual orientation in hiring and firing decisions. This legislation however, is currently stalled in the Senate.

•He also wants to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which bars legally sanctioned same-sex couples from reaping Social Security survivor payments, tax breaks and other benefits reserved for straight married couples. This legislation is also being held up in a highly conservative House of Representatives, and will probably not see repeal for at least two years.

President Obama often lends his voice to the

equality of all individuals, but in the scope of things he has overwhelmingly shown support for the LGBT community. Look at what has been accomplished in only two years, rather than act as though he hasn’t done enough. He still has work to do, and he knows that.

Many thanks to the **Human Rights Campaign** and **Andrea Stone** from AOL for the compilation of this data.



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