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### Sunday June 1, 2008

Music City Couples would like to have a Booth at this year's Pride weekend. We have contacted Nashville Pride, requesting information on reserving a Booth and the cost included with Booth Rental.

This is where you, our couples, can participate. We will need your help in providing support throughout the day. We will need several couples to meet and greet the many visitors that pass by the Pride Booths. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact Larry and Bobby at your earliest. They can be reached by email or phone

eMail: [info@musiccitycouples.org](mailto:info@musiccitycouples.org)

Cell: 615-403-8014 – Larry

Cell: 615-403-8015 – Bobby

### Gays 'the biggest threat...even more so than terrorism,' says Oklahoma lawmaker Sally Kern

Oklahoma State Rep. Sally Kern's hateful words have echoed around the world a few hundred thousand times thanks to the file posted at YouTube by the Victory Fund. Despite the heat she is taking for her extreme comments that she thought would only be heard by a small group, she hasn't shown any sign of apologizing



<http://www.victoryfund.org/files/listening.html>

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### Hosts Needed

Music City Couples is in search of couples willing to Host a Party in their home, back yard, or even a Park. If you have the desire to be a Host, please contact: Larry and Bobby.

[info@musiccitycouples.org](mailto:info@musiccitycouples.org)

615-824-9966 – Home

### Movie Night Out

Several of our couples have been asking if we plan to re-instate the monthly movie night out. We need your help. If you would like to take charge of our Monthly Movie Night Out, please drop us an email:

[info@musiccitycouples.org](mailto:info@musiccitycouples.org)

### Dinner Night Out

Everyone loves to eat. Certainly you have a favorite Restaurant. If you would like to see us have a Monthly Dinner Night Out, please forward your Restaurant Choices and help us plan the monthly event. Simply send us an email:

[info@musiccitycouples.org](mailto:info@musiccitycouples.org)

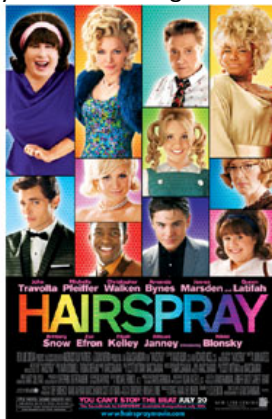
### Camping

Contact Barb & Jane  
Kingston, Springs, TN

[info@musiccitycouples.org](mailto:info@musiccitycouples.org)

### "Hairspray" on DVD!

Musicals don't come any sunnier than this pastel-colored musical remake of John Waters' camp classic, based on the Tony Award-winning Broadway smash.



### Anniversaries

- Apr 04 – LaWanda (of LaTonya)
- Apr 05 – Holly (of June)
- Apr 09 – Dawn & Janie (20-Years)
- Apr 09 – Elaine (of Ana)
- Apr 12 – Don (of Russ)
- Apr 14 – Cliff (of Jon)
- Apr 15 – Donnie & Todd (1-year)
- Apr 17 – Larry (of Tom)
- Apr 27 – Tony (of Luke)

### Birthdays

- Apr 02 – Kirk (of Donald)
- Apr 04 – Robert & Jim (20-Years)
- Apr 07 – Diane (of Barbara)
- Apr 10 – Herb & John (12-Years)
- Apr 10 – Sharon & Rhonda (2-Years)
- Apr 13 – Lloyd & Joseph (5-Years)
- Apr 21 – Lisa (of Dayna)
- Apr 22 – Dawn (of Robin)

### SPOTLIGHT

This month focuses on a very special and dear couple. Allow us to introduce you to Barb and Jane. Barb and Jane are long term members of Music City Couples. We met Barb and Jane for the first time several years ago when Barb was pasturing a small church in Cookeville. That first meeting, we all fell in love with these two wonderful ladies. Barb and Jane enjoy camping, and welcome all our couples to join them. And now, a little about these two wonderful ladies.

(Jane/Left & Barb/Right)



Jane was born in November 05, 1953. She grew up on wheat and cattle farm in Mid Kansas. She was the youngest of 4 children.

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Kern, a Republican representative from Oklahoma City, was taped recently giving a speech in which she compares gay people to terrorists. She said gay people represent the biggest threat to America these days. Here is the audio file. Listen for yourself. The tape has sparked a national outcry from gay and lesbian groups and rational people throughout the world.

Kern, who is married to a Baptist minister, and [gave birth to a Gay Son](#), validates the Oklahoma radical right-wing religious folks. Even as her tape became public, she was pushing to pass legislation that would allow students to express religious views at schools even if not applicable to coursework and assignments. The bill she pushes is another attempt some say to bring creationism into schools and challenge established scientific principles.

The thing is, speculation is running wild about a recent change made to Mrs. Kern's official web page -- the mention of her two adult sons was removed. The theory that seems to fit the facts is that Jesse, one of her two sons, is in fact gay. Further, the rumor is that Mrs. Kern has actually disowned her son because of it. "How come no-one asks this "supposed" Christian woman about her own GAY son? The one she basically has dis-owned...ahh so Christian."

**Bobby, one of our Music City Couples, sums it up the best**

*"Sally Kern is a simpleton, but what's worse is she's a threat to the lives of law abiding citizens who want nothing more than the freedom to live as we wish, love as we wish, and not be harassed for it. She thrives on stereotypes and tries to lead others down her myopic path of lies and deceits all to compensate for shortcoming she can't acknowledge within herself. "Freedom of speech is a wonderful thing. Hate speech destroys people's lives and should never be tolerated by anyone. Until the gay community and those who love us stand together completely united against this kind of hatred and cruelty, we'll be persecuted and killed and pushed back into closets simply because some so called "religious sect" wants to rule America and treat us as second class citizens."*

**Visit the Parthenon this summer**



**The Marrying Man**



Fiery idealism like that has come to define Gavin Newsom. Although he is a bona fide policy wonk, his political passion is what

captured the attention of the nation four years ago, when--less than a month into his first term -- Newsom decided to permit same-sex couples to marry in San Francisco. As we sit down today, the political fallout from that decision continues. Gavin Newsom was a city supervisor when he decided in 2003 to run for mayor. He ended up in a tight runoff race against Green Party candidate and board of supervisors president Matt Gonzalez. (In February independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader tapped Gonzalez to be his running mate.) Newsom was widely perceived as the "establishment" candidate, backed by San Francisco old money, high society, and family friends like the überwealthy Gordon Getty. Gonzalez was the "agent of change," the radical, union-endorsed, hipster lawyer who still slept on a futon.

When Newsom won, many progressives considered it a sign that San Francisco had moved far from its radical past. Nobody would have predicted that, virtually overnight, the privileged boy wonder would throw both caution and his political career to the wind in order to take a stand for marriage equality.

Newsom's election had given him rising-star status in the Democratic Party. Rumors swirled that he was being groomed for higher office. As he was feted in Washington, D.C., he seemed poised to follow in the steps of the Kennedys he has long revered. All these aspirations fell by the wayside when the newly elected mayor attended President Bush's 2004 State of the Union address and heard Bush speak of the need to "defend the sanctity of marriage... as a union of a man and a woman" and to protect the country from "activist judges" intent on

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She went to a small rural High School and graduated in a class of 20. She has a Masters Degree in Nursing. Barb was born December 12 in 1945 and is also a native Kansan, but lived on State Line. It was a suburb of Kansas City, MO, but on the KS side. For years her mail was routed through Kansas City, MO. She went to a large high school and graduated in a class of 837. She is the youngest of 3. She has a Masters Degree in Counseling.

They met in 1977 in the Kansas City MCC church and became good friends for 2 years. Then one day they were both single and the rest is 28 years of history. March 15<sup>th</sup> of 1980 they had a Holy Union through the MCC church. They were both very involved in the church with Jane being a deacon, and Barb serving on the Board of Directors. Then, in 1991, Barb completed student clergy education and became ordained and on the clergy staff at the church. Barb was also employed by the State of MO as a substance abuse counselor and eventually took early retirement after serving for several years as the program director of a small outpatient SA program. In 2002, they moved to the Nashville area for Jane's job as a Nurse Practitioner.

Being new to the area and having only 1 other couple as friends, they were very excited to learn of Music City Couples and began attending. They have met several other couples that are good friends and they really appreciate the work that is done to keep this group available.

Their favorite activities are going camping in their Motor Home, hiking, bird watching, camping with friends, and fishing. They like to go out to eat. Some things that are important are their pets – 2 dogs and 2 cats, spending time together, spending time with friends and spiritual exploration. The dogs go camping with them and are part of the reason they have a Motor Home – so that they can travel and take the dogs with them. Their favorite foods are pizza, pasta and any food eaten while camping!!

**Favorite Recipe**

This month's Favorite Recipe targets those who are looking for a meat substitute dish that will fool just about anyone.

**Egg & Cheese Burgers**

- 6-Eggs
- 1 Cup Ground Nuts (Walnuts & Pecans)
- 1 Cup Grated Cheese (Sharp Cheddar)
- 1 Cub Cracker Crumbs (Italian Seasoning Crumbs)
- 1 Small Onion Chopped
- ½ Teaspoon Garlic Powder
- 2 Tablespoons Soy Sauce
- 1 Quart Tomato Juice
- Mix thoroughly and form into patties
- Fry Lightly both sides
- Layer in pan with 1 qt tomato juice
- Cover and simmer 1-hour

**Events Calendar**

**Grand Ole Opry**

Package: Main floor seats,Hotel,  
 Tours at an affordable price.  
 800-251-1864

[www.musiccitytours.com](http://www.musiccitytours.com)

**Lipstick Lounge**

1400 Woodland St , Nashville , TN , 37206  
 This relaxed east Nashville dance club also features live music and theme nights.

**Tribe**

1517A Church St , Nashville , TN , 37203  
 Sophisticated, straight-friendly gay nightclub fills a niche in Nashville.

**Excess/Orbit**

909 1/2 Church St , Nashville , TN , 37203  
 This late-night spot is a mecca for Nashville's 24-hour party people.

**Play Dance Bar**

1519 Church St , Nashville , TN , 37203  
 Gay-friendly dance club boasts DJs, karaoke, female impersonation, theme nights, snack bar and a private lounge overlooking the stage.

redefining this sacred institution. Newsom returned to San Francisco with a directive for his staff: Start exploring what the city needed to do to let same-sex couples marry -- now.



Music City Couples is an organization of committed gay and lesbian couples in the Greater Nashville and Middle Tennessee area.

The organization serves to provide a forum for gay/lesbian committed couples to strengthen their own relationships while also providing a social and supportive structure for their fellow committed couples. Music City Couples holds no religious affiliations and makes every attempt to respect the privacy of its couples.

**Privacy Policy**

MUSIC CITY COUPLES values and respects the privacy of all our members and guests. When we collect your names and contact information, only members of the Steering Committee have access to it, and only to keep you informed of MUSIC CITY COUPLES events. In all our communications with our members, including our newsletters and this website, we only identify individuals by first name, or occasionally by first name and last initial. The individuals who may appear in photographs on this website, whether in individual or group shots, have all explicitly agreed to the use of their pictures. We do not post pictures of anyone without their permission.



**Visit the Ryman Auditorium**



The Music City Couples Network, an organization of hundreds of loving and committed gay and lesbian couples believes that the Federal Marriage Amendment is an unconscionable assault on the rights of millions of American citizens, and is joining other organizations seeking its defeat.

According to the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the amendment "would not only deny marriage to same-sex couples but could also deny any state legislature or electorate from ever voting to pass their own state's domestic partnership, civil union or marriage laws. Under the Federal Marriage Amendment, courts could be barred from enforcing the legal protections that a legislature provides through civil union or domestic partnership laws."

Civil marriage, other forms of relationship recognition, and basic civil rights protections are essential components that make all families, including families headed by same-sex couples, safer and more secure. Civil marriage and religious marriage are two separate things. Religious institutions will never be forced to bless relationships with which they disagree, just as today religious institutions can refuse to marry couples of different faiths or individuals who have been divorced.

**NewsLetter Submissions**

Send us your Current News, Favorite Recipe, and Announcements that you would like to have added to our Monthly Newsletter. Send all submissions to, [Webmaster@musiccitycouples.org](mailto:Webmaster@musiccitycouples.org) no later than the First Friday of Every Month. Anything received after that Friday will be included in the next month's issue