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Sally Kern is not OK

*From Bay Windows, Queerity,
Tulsa World, YouTube and www.365gay.com.*

In a meeting with constituents that was caught on audiotape and flooded all over the Internet, Oklahoma State Rep. Kern goes on a tirade against the LGBT community, accusing the homosexual agenda of going after two-year olds, infiltrating schools, recruiting youth and destroying the nation. Kern then declared that "Studies show that no society that has totally embraced homosexuality has lasted more than a few decades." Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think the Greeks were around more than 20 years. She further notes what a dangerous choice it is to be gay, pointing out the high suicide rates of gays. Is this a whiff of concern? If I had a mom like her I might consider offing myself also. Kern looks like someone's mom who teaches kindergarten and just got done baking cookies for the neighborhood kids. At least until she opens her mouth. Then she's right up there with Falwell and Dr. Laura. But wait, she IS someone's mom. Kern and/or her staff deleted a biographical sentence from her government homepage mentioning her two adult sons, Jesse and Nathan. Consider comment 17 on this Tulsa World article: "How come no one asks this "supposed" Christian woman about her own GAY son? The one she basically has disowned...ahh so Christian." Another comment read, "Her son Jesse was the biggest queen on the campus of Oklahoma Baptist University in the mid-90s. Twice he almost was expelled for making inappropriate advances in the library toilets." Kern's official response to her slip-up is that she found homosexuality immoral and that her constituents were similarly "conservative" and would support her. I almost popped an e-mail off to her myself but in the end I figured she'd never read it anyway. E-mail is the lazy man's political protest.

A Shot At Love in Boston?

From Bay Windows by Lya Carrera

Dani Campbell, former star of MTV's dating show *A Shot at Love* with Tila Tequila, recently made an appearance at Boston nightclub Pure. Campbell, a 29-year old Florida firefighter, was completely unknown until her recent appearance on MTV competing for the affections of Tila Tequila, bisexual Myspace celeb. Although she lost to the boring, uncultured Bobby, her star has

continued to rise. She has been in demand at clubs across the country, and her recent Boston appearance was no exception. www.Lesbiannightlife.com is sponsoring her nationwide club tour, and she is developing a line of clothing for "futches," or partially femme butches, as she describes herself. So, the lesson to be learned from this is if you are even remotely attractive, run out immediately and find a reality TV show to join.

Massachusetts Trans Equality Chugging Along

from Bay Windows by Ethan Jacobs

There is much support for a public hearing at the State House regarding H.B. 1722, legislation which would protect the civil rights of members of the trans community. There was much debate on the subject of "passing" in public restrooms, with trans advocates stating that the need to end discrimination is more important than the fleeting discomfort that some might experience sharing a restroom with a transperson, and that everyone has the right to use the restroom appropriate to their gender identity. I feel the opposite kind of discomfort when I walk into a ladies' room and most women look shocked and immediately direct me to the men's room until they see my figure; then they relax. It's unnecessary, I just need to pee. Opponents cry that sexual predators could enter the womens' room under the pretense of being trans and create chaos. Oh Bitch, please! I can just see all the sexual predators salivating while reading the bill thinking their time has finally come. Have we forgotten that many public restrooms are unisex anyway? The committee also heard debate on legislation that would codify the *Goodridge* marriage decision; repeal the 1913 law preventing most out-of-state same-sex couples from marrying in Massachusetts; and repeal antiquated laws, such as sodomy laws.

The Flip Flopper Returns, but it's OK.

From Bay Windows by Laura Kiritsy

Sen. John Kerry is up for re-election this September, and is courting the LGBT and liberal vote by touting his newly-progressive stance on equal marriage, saying that civil marriage in Massachusetts is and should remain established law. Kerry claims that he has always supported equal rights for gay couples, as evidenced by his support for civil

unions, and has consistently worked against legislation depriving gay couples of their rights. This new attitude toward LGBT rights runs counter to his stance in the 2004 presidential election, in which he said that he would support an amendment banning gay marriage. Didn't all the Dems go against gay marriage in 2004? It would have been political suicide in that election. Kerry's change of heart occurred when he found himself running against a marriage equality supporter, Ed O'Reilly, in the race for the Senate. O'Reilly has attempted to differentiate himself from Kerry by citing his support for gay marriage, immediate troop withdrawal, and impeachment of President George W. Bush and Vice-President Dick Cheney. O'Reilly has made many efforts to court the LGBT community, both by attending social functions and by supporting important LGBT civil rights legislation. Perhaps it's time for a changing of the guard.

Pink Triangles were just a fashion statement.

From www.365Gay.com by Staff

A Scottish Catholic bishop has decided that gays use the Holocaust to further their political objectives. "The homosexual lobby has been extremely effective in aligning itself with minority groups," Joseph Devine, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Motherwell, told a Glasgow audience. "It is ever present at the service each year for the Holocaust memorial - as if to create for themselves the image of a group of people under persecution," he told the audience. I guess all those pink triangles on concentration camp prisoners were just to add some color to a drab ensemble. Devine feels that gay people have no right to be remembered as victims of the Holocaust. The Nazis required "sexual deviants" to wear the pink triangle. Under Paragraph 175 of the German penal code, which banned sexual intimacy between members of the same gender, an untold number of gays were rounded up by the Nazis and sent to concentration camps where they were subjected to medical experiments including lobotomies, and were forced to work in labor camps. Estimates of the number of gays sent to the camps ranges from 5,000 to 15,000, many of them sent to the gas chambers. One can get an eerie feel for this at the Holocaust Memorial near Quincy Market in Boston, where homosexuals are explicitly included. Devine went on to further blast LGBT civil rights leaders, specifically targeting Oscar winning actor Sir Ian McKellen, a founder of

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gay rights group Outrage, who was honored by the queen this year, “A century ago, Oscar Wilde was locked up and put in jail,” Devine said. The speech drew immediate outrage from Scottish gays. Calum Irving, the director of Stonewall Scotland, said, “I’m flattered that the bishop thinks we could mount a ‘huge and well-orchestrated’ conspiracy, but he is much deluded,” Irving and other LGBT leaders have called on Devine to apologize. The bishop says he has nothing to apologize for. At least he’s not a hypocrite as well as a bigot.

HIV Immigration Ban Starting to Fall

by www.365gay.com staff

The Senate Foreign Relations committee has approved legislation that would repeal a travel and immigration ban on people with HIV. The measure now moves to a full vote on the Senate floor. The ban was originally enacted during those oh so yummy Reagan years in 1984. The travel and immigration ban prohibits HIV-positive foreign nationals, students, and tourists from entering the U.S. unless they obtain a special waiver that allows short-term travel; and prevents the vast majority of individuals with HIV from obtaining legal permanent residency. While immigration law currently excludes immigrants with any “communicable disease of public health significance” from entering the U.S., only HIV is explicitly named in the statute. Immigration Equality said it is confident the legislation will pass. “The United States has enforced this antiquated policy for too long with no public health rationale for discriminating against HIV-positive people in such a severe manner.” Said Victoria Neilson, Immigration Equality’s Legal Director. ▼