

New feature:TA Tidbits

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***A new television series debuts this fall called "The Dirty Life" that stars Billy Baldwin and Candis Cayne. He quipped to E! Online:

Who's in Patrick's closet? A secret transsexual lover named Carmelita, played by real-life transsexual Candis Cayne "Ironically, with all the dysfunction going on in our show, people who have watched episodes two through six are saying that the most sweet, normal and most functional relationship on the show is the one between her and I," Baldwin says.

And he says he had no trepidation about their love scenes. "She's the hottest woman on set," Baldwin says. "Every time she walks across the set or across the lot, she has Teamsters that are veering off course and crashing their golf carts."

One of my friends succinctly commented:

"It makes it okay. A role model like that (Billy Baldwin) as hot as he is saying that it is okay to think she is hot is actually giving men across America "permission" to be attracted to a transsexual woman without the guilt. People tend to take their TV personalities seriously. Many of our social cues come from television"

***A recent BBC online headline blared "Argentine boy sex change approved". I find that headline a bit National Enquirer-ish for such a well respected media outlet. The person in question, referred to as "Nati", is not a "boy." Pronoun issues aside, Nati is a year away from what most consider adulthood (she's 17). Using "boy" seems like bait for the religious right to use.

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