



## Life as a TV Should not be a Pass or Fail Test

### Try Passing... Not!

*By Alison Laing*

It seems to me there is still too much concern and talk about passing. This seems to be so important to many of us. For example, one girl, who is so obsessed with passing, said that when she came to the Renaissance meetings, she drove all the way from Baltimore in the left hand lane because a sign said "No Passing on the Right." But seriously, passing is almost an obsession with many TVs. I can see the desire, but it should not become so important as to destroy the pleasure we derive from our dressing. There was the recent article in the Renaissance News relating to this topic by Dina Amberle, a past leader of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of Renaissance. One of her points was that if you dress down enough to blend in and pass, you might not be able to enjoy the dressing at all! In short, trying to pass can spoil the fun.

But there is a more important reason why we must not become obsessed with passing. Those of us who are more sure

of ourselves as cross dressers, whether we pass or not, can set an example exposing and educating the public to fact that there are people who need to and enjoy appearing in public in the attire of their opposite gender. If we dress nicely and behave properly, we are usually accepted for what we are, especially in cosmopolitan areas such as Philadelphia.

This personal policy really came to me after hearing Kim Harvey, Pastor in a Boston Unitarian Church, (She was previously in Provincetown) at an IFGE luncheon in Boston in 1990. She basically said that we cannot expect others to accept us until we accepted ourselves. At that point I decided that passing was no longer the issue! If that was what it was all about, then something was wrong. I realized that there are probably many of us that will never pass. I believe we all have as much right as anyone to dress the way we want, as long as it is in good taste.

On that very day, Emily Sheldon and I went to the Boston Airport to pick up JoAnn Roberts. We wore our IFGE Badges and Fantasia Fair pins. Though we were in a highly energized state, we behave decently. No one in the crowded airport seemed to care about us. We did find, not one, but two people in the crowd who recognized the badges and obviously knew what we were. We provided one with information on how to contact a local support group. Since that time, I have not really worried about being read (outside of my own neighborhood and that more a concern of recognition!).

My personal philosophy when it comes to cross dressing in public is simply this:

Don't be a gender bender; dress neatly, be pleasant, polite, and friendly, smile a lot, act as if what you are doing is the most natural thing in the world and in most instances, you will be happy and can enjoy your dressing without the worry of passing!.....

## Convention Plans Ready

A full schedule of programs, working sessions, social and outside activities have been announced for the 7th annual I.F.G.E. Convention to be held in Philadelphia from March 14th through March 21st, 1993. The convention is sponsored by the International Foundation for Gender Education and hosted by the Renaissance Education Association, Inc.

A variety of meetings, forums, discussions, seminars, and

workshops have been announced which fill the days and nights of the convention's week at the Philadelphia Hilton & Towers (formerly the Hershey Hotel).

Discounts are available for early full payment of registration (10% if paid in full by January 1, 1993; 5% by March 1, 1993), and a special room rate for accommodations at the Hilton is offered to those registering directly with the hotel.

## Chapters & Affiliates

### New Jersey

**South Jersey:** Meets on the first Saturday of the month at the Atlantic Mental Health Center, Inc. 2002 Black Horse Pike, McKee, N.J. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Call (609) 641-3782 or write Renaissance SJ, PO Box 189, Mays Landing, NJ 08330. Kara Forward, chapter leader.

### Pennsylvania

**Greater Philadelphia:** Meets on third Saturday of the month in King of Prussia, PA. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. Write to Renaissance PHL, Box 530, Bensalem, PA 19020 or call (215)630-1437. Michelle Lynn, chapter leader

**Lower Susquehanna Valley:** Meets on the first Saturday of the month at The Greens at Westgate in York, Pa. Write Renaissance LSV, Box 2122, Harrisburg, PA 17105, or call (717) 780-1LSV. Brenda Davidson, chapter leader.

### Affiliates

**MOTG:** PO Box 8243, Red Bank, NJ 07701

**American Educational Gender Information Services (AEGIS):** PO Box 33724, Decatur, GA 30033, (404) 939-0244

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## And, don't forget about...

• Articles and opinion pieces for the newsletter are always welcomed. We want to hear what you have to say about what goes on in Renaissance and in the community at large.

Articles should be submitted one month in advance of publication.

• Background Papers are available for \$1 each plus \$.25 postage for each pair ordered. Eight papers are available: 1-Myths & Misconceptions About Crossdressing, 2-Reasons for Male to Female Crossdressing, 3-PARTNERS: Spouses & Significant Others, 4-The Matter of Children, 5-An Annotated Bibliography, 6-Telling the Children: A Transsexual's Point of View, 7-What Is Renaissance?, and 8-AIDS & HIV Safety and Ethics. A paper on transsexualism is in work.

• Pen Pal Program - If you are willing to write letters to pen pals, please inform Maryann Kirkland or write to the main office, c/o Dept. PP.

## Events Calendar

### November

7th Ren. So. Jersey Chapter

7th LSV meeting

11th-15th Holiday En Femme "92"  
Atlanta

21th Ren. Gr. Phila. Chapter  
"Laine Alexander"

28th MOTG meeting

### December

5rd Ren. So. Jersey Chapter

5th LSV meeting

19th Ren. Gr. Phila. Chapter  
Holiday Party

### January

2rd Ren. So. Jersey Chapter

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## ROGER'S NOTEBOOK (#73)

by Roger Peo

In this column I will be talking about a minority within a minority. There has been disagreement both in the gender and professional communities as to whether or not there is such a thing as a female cross-dresser. Among the arguments against such a phenomenon is the assertion that women (in our society) can wear any type of clothing they want, so cross-dressing is a meaningless term when applied to women.

There is also the observation that few women exhibit any kind of fetishistic behavior. Since fetishistic behavior is often strongly linked to cross-dressing, this is supposed to "prove" that women can't be cross-dressers, at least in the same sense as men.

I define cross-dressing as the wearing of clothing socially "reserved" for the other gender for sensual, erotic and/or social reasons. Sometimes the cross-dressed person strives to emulate the other gender well enough to be accepted in that gender role.

With that definition, some people would suggest that women who wear articles of masculine clothing and yet are obviously women are not cross-dressers. The fallacy with such a statement is that we do not usually know the reason why the woman is wearing such clothing nor do we know if she is sensually or erotically aroused.

Going further, history has documented many cases of women who successfully masqueraded as men. Generally their true sex was discovered only through injury or death. It is speculated that the reason for the disguise was to permit them to engage in activities that were socially restricted to men. Of course it is possible that some of these women were transsexual or lesbian. Regardless, they were also crossdressers.

Since the transgender community is primarily a male environment is it possible that the denial of the existence of women who cross-dress is chauvinistic? In other words, cross-dressing is a male phenomenon (even though they are emulating women) and women are not allowed to participate!

Another observation — men link women's clothing with female sexuality and eroticism, but do not realize that women could have similar feelings. Further, the male-to-female cross-dresser often dislikes his masculine costume and can't wait to shed it so it is hard to understand why it might have sensual or erotic connections. (As an aside, wives of cross-dressers and perhaps most women do not experience the clothing they normally wear as sexually exciting. In fact, many women, given the choice, would not wear much of the clothing society "directs" them to wear.)

I have talked to and read letters from female-to-male cross-dressers. Except for a change in pronoun and the types of clothing preferred, the sentiments seem the same.

So, the female-to-male cross-dresser does exist, probably in much fewer numbers than the male-to-female cross-dresser. Why don't we hear more about them? I guess that women's freedom to wear a wider variety of clothing may give some all the freedom they need. However, I suspect a larger reason is that there is no place for them in the subculture. Just as the average woman can not understand why a man would want to become feminine, the average crossdresser can not understand why a woman would want to emulate masculinity. This denial and the generally second-class citizenship of women can isolate the female-to-male cross-dressers.

You may contact Dr. Peo at P.O. Box 3445; Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 or by phone at (914) 452-8405. All communications are confidential. [September 16, 1992]

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### *And noted in passing...*

"In several American Indian cultures, there are references to the berdache, a man who dresses as a woman and performs women's tasks in the tribe. Sometimes such a man was believed to have supernatural powers and became a shaman or very powerful priest. Even earlier accounts can be found in Greek and Roman myths. There is a goddess, Venus Castina, who is said to represent the souls of women "locked up in male bodies".

Roger Peo

"Transvestism", in *The Sexually Unusual*  
The Harrington Park Press, 1988

## News Beat

Nevada: Boy oh boy, some people really have to put up with discrimination on the job. It seems that Darryl Malone, an employee of Northwest Nevada Tel-co, was repeatedly passed over for promotion. Passed over so often that at last he filed a complaint with the Nevada Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Sexual discrimination was holding back his career. His career as one of those super sexy girls on a phone sex line. For eight months Malone, a 165 pound ex-Marine, helped hundreds of guys in need of feminine companionship. Maybe Malone's customers should have been a little more discriminating. If we hear what the Commission rules we'll let you know. Let's hope Darryl is back on the job soon.

England: That old gender bender Boy George may be set to make his film debut soon. Rumour has it George has been talking with Dino De Laurentis about an idea for a feature film based on a recent hoax involving a pregnant hermaphrodite. Guess who will play the hermaphrodite?

It's a far cry from George playing himself on "The A Team".

Oregon: It's bathroom wars again in Portland. I recently saw the city on a public television cooking show and it seemed like a great place to live. Until I heard about how those defenders of "family values", the Oregon Citizens Alliance are getting their noses out of joint about men in drag in the public restrooms.

They are upset that the Police Chief not only said it was ok for crossdressed males to use the facilities, (as long as they asked management first), these defenders of narrow minded morality are peeved that the Chief said he would actually be willing to meet with crossdressers in person to discuss the problem. Gosh, I can see why they'd be upset. I mean what would happen if those of opposing view points got together and discussed things?

Congratulations Chief Potter. Let's hope the thinking people of Portland will do all they can to keep him on the job.

## Book Nook:

From The Renaissance Library  
by Laura Edwards

"Mirror Image: The Odyssey of a Male-to-Female Transsexual," by Nancy Hunt, published in 1978, is an autobiographical account of the author's experience as an emerging transsexual. We follow her from early childhood through prep school, university years at Yale and then as a celebrated war correspondent and feature writer for the Chicago Tribune. Miss Hunt was in her late forties when she took the final step toward womanhood. Her story recounts the ways in which her gender dysphoria emerged and how it affected the various dimensions of her life along the way.

The story is entertaining and at the same time informative about the psychological and physiological aspects of the transsexual experience.

Miss Hunt writes extremely well, reflecting her many years as a highly professional writer. But as I read her story I found myself having difficulty, at first, in really feeling what she was experiencing in her life. Aside from whether or not I, as an individual reader, could identify with what she was saying, as a reviewer I found her highly refined writing skills tended to make the words, phrases and sentences too slick, too neat and too well-turned for the expression

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of real in-depth feeling. However, as I approached the last third of the book I did begin to feel the author's pain and joy in the whole experience. At the same time, the author's style does allow her to be objective and even a bit humorous about everything that happened in her life.

Overall I highly recommend this book to anyone who wants to learn more about the transgendered experience through the eyes and heart of a well spoken and responsible member of the transgendered community.

**FOOTNOTE:**

Approximately thirty titles dealing with various aspects of the transgender phenomenon are available in the Renaissance Library for members and guests to borrow during the Greater Philadelphia Chapter meetings. Specifics on the location of the library and on procedures for borrowing will be made known as soon as arrangements are complete. Just ask someone at the next meeting. In the meantime, a list of the available books is being prepared. Anyone who wishes to donate to the library collection may do so by contacting the Librarian; Laura Edwards at the GPC meeting, through the National office or by leaving a message at 215-657-1560. Additions to the collection will not only benefit us all but will get you a nice book plate with your name on it in the book you donate.

## BE A PAL, A PEN PAL

*By Maryann Kirkland*

Since 1989 the Renaissance News has carried a notice to readers across the country about the Pen Pal Project. This letter exchange outreach was started by Alison Laing as a National Board project and was passed along to my care in 1990. The current Pen Pal List contains two dozen people who correspond with each other on a regular basis. Most of these folks are within a hundred miles of Philadelphia but some are located far away from our area. For them, the Pen Pal Project may be the only contact they have with other people like themselves.

One such person is the sister in Fargo, North Dakota, a state that even I.F.G.E. hasn't heard about yet. When I wrote back to her she started dancing up a storm that another crossdresser not only exists but loves square dancing crinolines as much as she does.

Letters are a common denominator of communication for our transgendered community. They offer a discrete and still some what inexpensive mode of expressing the secret feminine side of yourself. If you have a trusted Pen Pal, you can describe, in endless detail your most bizarre fantasy or real life experience, to someone who understands.

I am continually adding names to the Pen Pal List, Not only from people who respond to the Renaissance office but also from my own personal ad in Tapestry. If you would like to share your experience and interest in all things feminine with other people around the country, drop me a line and I will give you dozens of new friends just like you.

Editor's Note: Send your request for Pen Pals to our National address.

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# VIS-A'-VIS

by Brenda Davidson

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Stolen from the French and menaing "face to face" this form fitting title has been chosen from a long list. Included in this list were headings like: *Over, Under, Sideways, Down; Brenda's World; and In Search of the Transgendered Grail.* Ahh, in case you are wondering, I don't plan to quit my day job.

VIS A' VIS will cover insights on information collected all across the country as well as personal notes and intelligent quips. This will not be another exercise in transgendered journalistic pugilism nor will it be one of the feared "yellowournalism" columns. But I will tell it like I see it, and leave you the reader to make the final decision. One thing is certain, the scoop you get here will be DANG GOOD STUFF.....

## Advanced Thinking?

By now most of us have heard or read of the recent findings by researchers about certain brain centers and glands being larger in homosexual men. Some have already begun to applaud the notion of this being a fact of nature rather than a societal affliction.

My question is this: if in the future this turns out to be true might it lead us to a medical antidote for Homosexuality, Lesbianism, Transsexuality, or Transvestism?

I can only speculate but I do know that I'm not ready for, nor need a "cure". In this case, I for one am quite happy the way "nature made me.

## No Thinking ?

For some groups calling themselves "support" groups I sure see some funny things in their newsletters. Take for instance the yarn I recently read in the Mississauga, Ontario's Monarch Social Club newsletter. The story starts with Miss Madeline, a crossdresser, who registers at a college in Toronto posing as a pre-op TS. Madeline struggles through the usual registration woes, makes the class, makes friends, and then quits the class after a few weeks "as it was not what I wanted." In the end she wants to study word processing so she can become a "glamorous secretary."

Now let me get this straight --- a man who is a crossdresser, posing as a transexual so she would be accepted lest the truth be found of her/his genitalia, quits class so she may register for class to become a "glamorous secretary."

Give me a break and then quit insulting crossdressers and transexuals alike.

## And Justice for All

Looks as though the Gulf Coast Transgender Community has a problem with male significant others. They are bringing to a vote whether or not to al-

low male SO's of their membership to attend every monthly meeting. Female SO's are allowed at every monthly meeting so this sounds kind of discriminatory to me. Their major hornblow is that it makes new members and their wives feel uncomfortable. To that I say **HOG-WASH**. Although there was a time because of my transvestism I wasn't sure if I were gay or not. Joining an open group and seeing all the different kinds of relationships helped me decide I was not. It also sounds to me like the rule is on the books to avoid confrontation with a problem that could be dealt with on an individual basis. Paranoia starts when you're always afraid.

## Significant Other Stuff

Personally I believe the term significant other is a label we could do without. It's just as tacky as introducing someone you love (for however long) as your "sex partner" or your "love buddy" instead of by name. I once used the term in a conversation speaking of my wife. Afterwards I felt like I was hiding my wife behind the term so as not to offend someone. That was the last time I will EVER do that. Use the term if you wish but I thought this was about openness and understanding with yourself as well as others. Darn, now if we could find the proper name for those meetings of loved ones.

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### *From the Land of the Rising Sun*

Tokyo, Japan has a new crossdressing mecca by the name of the Elizabeth Club. Frequented mostly by Japanese businessmen tired of their corporate blue suits, the club houses everything to make the transformation complete. Now here's a switch: While crossdressing isn't new to Japan (Kabuki theater has existed for over 400 years), their method of advertising certainly is. Sports and business publications and late-night television make up the bulk of the clubs publicity.

I wonder how Sports Illustrated or the To-Nite Show might respond to this type of advertising request. Now before there's a massive sucking sound to the east it seems as though our Western culture has had an effect on the general public there as well. While this type of establishment is accepted, this behavior is shunned. And just when I thought I would have to get used to eating raw fish.

### *From the Land of Sun ...*

Central Florida Sisters' President Denise Summers received a reply from the Eckerd Corporation on their withdrawal of advertising from the show "Eye on Tampa Bay." While the letter states Eckerd's position on not being involved with controversial programming, it goes on to state they "determined that a large number of topics were highly controversial ... most of which were not related to or concerned with gay or lesbian issues."

Well, that's ok for the gay and lesbian crossdressers, but what about the rest of us?

For those of you who would like to enlighten Mr. Turley you may write c/o  
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### *From the Land of Too Much Sun ...*

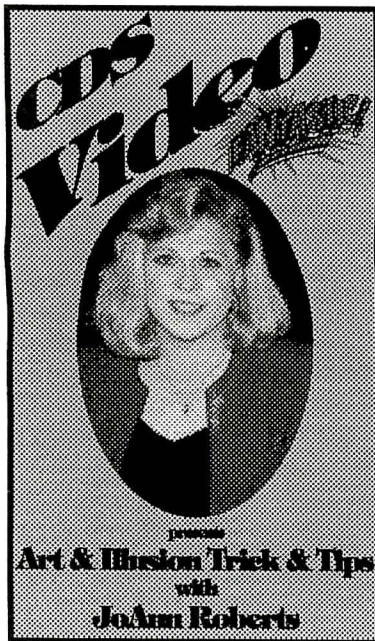
The Chics at CHIC in Los Angeles have hit on a concept I've been trying to bring to maturity in this organization. In

order to create a positive impression we must become more involved with the concerns of the general populace. By stepping forward it suggests that we too can think in terms of our contribution rather than the problems society has cast on us. Supporting a local shelter or rehabilitation house could be a start. Anything we do now can and will reflect how others view us in the future. It would be so nice not to be deemed one of "THOSE" people. Entering the future with blinders is not a good idea but I believe killing the stigma with kindness might not be a bad idea.

### *Straight Up*

While looking through the Boulton & Park Society's newsletter Gender Euphoria, I came upon an article by Tere Frederickson on proper editorship of one's newsletter. She talks of how gossip columns get started on the path of misleading information and the harm done to the community in general by the telling of halftruths.

I couldn't agree with her more.



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# Hot • Stuff

JoAnn Roberts

“There is no indigestion worse than that which comes from having to eat your own words.”

Well Hello babies! It's time again to take a drive thru the latest and greatest trends for the season. So, grab your hose and heels and let's go.

The *hot* color this Fall is red-hot-red. You'll find it everywhere from turtle-necks to riding pants to evening gowns. I've been looking for that to-die-for red suit for three years now. If anyone sees it, please let me know.

Things that make you go Hmmm! What prominent community leader's name is featured with baby clothes in the catalog of a well-known boutique? Well, babies, I won't take sides, but it's wild, if you know what I mean. It's so. . . apropos.

With all the emphasis on the menswear look, the face is decidedly feminine to balance it all (otherwise it would be cross-dressing, not fashion). Here's the plan for the feminine face: Eyes are it — Call attention to your eyes by shadowing the lid and highlighting the brow bone; Lips should be sultry to offset the severity of the menswear; Cheeks — Visibly but delicately colored; Hair — Soft and flowing, plenty of volume. Have some fun. Get one of your business suits out of the closet and try it on with hose, heels and full makeup. What a trip!

Shoes seem sensible this season. Platforms are back, but this time with a 40's sensibility that was lacking in the 70's. (You do remember the 70's doncha?)

L'EGGS wants to know, “What makes you feel most FEMALE?” The ad in question shows this gorgeous woman in a fabulous gown sitting on a couch showing off her magnificent legs. While I appreciate the stockings contribution to my feelings of femininity, it's the hair for me. What about you?

While you can get arrested in some states for wearing blue eye shadow, dark blue navy mascara is not a crime. In fact, it's encouraged. Navy is considered a neutral color. Just about every cosmetic manufacturer makes one, so buy one. Got that?

Sometimes we're better off as guys — for example. According to a *Glamour* magazine poll, salons generally charge women more than men. Worst cities are Boston, Chicago, Miami and New York. Best places are Minneapolis and (surprise) Los Angeles. So, the next time you need a perm or your wig styled, try a barbershop (NOT!).

If you're a crossdresser of color, you've had a difficult time finding the right colors and products when it comes to makeup. This season should find you in good stead. Cover Girl has introduced its Bold Rush Collection for darker complexions and Almay is expanding its Darker Tones lines to include lipsticks, makeup primer, and new foundations shades.

Many of us have often wished we could swap bodies, if only temporarily. That's the theme behind Ann Rice's fourth novel in the Vampire Lestat series title *The Tale of the Body Thief*. Sometimes getting what you want is the worst thing that can happen and that's how Lestat feels when he comes to inhabit mortal flesh.

Continuing in this literary vein, but closer to home, is John Varley's latest *Steel Beach*. Varley is my most favorite Sci-Fi author and his future view includes unlimited sex changes on demand. In fact, that seems to be a central theme in the novel. I haven't finished the book yet, but when I do, I'll let you know what it's about.

I hope you didn't buy a winter coat lately, even if it was on sale. If you did, chances are you paid too much. Most pre-season sales are come-ons. Merchandise is marked up two or three times normal and then reduced 50 to 70 percent to make it

look like a great bargain, but actually you're paying more than full retail. Wait 'til December or January to buy that coat.

We hear a lot about how crossdressers are expressing a feminine side of their nature. Is that really so, or is that just an excuse? Well, maybe some of you are expressing a feminine side, but most of us are simply enjoying a pleasurable and erotic experience. At least that's according to prominent psychophysicologist Dr. John Money (a.k.a. Dr. Kink). Money says that what is sexually arousing to adults is imprinted during childhood. Thus, if we experiment with crossdressing and, say, masturbation during adolescence, then we can become imprinted with crossdressing as sexually pleasurable. Simple ain't it!

Another Fall trend and a great slenderizing trick is to create a single column of color from head to toe. Usually this is done with black, but now we're seeing columns of red and royal blue. Beautiful colored opaque pantyhose make the monochrome look work.

This is enough to piss off the Queens. We can't get our legitimate publications on regular newsstands but the high-priced, less than sympathetic boutiques who prey on our unsuspecting, closeted sisters get into *Cosmopolitan*. I almost hit the roof when I saw ads for Michael Salem, Dream Dresser and Spartacus. Is this how we want the public to think of us?

Quickie Quiz — The winner of last month's quiz is not available as I write this, so don't get cranky! We'll be a month behind. Anyway, here's this issue's QQ: What do the initials “k. d.” stand for in k. d. lang's name? The first person to send me the correct answer wins a CDS video. Send your answer to CDS-QQ, PO Box 61263, King of Prussia, PA 19406. Mail-in entries only.

Rumors, Lies and Gossip I — Some snipe wants you to think that I have fallen from



# Hot • Stuff

grace in the eyes of my Renaissance sisters and got kicked off the board of directors and the newsletter. Not by a long shot! I am still a member of the board of directors. I am still writing for *Renaissance News* as you can see from this column. The decision to cease writing *The Iconoclast* was my own.

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 Rumors, Lies and Gossip II — Some snipe wants you to believe that Paula Jordan Sinclair was “fired” as Editor-in-Chief of the *Renaissance News*. No way! Paula’s resignation was her own decision and caught all of the *RenNews* staff off-guard. Her reasons were made known to

the board. There is, however, a rumor that the *NewsQueen* might reappear in another publication. We’ll see.

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 Rumors, Lies and Gossip III — Some snipe wants you to believe that I am no longer a member of the Congress of Representatives. No truth to that either. While it is true that I no longer represent the International Gender Transient Affinity, I *am* the legitimate representative of a recognized organization and that affiliation information has been passed to the appropriate officers of the Congress.

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 Some real news: The Congress of Representatives plans on a series of regional meetings in conjunction with various community events, like Fantasia Fair, The Texas ‘T’ Party, and California Dreamin. Watch for a Congressional meeting near you.

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 Pretty soon you’ll be seeing ballots to elect seven new directors to the board of IFGE. Keep in mind the events of the past six months and use the following yardstick as you consider the candidates: *Leadership is demonstrating that your intention is to care for and be supportive of other people’s growth.* — Prof. Joseph Nye, Harvard Univ., *Soft Power*.

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 Commentary: Molly Kennedy is trying to patch things up with the leaders of EON Inc. after the Autumn Accord fracas last year. Kennedy, you may remember, was “outed” from her patronage job with the city of Syracuse. I reported that Kennedy thought it was a member of EON Inc. who outed her. Later, I reported that Angela Sheedy said it was not a member of EON Inc. As far as Kennedy and I can tell from *all* sources, it *definitely was not* a member of EON Inc. that caused her to lose her job. (Did I say it right, Mol?)

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