

Note: We here at "GE" thought you might enjoy hearing about some of the latest books coming into the community. In the last year or so many books have come out concerning our world and the people who inhabit them. Unfortunately you will have to obtain these yourself. At one time we had a lending library, need I tell you how that failed? Seems it became common to borrow a book and never come back either with or without the book!

"Identity Management In Transsexualism"
By Dallas Denny
Reviewed by Linda Phillips



While this book concerns itself with the TS making the transition from one sex to another, it is of great value to the transgenderist who wants to go full time. Dallas Denny is one of the best writers around the gender community. Her book is full of information about practical matters concerning changing one's sex or just, gender. Dallas writes like she talks, in a friendly easy to understand manner, taking the fear and stigma out of a subject all too easy to find scary negatives in.

One of the more important chapters concerns what to do about that *little problem* of a job resume'. A step by step procedure outlines the course of action best to take. Your job is probably the most important thing in your life during transition, for without it, a smooth changeover is difficult. (No money usually makes many things difficult!)

If you are undergoing therapy to obtain SRS, there are sample letters your therapist should write to any concerned persons about your gender problems. Many uninformed therapists don't know how these letters should be written or that they should be.

Name changes come in for a complete treatment as well as some very innovative thoughts on using names you might not have thought of. For instance, I once had a bank officer comment on my male name (James) which I was still using at the bank, and thought it unusual for a woman! Made me think of actually using it as my female name!

Dallas makes the whole subject of transition a fairly simple straightforward series of logical procedures which anyone can follow, be your

goal SRS, or to live in the gender of your choice without surgery. Many of us who go through these changes do so on our own without any plan or help of any kind. This excellent book gives us a chance to do a better job. <>

BONNIE'S BITCHING

By Bonnie B.

Last time you read this column, that is if you read the May issue of G.E., and how could you overlook my ramblings, you read a few important tips on being safe.



Well, the other day I was reading another newsletter (yes, I do read something besides our own "G.E." and the weekly "STAR") and was quite shocked to read that a member of the trans-community had been giving lessons on how to be a *TEASE*, and was out on the town (not hers) practicing.

If I remember correctly, and my mind has been drifting lately (that happens when you turn 40) being a *TEASE* can get you in serious trouble, like being *raped*, or even worse, *killed*. In case you haven't been reading the papers or watching the news, this world we live in is full of sickos and they do not care if you belong to a gentler, kinder community or not.

So please ladies, if you did read about kissing car windows and dangling a silk clad leg with 4-inch pump out a car window to try and make some guy hot at a traffic light, think about the repercussions. *One*, your car may not be able to out run his. *Two*, you do not need to be pulled over by a policeman or be in a wreck, dressed, whether you have proper identification or not. *Three*, if this guy catches you and finds out you are really a guy, he is going to get really hot and may cause you some serious physical damage.

Granted, the so-called lady in the article I read ended up pulling her mace can on the guy to deter his advances, but is it worth taking that chance. No way! So wise up and even though it may give your ego a big boost to have some macho guy think you are a *real* girl, do not take the chance.

Speaking of feminine protection, I would like to make a suggestion to all you ladies out there, both G.G.'s and Memorex. I know most women carry a sanitary napkin of some type in their

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