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Dear FTMs and Gender Community :

Enclosed you will find information about the next meeting of the East Coast Female-to-Male Group (ECFTMG). I hope all you FTMs (partners welcome) will join us on March 27, in the Boston area. I also want to tell you about three events of great importance to TVs and TSs.

First, go see "Dress Codes" at the Institute of Contemporary Art, 955 Boylston St., Boston, (617) 266-5152, on view from March 10 - May 30. "Dress Codes" explores crossdressing and transsexualism in contemporary art and popular culture. It features visual art, video, film, performances and educational programs. FTMs are well represented and the exhibit fills the entire museum! It is absolutely wonderful!! A "Drag King Workshop" is planned for April 10. Call the ICA for a brochure with details.

Second, The March on Washington for Gay/Lesbian/Bi Rights weekend includes a Transgender Action National Meeting on April 23-24 in Washington, D.C. Call (202) 628-0493 for info. Also, it's widely rumored that FTMs nationwide will meet and greet each other in Washington on April 24 at the S/M-Leather/Fetish Conference on the 2nd floor of the Mellon Auditorium on Constitution Avenue between 12th and 14th N.W. Members of ECFTMG will be there and looking for you. Don't miss all the support and fun!!

Next, the 1993 Northampton, Massachusetts Pride March will be held on May 8 at 12 Noon. This year's march has been named the "1993 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride March" for the first time ever. I am the first open FTM ever to be elected to the Northampton Pride March Steering Committee. I lobbied hard for the addition of the "T" word to the March title -- and won! There is a lot of support for the inclusion of Transgender organizations in the March -- and for TVs/TSs as speakers and entertainers at the rally. Plan for your group to march behind your organization, sign or banner. We need to be visible this year to guarantee the inclusion of Transgender in Pride marches for years to come. And call me if you're a speaker/entertainer who wants to perform -- or for more information. You can reach me at (413) 584-7616.

Come out and help the Gender Community grow!

Best Regards,

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