THE FACTS ARE CLEAR GAY HISPANICS MAKE HISTORY!

FACT: The first openly Gay man to run for city supervisor in San Francisco was a latino drag performer named Jose Sarria, seventeen years before Harvey Milk. Sarria was also well-known at the Black Cat Cafe for espousing Gay Pride in his singing, "God Save Us Nelly Queens".

Source: Word is Out by Peter and Nancy Adair (film, 1978); Sexual Politics, Sexual Communities by John D'Emilio (Univ. of Chicago Press, 1983) p. 188.

FACT: On that historic night of June 27, 1969, as the Stonewall Inn was raided, Puerto Rican drags were among those who bravely fought the police in the front lines, becoming part of those who started the modern gay rights movement and Pride celebrations.

Source: D'Emilio, p. 232.

FACT: In March 1970, another raid on a gay bar in N.Y. called the Snake Pit resulted in a horrendous accident. Among those arrested in the raid was a young Argentine named Diego Vinales. Vinales was so frightened by his arrest that he jumped from the police station window, fell and became impaled on a steel spike fence below. Vinales became a symbol of the early days of the Gay Liberation Movement.

Source: <u>Dancing the Gay Lib Blues</u> by Arthur Bell (Simon & Schuster, 1971) p. 44-46.

FACT: Many famous personalities in the world of the arts and literature are and were Gay Hispanics, including Federico Garcia Lorca, a poet and dramatist who was murdered by homophobic Fascists in the early years of the Spanish Civil War. Reinaldo Arenas was a Cuban emigre and prize-winning novelist who came to the U.S. on the Mariel boatlift. Other famous names are Mexican poets, Xavier Villarruita and Salvador Novo; Manuel Puig, Argentine novelist and author of Kiss of the Spider Woman, and Spanish director Pedro Almodovar.

FACT: THE U.S. BUREAU OF CENSUS HAS STATED THAT BY THE YEAR 2000, THE HISPANIC POPULATION WILL BE THE LARGEST MINORITY GROUP IN THIS COUNTRY. WHETHER WE ARE 1% OR 10% OF THE TOTAL POPULATION, THIS REPRESENTS HUNDRED OF THOUSANDS OF LESBIAN AND GAY LATINOS!

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