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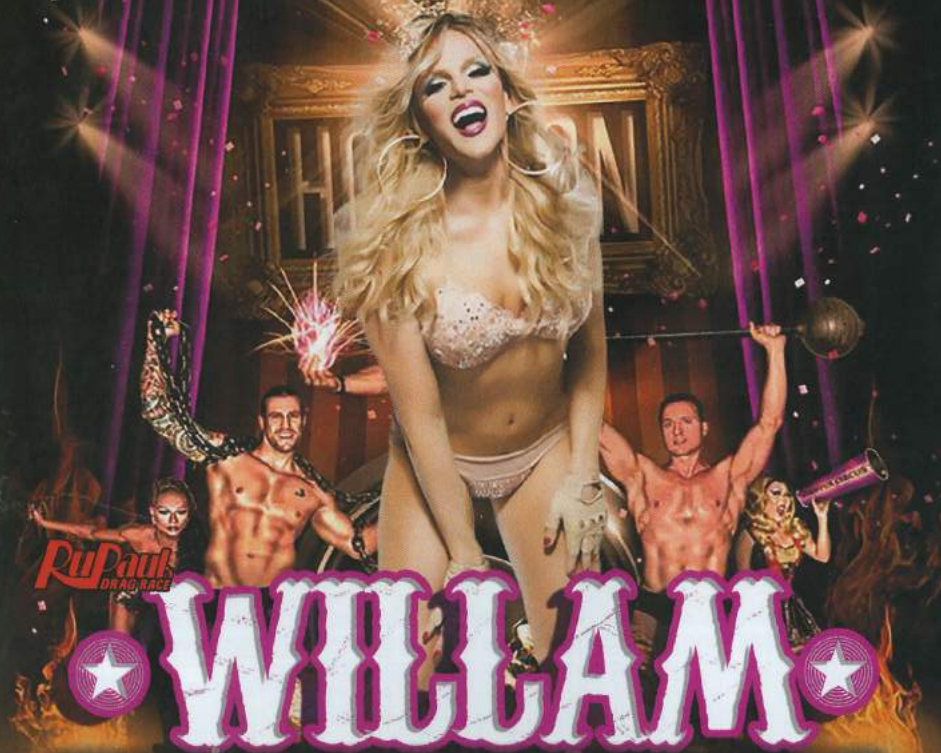
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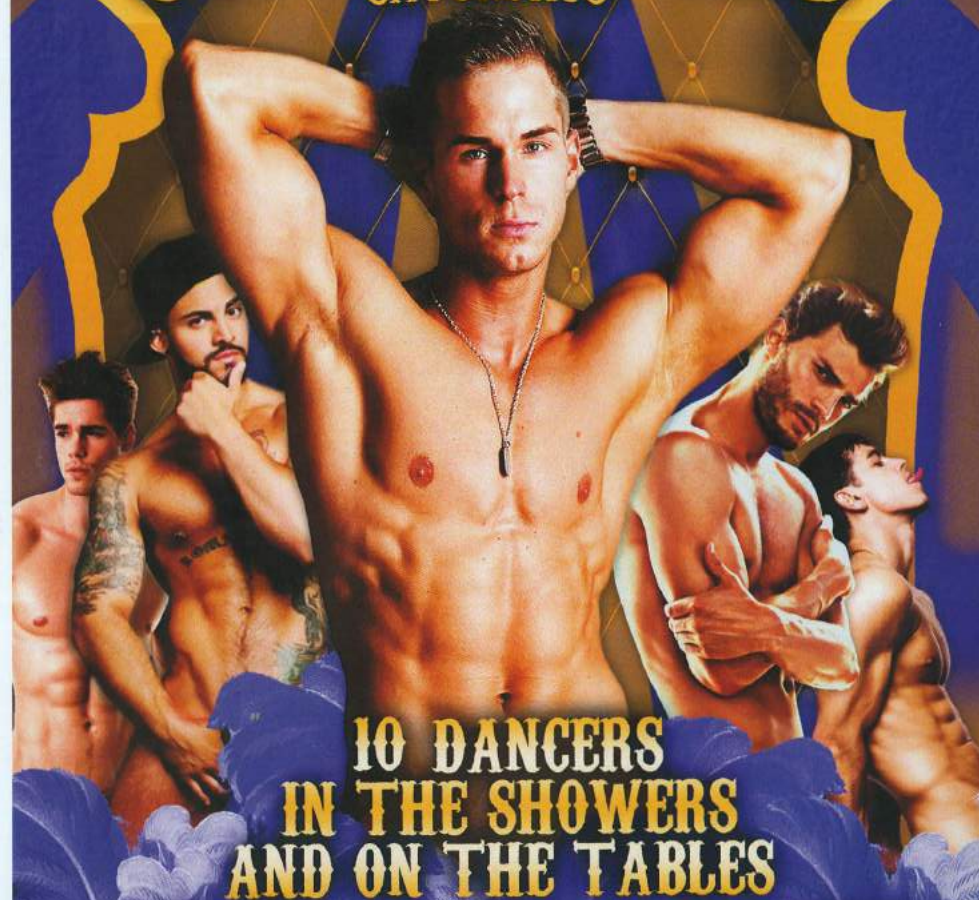
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# BRUCE VILANCH

by cade michals

**Y**ou might remember him from his frequent appearances on Hollywood Squares, or his near five decades in show business. He is a comedy writing pioneer.

His name is Bruce Vilanch. He's a chubby, and fuzzy fella that can make you roll over and die laughing with just a sentence. He's the comedy genius behind the Academy Awards, Tony's, Emmy's and he's coming to Houston.

I was a little late calling Bruce and made it clear he had had any orgasms that long. "We have our own sense of time" Bruce told me. He was sitting in what he described as his West Hollywood "We Ho" man cave.

Bruce heads to Houston in October for a fundraiser to benefit Bunnies on the Bayou. "I use to go see the weeny wagers at JR's. I would stalk Montrose. They use to have those bars where people would Tea Bag you, it was very exciting." He says of his prior visits to Houston. "My family had business there (Houston) when I was a kid, and I was there a lot for that and Bette Milder and I have been to Houston a bunch of times, just raining terror on River Oaks."

With Houston in the national news relating to 'H.E.R.O.' it was not surprising that one of Hollywood's most out spoken L.G.B.T. Pioneers would stay silent. "I think she is fabulous, that Annise Parker- I've been following her. Named after a spice- I like it"

"Religious bigotry is the last wall to come down, it trumps everything, and TRUMP is the verb right now. He tells About Magazine on the heels of his Houston appearance. "It's the last thing. All they have, stuff based on myth and religion, and it's crazy".

"Look at the clerk in Kentucky, it's just sad. Its' delusional and crazy. When reasonable people look at it they will realize its just nuts. Bruce tells us as he grew up; he never had to come out and the concept of OUT never really existed. You didn't declare yourself.

"Declaring yourself was a product of Stonewall, and what was called the 'Gay Liberation' that occurred in the 1970's when the LGBT community decided to make a political statement and become visible. We have everything we have to today because of them."

"The more we become like them [straight people] the less scary we become to them. Someone said "Did, the Mother ship land and those gays spill out of it?"

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- Bruce Vilanch

"No, we decide to make ourselves known. What I see is the younger generation has grown up in this already and their reaction is 'What's the big deal?' Why are people still carrying on about this?"

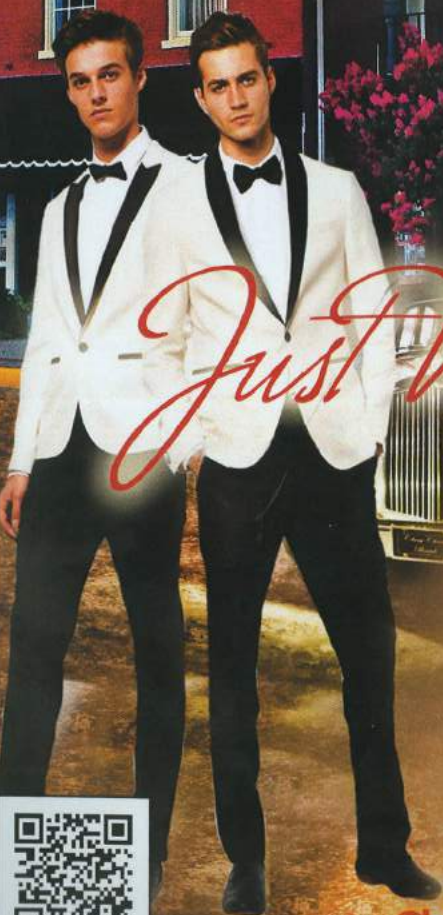
We are truly aware of the pockets of resistance all around, and Texas being the largest pocket. It's crazy people acting out, it's a circus, and it becomes a media frenzy. But in real life, we are seeing acceptance everyday, and this will continue. We are now in the mainstream".



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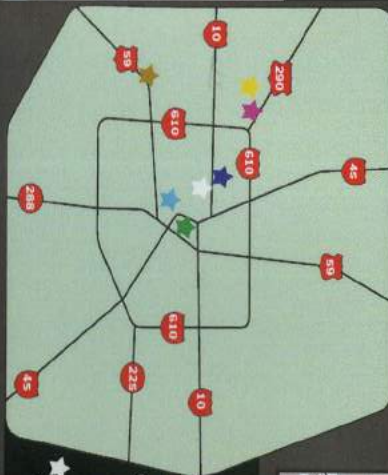


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