

QUIPS AND QUOTES

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"What can we say to people as a selling point? 'We have no rights and everyone hates us, please come join us!'"

—Comedian Jason Stuart, in an interview in the October issue of *Between The Lines*, pointing out the ridiculousness of the idea that gay people recruit straights.

"As you act on *One Life To Live* as a gay teenager, I also act. I act as a straight, normal twenty one year old. It has become routine to act like the perfect son or brother. You are the first person I have ever told and may be the last, that I am gay. I don't think I will ever be able to tell anyone the truth."

—From a letter to Ryan Phillippe, an actor who played the role of a gay teenager on *One Life To Live* in 1992.

"...What incentives exist for the average, bright, non-quirky boy child to resist the onslaught of masculinarchy? (Like that word? It comes from my bisexual transsexual neighbor's bumper sticker.)"

—Lee Johnson, in an article titled "Confronting Old Myths: The Courage To Raise Good Men" in Vol. 2/No. 2 of *The Family Next Door*.

"In fact, Nazism was largely an outgrowth of Germany's gay-rights movement."

—From a statement in a voter's guide urging support for Oregon's anti-gay Measure 13. The statement, written by two members of a group called *Jews and Friends of Holocaust Victims*, was an attempt to portray the Holocaust as perpetrated by gays.

"He decides he wants to live like the Bradys. You know, meet a nice man and have coffee at the kitchen table every morning like Carol Brady."

—Screenwriter Stan Zimmerman on the up-coming *Brady Bunch* movie he is co-writing with Jim Berg. The reference is to a gay burglar who has an epiphany while robbing the Brady house.

"We are a very machismo culture, but we are very accepting of our people, no matter what their religions, sexual preference, or whatever. The fact is that we all have to stick together because we are second-class citizens in this country. At the most basic level, which is what the Bronx is, we're just trying to survive — that's what it's all about."

—Actor Jesse Borrego discussing the role of Alexis, a pre-op transsexual, in his new movie *I Like It Like That* in the November issue of *Out*.

"When the audience sees these two guys sharing these sweet MGM kisses, well, they'll be dreamy. I know I was. In the rehearsals, the first time they did it, I thought to myself, 'This is what we've all been waiting for!'"

—Playwright and producer Paul Rudnick on the on-screen romance between two men in his up-coming film adaptation of his play *Jeffrey*, to be released sometime next year.

"You have a young person, a gay person, confused about his or her sexuality, not only confused but despondent, depressed, ashamed, thinking of himself or herself as maybe less than fully human — sometimes I think we talk about gay and lesbian people on the floor of the Senate as if they were less than fully human — often thrown out in the streets by their families and all too often driven to drugs and alcohol to numb the pain. You mean to tell me that we would pass an amendment in this Chamber that would say that if that young man or that young woman was to go to a counselor in our school system, there could be no counseling to save that young person's life?"

—Sen. Paul Wellstone (D-MN) in a speech during the floor debate on the amendments sponsored by Sen. Jesse Helms attached to the *Elementary & Secondary Education Act*. The amendments were eventually defeated.

"Earth to National Gay and Lesbian Leaders, come in please. I'm transmitting this heartfelt missive to Planet Beltway, hoping desperately that you will receive it. I'm not the first to try, but in spite of technological advances, it seems no one has yet succeeded in getting through. We out here in the far reaches of the Queer Universe haven't a clue as to what you're doing."

—Michelangelo Signorile, in his column *Signorile In America* in the December-January issue of *Out*.



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