

Mercer rant has people talking
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Rick Mercer's latest rant calls for public figures who are closet gays to come out. Mercer wants them to become role models for gay kids and perhaps reduce teen suicides. His rant revolved around the recent suicide of Ottawa area teenager Jamie Hubley. The 15-year-old's blog contained messages of depression and that being gay in high school was hard.

Local queer activist Lyla Miklos told CHML's Bill Kelly Show, she likes Mercer's idea. In fact, Miklos told her story to students at Parkside High School and called the experience "liberating." Suicide is the second leading cause of death for Canadians between the ages of 10 and 24.