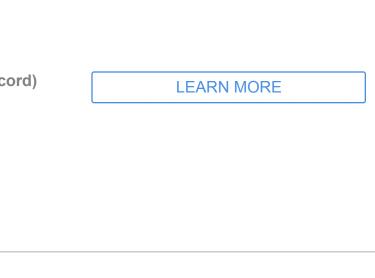
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in Milk.

in fact, Alfie Moon.

who the film is named after (it's literally called *Milk*) as Harvey Moon. Writing on Twitter, the *Daily Mail* hack hit out at Russell T Davies, who said in a *Radio* Times interview on Monday (11 January) that he picked queer actors for his new AIDS drama It's a Sin because they would bring an "authenticity" to the series. "Russell T Davies is wrong, to say only gay actors should play gay roles," Pierce wrote. "Sean Penn won the Oscar for his brilliant portrayal of gay activist Harvey Moon in Milk," he

praising Sean Penn for his role as "Harvey Moon"

No, that's not a typo – he actually referred to the trailblazing gay politician Harvey Milk,

added. People were quick to point out that

his name was Harvey Milk, not Moon Needless to say, people were confused, and many took the time to artfully mock Pierce for his blunder.

I haven't seen the film so I'm just going to assume Harvey Moon was a campaigner for equality in the dairy industry. https://t.co/XsQX9LC68b James Chalmers (@ProfChalmers) January 12, 2021

Others took the time to correct Pierce, rightly pointing out that the main character in Milk is,

\*Alfie Moon https://t.co/rsaMPNtrJH— Caspar Salmon (@CasparSalmon) January 12, 2021 Not found

Get your facts straight: the film was called MOON and it starred Sam Rockwell in the

titular role https://t.co/w4uD5KcVgH— Rory horne (@rorhor) January 12, 2021

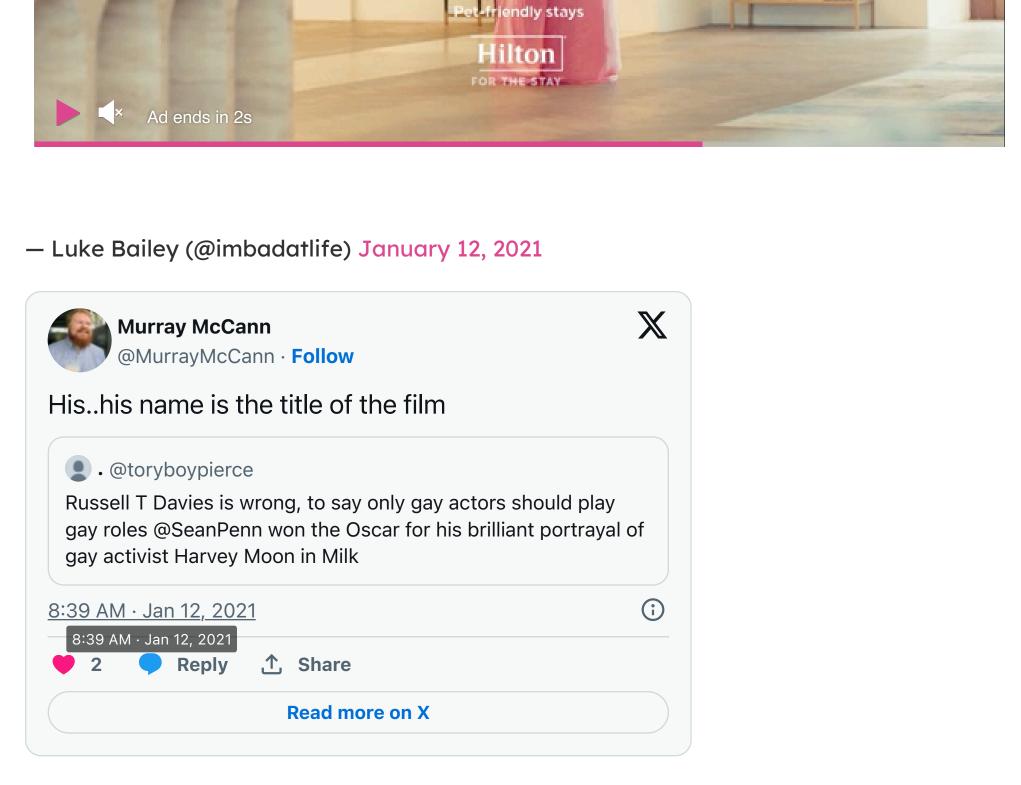
Meanwhile, plenty of people were just annoyed – and we can't blame them one little bit.

Rennie (@theangelremiel) January 12, 2021

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Ah yes, Milk. That famous film about Harvey Moon. pic.twitter.com/76z050MUor— Ian



Harvey Moon? Is this a parody account? His name is in the films title ??♂

https://t.co/ID0WXZ60NM— Paul (@ACovenOfWitches) January 12, 2021

Why do you think the film was called Milk, Andrew? I'm intrigued.— Hello, this is Ivan

Oh my! MOON ??? https://t.co/DNAplZVIMo— Craig ?? (@c\_jas) January 12, 2021

But the replies weren't all fun and games – countless straight people also waded into the

conversation, deciding that they are the authority on the subject. Many agreed with Pierce's

Some straight people also waded into the replies to parrot what Piers Morgan said on *Good* 

Yes, straight people – we get it, you all love *Philadelphia* – it's a good film. But Davies is also

completely within his rights to cast gay actors in gay roles if he thinks they're the best

Davies stoked the fury of straight people everywhere on Monday (11 January) when he

Morning Britain on Tuesday (12 January), where he defended straight actors playing gay

point, blithely declaring that "acting is acting", while one Twitter user even suggested that

Davies was breaching the Equality Act by casting gay people in gay roles. Yes, really.

roles by praising Tom Hanks' performance in Philadelphia.

told Radio Times that "authenticity" is key when casting gay roles.

(@hellothisisivan) January 12, 2021

people for his new series.

thoughts on social media.

"It's about authenticity, the taste of 2020."

He said: "I'm not being woke about this... but I feel strongly that if I cast someone in a story, I am casting them to act as a lover, or an enemy, or someone on drugs or a criminal or a saint... they are not there to 'act gay' because 'acting gay' is a bunch of codes for a performance.

He added: "You wouldn't cast someone able-bodied and put them in a wheelchair, you

Davies' comments sent straight people into a tailspin, with many deciding to share their

wouldn't Black someone up. Authenticity is leading us to joyous places."

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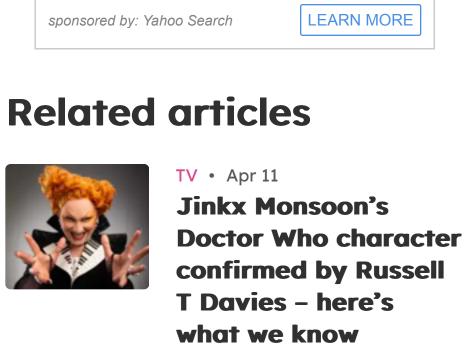
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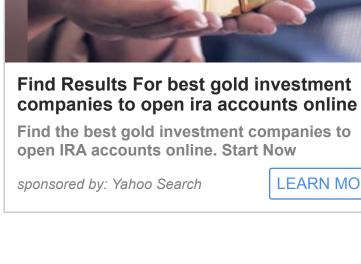
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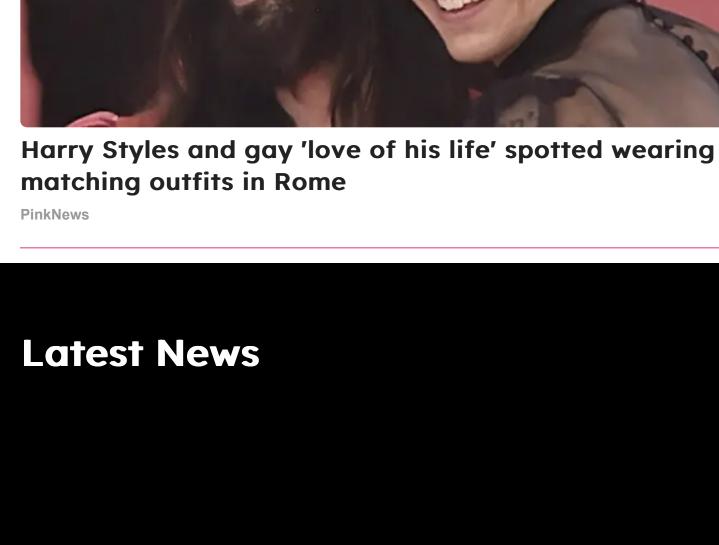
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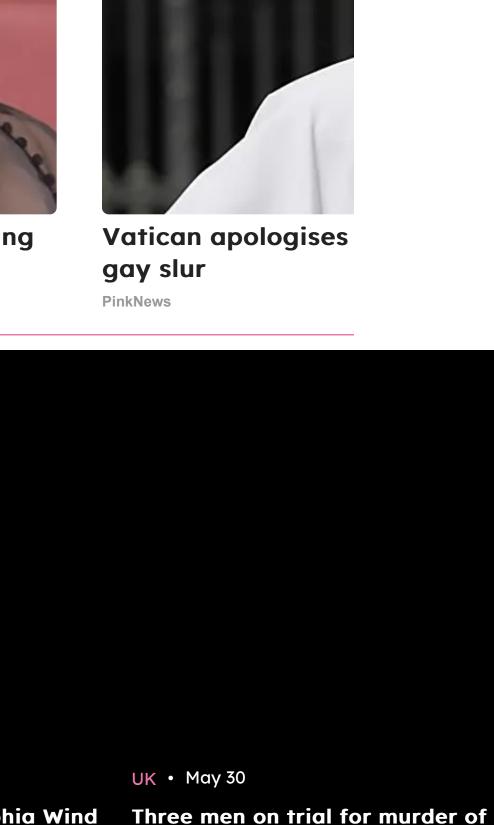
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