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Prop. 8 sign-stealing ignites free speech debate

By SALVADOR HERNANDEZ
The Orange County Register

Story Highlights

Pro-amendment group says 25,000 'Yes on Prop. 8' signs have been stolen.

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He admits he's done it at least 20 times - out of pure anger and frustration - but he said he didn't know it was against the law when he did it. Just don't ask him if he'll stop.

He's done it on his way to work or back home. The feeling was overwhelming, Shankar Singam said, and he would pull over to the side of the road, grab one of the yellow "Yes on Proposition 8" signs and throw it on the back of his truck.



Peggy and Terence Carey adjust wind-blown signs after placing 54 'Yes on 8' signs on their front lawns. The Fullerton couple were motivated after vandals first began stealing the 2 signs they put up initially. They now take them all in at night. They are now more than ever determined to exercise their rights they say.

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"It's (Prop. 8 is) discrimination in disguise and it infuriates me," said Singam. "It's a civil right."

It's a scene that continues to play out on the streets as the day nears for California voters to decide on Prop. 8, which would amend the state constitution to define marriage as that between a man and a woman - and therefore ban same-sex marriage. While proponents and opponents of the proposition have raised more than a combined \$21 million to campaign their views, individuals have been pushing their own personal campaigns.

Some of them have done so illegally.

Theft and vandalism of Proposition 8 signs have been reported in Santa Ana, Yorba Linda, Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, Irvine and Laguna Hills. In Fullerton, five people were taken into custody after police there found 10 torn "Yes on Proposition 8" signs in their car. The suspects told police they had just attended a "No on 8" rally.

In Irvine, two citizen arrests have been reported of people stealing or vandalizing "Yes" signs and on Tuesday, three students were stopped by a police officer in an area where several signs had the word "No" spray-painted over several "Yes" signs. Two of them, a 17- and an 18-year-old were found to be in possession of spray cans.

The minor was released to her parents, said Lt. Rick Handfield of the Irvine Police. Police are investigating the case involving the 18-year-old,

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who was not taken into custody.

Singam said he feels that at stake are the civil rights of thousands of people, equating it to the past prohibition of interracial marrying.

But 58-year-old Robert Thompson, who said he has had 14 "Yes" signs stolen from his front lawn, said his right to express himself is being hindered.

"Everyone has a right to voice their opinion," he said. "Why can't they get their own signs? I'm not going to be offended if they put up their own signs."

It's a common occurrence, said Damon Micallizi, spokesman for the Orange County Sheriff's Department. As political signs go up, reports of stolen or vandalized signs surface, although the sheriff's department does not keep track of the numbers. They're listed along with other incidents thefts and vandalism. Taking signs from private yards and public areas is against the law, but the sheriff's department has not seen spike in incidents.

"We've had continued reports on both sides," Handfield said. "It's not just Prop. 8 signs, although that's one issue that seems to be polarizing."

Mike Erickson, a community organizer for "Yes on Proposition 8" said the campaign estimates about 25,000 signs have been stolen or vandalized in California, about one-third of the signs distributed.

"It is epidemic," he said. "It leads us down a dangerous road when you say you don't have a right to your speech."

In three weeks, Erickson said he has received about 670 emails from people reporting missing signs in the county. He said he believes the reason why so many signs have been reported

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stolen on both sides of the isle is because the issue at hand is something very personal.

"This is a sensitive issue," he said "It's about people's families and that's the most cherished relationships and passions are high on both sides."

Singam said he never took signs from people's yards and thought taking them from public spots was legal.

"I'm not gay but that doesn't mean I can't stand for equal rights," Singam said. "Their right to free speech is to put it up. Mine is to take it down."

Stolen signs might hurt the campaign's visibility, but it has also pushed some supporters of the proposition, Erickson said. One Orange County resident picked up signs after finding out his neighbor's sign was stolen.

In Fullerton, one resident posted more than 40 signs in her front lawn after several were stolen.

"Is it helping? I don't think so," Singam said about his opposition to the constitutional amendment. "I think by taking down the signs I'm letting them know people won't stand for it."

In the end, Erickson said, the discussion will continue in the poll box.

"I just ask they be respectful of my rights and participate in the political process," he said.

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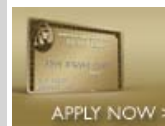
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Dana Point man will keep replacing downed signs favoring Prop. 8

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William Vogeler calls Proposition 8 sign-placement feuds the "battle of the signs" - but he says he's not giving up posting signs promoting the initiative until Tuesday's election is over.

"Virtually every sign I have put up from Santa Ana through Irvine, San Juan to Dana Point has been taken down," Vogeler said.

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Proposition 8 is a ballot proposal to amend the California Constitution to define marriage as between a man and a woman. It would effectively ban same-sex marriage in the state.

Though the signs around Vogeler's Dana Point home have been undisturbed, signs along the stretch of Pacific Coast Highway between Niguel Road and Harbor Drive are being removed almost as fast as he can put them up, he said.

"I put them out wherever I go for my work or otherwise, and when I go past where I've been, they are gone," Vogeler said.

Such sign removal has been rampant across Orange County and has ignited many discussions of free speech. Regardless of one's position on Prop. 8, Vogeler - who practices general law but specializes in media rights - says he wishes there could be more respect between the two sides.

"We live in a society where people have the right to say their piece," he said. "Taking down a sign is not saying your piece, that's vandalism."

Vogeler, who has been placing signs favoring Prop. 8 for several months in south Orange County, often receives looks and honks from passing motorists but said he can't tell whether they're friendly. He has taken cell-phone photos of people he thought were acting suspiciously around the signs, but he can't be sure whether they are removing them.

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removed a day after he placed it at the intersection of Alicia Parkway and Aliso Creek Road. Vogeler decided a steel sign would be harder to take down, and he put one up Thursday morning. He said Friday that he hadn't driven past the site yet, but he said someone would need a hacksaw to take it down.

"(If) I drive by and my sign is gone, I'll put another one up. I'll put a new one up the day after if it is gone, and again on Monday if I need to - the election is Tuesday."

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Prop. 8 passage spawns protests, violence and vandalism

Christian Examiner staff report

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gay rights supporters, dressed in pink and black, stormed a Lansing, Mich., church during its services Nov. 9 throwing condoms, pulling the fire alarm and yelling such things as "It's okay to be gay" and "Jesus was a homo."

One media account said two lesbians then went to the pulpit at Mount Hope Church where they began making out in front of the congregants, which included children.

Police were called and the demonstration, sponsored by a group called Bash Back, ceased. The group is described as pro-homosexual and pro-anarchist. The group's blog promoted its actions saying it was "targeting a well known anti-queer, anti-choice, radical right-wing establishment."

The trouble began when nearly three dozen people protested outside the church, drawing the congregation's security guards out to monitor the situation. About a dozen protesters then slipped into the church, according to a gay newspaper, which was invited along for the demonstration. A group that hid under a pew in the balcony, unfurled an objectionable banner.

Church officials were said they were surprised by the protest.

"The leadership of Mount Hope Church does not attempt to identify the church as anti-homosexual, anti-choice, or right wing," David Williams, the church's spokesman, said in a news release. "The church does take the Bible at face value and believes what the Bible says to be the truth. According to the Bible, Mount Hope Church believes homosexuality to be a sin, just as fornication, stealing, drunkenness, and lying are sins. No sin greater than the next. Mount Hope Church strives to follow Jesus' example of loving the sinner but not the sin while helping people change their lives for God's glory and their improved quality of life."

The incident is one of dozens reported in California and across the country in the aftermath of the passage of Proposition 8, which has prompted passionate protests nationwide. In California, cases of violence were reported even before the election. Post-election, the Mormon church has been a major target because its members donated millions to the cause.

Catholics, including the Knights of Columbus, have also been targeted for their support.

"The falsehood of the tolerance doctrine has been shown to be a farce," said Ron Prentice, chairman of the Yes on 8 campaign.

The Anti-Defamation League, responding to the escalating incidents, issued a statement Nov. 10 condemning "criminal activity."

"Although we strongly opposed Proposition 8, its passage does not justify the defacement and destruction of property," the statement read. "We urge Californians to channel their frustration and disappointment in productive and responsible ways to work towards full equality for all Americans.

"To place anyone in fear of threat to their houses of worship or their personal security because they have expressed deeply held religious views is contrary to everything this nation represents. Our Constitution's First Amendment protects freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and freedom of religion for all of us."

The Protect Marriage coalition held a news conference denouncing the widespread attacks such as workplace intimidation and vandalism but said it would not counter the protests, opting instead to let the issue work its way out in the courts.

"Amidst all this lawlessness, harassment, trampling of civil rights and now domestic terrorism, one thing stands out: the deafening silence of our elected officials," said Frank Schubert, co-campaign manager for Proposition 8. "Not a single elected leader has spoken out against what is happening. Where is Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger while churches are being attacked? And where is Senator Dianne Feinstein while people are losing their jobs and grandmothers are being bullied by an angry mob?"

The following are some of the examples of the violence, vandalism and personal attacks that have been reported against Proposition 8 supporters.

• A Bash Back chapter in Olympia, Wash., bragged that they targeted a Mormon church where they glued their door locks and sprawled anarchist messages in spray paint "over their boring veneer."

"The Mormon church (just like most churches) is a cesspool of filth," the group wrote in a statement flaunting its attack. "It is a breeding ground for oppression of all sorts and needs to be confronted, attacked, subverted and destroyed."

The message went on to warn, "Dissolve completely or be destroyed."

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- Mormon temples in Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, as well as the Knights of Columbus headquarters in New Haven, Conn., were sent suspicious looking white powder, reminiscent of the 2001 anthrax attacks and scares.

- At least eight Mormon buildings in Salt Lake have been vandalized with spray-painted epithets criticizing the church's support of Proposition 8.

- A group of young Christians with the Justice House of Prayer— meeting on a sidewalk for their weekly prayer session in San Francisco's Castro district—had to be escorted out of the area by police, some in riot gear, as an angry mob turned on them shouting, "Shame on You," blowing whistles and screaming profanities.

- Marjorie Christoffersen, daughter of the owners of the Los Angeles restaurant El Coyote, left town after hundreds of protesters targeted her parent's eatery because she made a personal \$100 contribution to the Yes on 8 fund. Police in riot gear were called to restore order. Gay rights activists also began a campaign to post negative restaurant reviews online. The restaurant employs several gays and lesbians who said they were taken aback by the protests.

- A Palm Springs news crew captured an unruly protest group ripping an oversized cross from a woman's hands and then stomping on it. A reporter trying to interview the woman, Phyllis Burgess, about the incident had to move the woman to safety as the crowd encircled them while shouting.

- Numerous blog sites reported that gay African-American men were the subject of racial slurs while trying to join the crowd in an anti-Proposition 8 protest. The men were targeted because exit polls showed a large amount of African-Americans supported Proposition 8. In one case a black man was warned to stay out of West Hollywood "if they knew what was best for them."

- The artistic director of a Sacramento theater was forced to resign his post after donors, ticket holders and others protested outside the theater because the man, Scott Eckern, a 25-year employee of the venue donated \$1,000 in his personal money to the Yes on 8 campaign. In a separate case reported at press time, the director for the Los Angeles Film Festival resigned under pressure from gay activists for donating \$1,500 to Yes on 8. Richard Raddon, who tried unsuccessfully to resign several days earlier but was blocked by his supportive festival board, resubmitted his resignation when the berating calls and e-mails failed to cease.

- Vandals converted a Yes on 8 sign into a swastika at a church in Riverside.

- A Carlsbad man was arrested Nov. 3 for punching two elderly neighbors in the face after they confronted him about trespassing on their property to place a No on 8 sign in front of their Yes on 8 sign.

- On election morning, a Carlsbad jogger was also attacked and bitten by a dog when he tried to stop two men from stealing a Yes on 8 sign. Several weeks ago police in that same city arrested at least two people for stealing Yes on 8 signs.

- In Fresno, a prominent pastor, who had campaigned publicly for Proposition 8, received credible death threats that also targeted the mayor, another traditional marriage supporter. The threats were deemed credible enough for the police department to assign officers to protect the men. The church was also targeted for vandalism.

- In Modesto, a Protect Marriage volunteer received 16 stitches under his eye after a man tried to steal his Yes on 8 signs outside a local church where he was waiting to distribute them after Mass.

- A week before the election, a San Jose couple, who posted a Yes on 8 sign in their front lawn, discovered that someone spray-painted "No on 8" on their car, their garage and the garage of their neighbor.

- Also in San Jose, vandals painted the back window of an SUV with the words "Bigot Live Here," with an arrow pointing to a house boasting a Yes on 8 sign.

- In other areas of the state, cars were keyed, signs defaced and a block was thrown through the window of an elderly couple who displayed a Yes on 8 sign in their yard.

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Freedom of speech is at stake, supporters say

Written by [AARON BRUNER](#)

Staff Writer

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In a community that values free speech and open debate, recent political sign thefts have outraged some community members.

The controversy over Proposition 8, which would amend the California Constitution to allow marriage between only a man and a woman, has spilled over into petty theft and vandalism of lawn signs.

Yes on 8 supporters say they've been hit especially hard in Davis, where a large number of signs have been defaced or stolen.

Davis resident Jo Lynn Meirovitz had Yes on 8 signs stolen from her front yard last week.

"People preach tolerance but they are very intolerant of other people," Meirovitz said. "They see us protecting marriage as full of hate, bigots ... and are appalled that we would want to help Prop 8 pass. I'm sure the more signs they see the more frustrated they get."

Having left the house for only an hour and a half and not expecting her signs to be taken during the middle of the day, Meirovitz found two lawn signs missing upon her return, she said.

"We believe in freedom of speech for everybody, not just one side of this proposition," Meirovitz said. "Everybody should be able to voice their opinion."

Davis resident and Cedric Papa is involved in Yes on 8 sign distribution and says voters are calling in daily to report that their signs have been stolen.

Papa, who has had 14 signs taken, estimates that 200 or more may have been taken or vandalized in Davis alone.

"I will follow the law, no matter what happens, so I'd like to get my voice out now," Papa said. "We are just trying to keep our individual rights and keep the government out of our lives."

Papa said one group of people went so far as to pretend to support Prop 8 and took 100 signs and dumped them.

Yolo County Republican Party chair Mark Pruner said it has been common in this and previous elections for political signs to be stolen.

"We spend so much money replacing signs, you almost feel violated," he said.

In addition to sign theft in Davis, there have been several incidences of vandalism and theft in Sacramento, and video of at least two incidences have been posted on YouTube, Pruner said.

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"Let's face it, stealing of political signs is something that always happens," he said. "We have to budget for paying for more signs."

There is little legal recourse for people who have had their signs stolen or vandalized, and many don't bother to report the crimes. The Davis and Sacramento Police Departments and the Yolo County Sheriff all say no police reports regarding stolen or damaged signs have been filed in their jurisdictions.

Among other incidents in Davis are keyed cars displaying Yes on 8 bumper stickers, while last week the Yes on 8 table located on the Quad was hit with water balloons by a group of students yelling "you teach hate," according to UC Davis graduate student Casey Meirovitz, who is married to Jo Lynn Meirovitz.

"I think yelling 'you teach hate' and exhibiting hate isn't the coolest thing in the world, especially at a university," he said. "People feel very passionately about Prop 8 and they are letting it get the best of them. Unfortunately they're weakening the stance of their argument by acting hypocritically."

Meirovitz and wife Jo Lynn have since replaced their Yes on 8 signs with a homemade sign made of plywood, attached to a tree in their front yard with a bike lock, a sign that they will not forfeit their right to free speech anytime soon.

Representatives from the No on 8 campaign did not respond to requests for information regarding sign theft or vandalism on their side.

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YUCAIPA (KABC) -- Vandals have gone on a graffiti spree in a San Bernardino County neighborhood, apparently over neighbors' support of Proposition 8.

Many residents between 5th St. and 6th St. in Yucaipa found their property had been targeted by unwanted visitors with paint cans, and a possible political motive.

"We woke up this morning and we just had paint on all of our cars and fences. It was on everything. It was bright orange -- beautiful paint," said Yucaipa resident, Dawn Antinucci.

The same political message was painted on a number of vehicles, garages, fences, and on "Yes on 8" signs.

The Antinucci's were angered but not swayed.

"We know what the Lord tells us about this prop. We will be doing what we know is to be true," said Antinucci.

If the graffiti was politically motivated the painters made a big mistake. That is the opinion of Garrett Davis. He is not a supporter of Prop 8.

"Especially in this town. This town is a highly conservative Republican town. To do this is even more radical, because you are just going to persuade the people who are on the line to vote yes anyways. Why would you ever do that? It is just horrible," said Davis.

The vandalism is the talk of the neighborhood and the subject of a sheriff's department investigation.

"Just to thinking that someone has vandalized our home, wow. Someone is obviously angry and upset. What is next? Are they going to destroy more of our property? Is this going to escalate? Anyone would think and be concerned about that," said a concerned resident.

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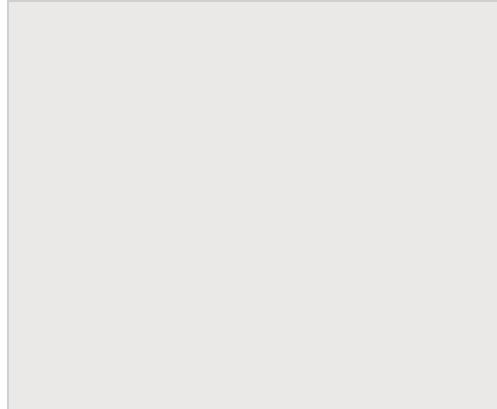
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ALTA LOMA (KABC) -- Suzie Taylor says she awoke to find that she was a victim of vandalism. Taylor says her fifth-wheel trailer was spray-painted advocating a no on Proposition 8.

"It was kind of a shock, and then our neighbors started coming out and they saw it" said Taylor

The words "love for all," "no on 8" and "equal rights were sprayed on three sides of her trailer. Taylor thinks the only reason she was targeted was because of the "Yes on 8" sign in her front yard.

"It's hard to understand why these things happen," said Taylor. "You have a little sign expressing your opinion about something and to have that response was a little shocking."

And Taylor is not alone. Several people who are against the proposition say they have been victims of Vandalism.

As the elections draw neared vandalism and sign theft has become an epidemic across the nation.

Taylor says she now has to move her sign inside at night. Neighbors said it's

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Hey, 2type2s - great point (rolls eyes). A few idiots -- and there are idiots on both sides -- is the best reason to vote for an ugly, bigoted proposition designed to divide us into 2 classes: Those with full rights and those without. America gets uglier by the day. [Mark As Violation](#)

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This is definitely a liberal "thing." Remember, liberals are hippies and they have sparked many riots and acts of violence. It's a shame that liberals can't work within the system...if they don't get what they want, they bend the rules (judges) or they harass people (Pink Coalition, University Talks like Minute Men,) to the point of violence. Thanks to the Loma Linda liberal gays for showing their true colors. [Mark As Violation](#)

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SAN JOSE, CA (KGO) -- Vandals struck overnight in San Jose at two homes where the owners put out signs in support of Proposition 8.

A "Yes on 8" sign was painted over, and the garage doors on each of the two homes were sprayed with "No on 8."

One of their cars was also vandalized. Prop 8 would change the state constitution to outlaw same-sex marriage. One of the homeowners says she was mad at first, but is now trying to think about what was going through the vandal's mind.

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"Why would you, instead of just giving us a pamphlet, or wanting to talk to us, instead coming in and trying to destroy something we really worked hard for because we're very open minded people. We're willing to talk to people," said Kelly

Byrne, "Proposition 8" supporter.

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2 [stebbinsfam](#) 10/27/08 1:07 PM PDT
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3 [littledragonsam](#) 10/27/08 1:19 PM PDT
mesrep, you condone this? Isn't this kind of behavior rooted from hate, the very thing you claim to oppose? supporters of "yes on 8" were assaulted by this kind of hate at Cupertino last week with obscenity, racist remarks and dirty water just last week. Please don't be a hypocrite and talk about how you support "equal rights" when you want to deny others' right to free speech and don't call others "haters" and "bigots" when your behavior and speech exemplify those very things that you claim to detest. [Mark As Violation](#)

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SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — San Jose police are investigating another case of vandalism targeting supporters of a gay marriage ban in California.

Police were called to a house in South San Jose earlier this week after homeowners reported their garage was spray-painted with "No on 8" messages. Proposition 8 would take away the right of same-sex couples to wed.

The homeowners had signs supporting the measure on their lawn.

Sgt. Mike Sullivan said the department has not tracked incidents of political sign vandalism, but he does know there have been at least four reported incidents involving Proposition 8.

The campaign to defeat the measure issued a statement saying it condemns vandalism and activities of this kind.

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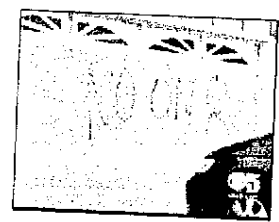
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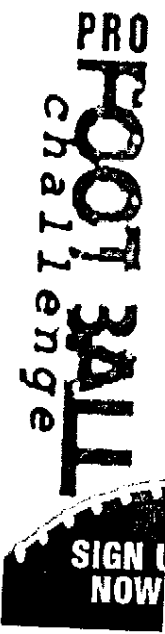
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For two San Jose couples, the battle over a ballot measure that would ban gay marriage has gone too far. Tom and Kelly Byrne and Frank and Evalina Ybarra woke up Monday morning to "No on 8" spray-painted in large letters on their garage doors. The couples live across the street from each other and had posted "Yes on 8, Protect Marriage" signs on their lawns. The signs and a minivan were also spray painted. The couples say although emotions around Proposition 8 are running high, no one should break the law. The "No on 8" campaign has condemned the violence saying it is unrelated to their efforts to defeat the gay marriage ban.

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By BARBARA GIASONE
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FULLERTON - Vandals used gold spray paint to scrawl anti-Proposition 8 messages on commercial and residential buildings in the downtown and east Fullerton over the weekend, police said.

The "Prop H8TE" message was found on the Bank of America and Union Bank on north Harbor Boulevard, and on a retail store in the 500 block of north Harbor. Additional tagging was found on houses near Dorothy Lane.



VANDALIZED: A vandal or vandals, obviously against California state ballot issue Proposition 8, spray painted their opinion on several business in downtown Fullerton. Here on Monday morning, gold paint has been used to write on the Bank of America sign at Chapman Avenue and Harbor Boulevard.

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Sgt. Mike MacDonald said anyone caught causing more than \$400 in damages is subject to one year in state prison or county jail - and \$10,000 in fines. Suspects who are caught causing less than \$400 in damages could be charged \$1,000 and spend one year in county jail.

In addition to the spray-paint vandalism, 500 "Yes on 8" signs valued at \$10 apiece were reported missing throughout the city by a Yes on 8 community organizer, MacDonald said.

At least one resident in the city is using a night-vision camera to catch sign vandals, police said. The homeowner told police he captured images of a woman stealing signs.

"While we respect people's rights to have an opinion on state politics, it's never appropriate to deface property to further their own beliefs," MacDonald said. "We treat this type of crime very seriously.

"Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," he said.

A resident in the northeast section of the city reported late Monday morning that his property was also defaced with gold paint.

"I've lived in the city for 18 years, and I've never had anything like this," Randy Reece said.

"It's ironic the purveyors of tolerance seem to not have any respect for the First Amendment and

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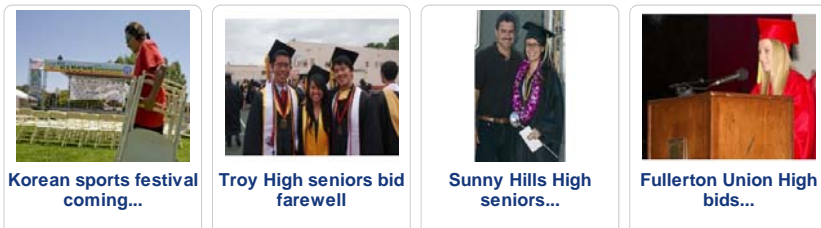
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Bash Back! responds to [redacted] connection to Watchmen on the Walls and the Puget Sound community's failure to hold him accountable. They do it by spray painting his church and gluing all of the doors shut.

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To Everyone:

Last night the Bash Back Unwelcoming Committee greeted the Worldview Apologetics Conference attendees. The conference is being held today through Saturday at Crossroads Bible Church in Bellevue, Washington.



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When we first read of the conference we were excited. We thought the Christian Right was finally going to apologize for all the shit we've been put through lately, from the imprisonment of the New Jersey 4 to the execution style murder of trans woman Duanna Johnson, to the death this past week of eleven-year-old Carl Walker-Hoover who committed suicide after consistent unchecked homophobic bullying at school... But alas, appearances are deceiving. We looked up the Apologetics and that's not what it means.

We looked further into the host church more and found out that Pastor [redacted] is a known supporter and colleague of Watchmen on the Wall, whose members who are responsible for the death of Satendar Singh in 2007.

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As we write these three effigies, we remember the countless others that have been murdered as a result of the sick bigotry spewing from [redacted] pulpit. He may not have tied the noose, pulled the trigger or thrown his fist, but his words have encouraged others to do so.

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The Worldview Apologetics Conference was another opportunity for well-known queer haters to spread their bullshit. With titles like, "The Difference Between Boys and Girls; Exposing the Lies of Feminism and It's Cost to Society" and "It's Not Like Being Black; Why Homosexual Marriage is Not a Civil Rights Issue" these workshops promised a slanted view from a sick few.

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To Queer Haters Everywhere:

Starting with last night's action, we're re-writing the "playbook". "Smear the Queer" may be your favorite pastime, but honey let me tell you, we fucking reclaimed the word Queer 15-fucking-years ago and we've got a diversity of tactics. When we wrote "Up Anarchist Queers", "Watchmen Are Killers", "We Are Beauty" and glued all the doors shut, we threw open our own doors and tattooed those words on our hearts. Welcome to our world shitheads. We may have written on your walls, but you've written anti-queer rhetoric into law.

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We hope your homophobic and transphobic hearts continue to sink as you are met with more resistance. Ours continue to beat, steady and strong as we dance in the streets and continue to make our liberation movement irresistible. We don't need permission from the government to build our families. WE build communities where gender self-determination, healthy bodies and open sexuality are loved. We walk with confidence and know our inherent self-worth. Our queer brilliance and fabulousness will always outshine the stink of shit you throw our way.

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Anarchist Activity In The Pacific Northwest, 2007-2010

Wed, 12/29/2010 - 12:04pm — Anonymous
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August 18th 2007-Seattle

Racist, anti-immigrant groups are confronted in front of the Federal Building as they hold a rally. A group of anarchists throws glitter and water filled balloons at the racists while protecting themselves with shields. When the police attempt to confront them there is a confrontation in which several cops are injured. The group of racists soon cease public demonstrations after this incident. [but mostly this was because the glitter clashed with the fabulous outfits they were already wearing. No one wants to clash when on the prowl...]

Early November 2007-Olympia

The military attempts to transport a Stryker Brigade from Fort Lewis to the Port of Olympia and then to Iraq during this period of time. Various groups (including many anarchists) all band together to obstruct this movement. People physically block the equipment from being moved for several days and are often met with extreme brutality by the police. The more that the police attack people, the more resistance there is. For two days, nothing moves in and out of the Port of Olympia due to blockades set up on the roads. Eventually, the police clear these barricades with force. Everything culminates on November 13th when hundreds of people block the gates of the port. When the Stryker Brigade attempts to pass through the blockades, people take to the streets and are attacked by the police. In response to this, dozens of people begin to throw rocks at the police. A riot occurs in which the police and the people physically confront each other. A US Bank is attacked, two police cars have their windows smashed out, and one police officer is injured. These events serve to turn Olympia into a hotbed of anarchist activity for the next three years.

November 9th, 2007-Tacoma

A march is planned to take place in Downtown Tacoma on this day against the Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention center run by GEO Group. Leading up the event, the TPD harass the anarchist organizers, telling their landlord that they are a threat to homeland security and attempting to have them evicted. On the day of the march, dozens of riot police fill the streets and a police helicopter circles Downtown. The marchers hands out pamphlets explaining what the immigration detention center is. After this, the march stands in front of the Wells Fargo tower and people give speeches explaining that Wells Fargo is a investor in GEO Group, the company that runs the detention center. While there, the police arrest one member of the march. The group then moves to an intersection on Commerce Street and shuts it down. Two people are arrested and taken to the Pierce County Jail. The march travels to the County-City Building where more speeches are made to the public. At the end of the march, people disperse. The protest makes headlines and brings attention to an immigration prison that had remained largely unknown.

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A Royal Bank of Canada has its windows smashed out. This bank is one of many sponsors of the 2010 Winter Olympics set to take place in Vancouver. The Olympics will bring massive gentrification to the city, displace and criminalize the homeless, and sterilize an otherwise vibrant place. The Olympics are opposed by a wide variety of indigenous, anarchist, and housing rights groups.

January 10th, 2008-Tacoma

A group calling itself Tacoma Anti-Gentrification takes credit for smashing the windows and paint bombing the walls of condos around Tacoma. They also claim credit for disabling the vehicles of condo dwellers.

February 15th, 2008-Tacoma

Several condo sites are paint bombed by a group calling itself the Hilltop Action Committee. In a communique posted on the internet, the group writes that "during the 1980's, the TPD waged a brutal war in the Hilltop district. Many people were assassinated by the police and many households were evicted and destroyed, leaving dozens of vacant lots. Recently, these lots have been filling with condos. The 1980's campaign was the city clearing the way for the 'development' seen today."

February 21st, 2008-Bremerton

A group calling itself Social Youth Chaos throws bricks through the windows of four banks. Each brick had a note wrapped around it. The notes read: "Here is your brick back, recognize it? You should. It is part of the wall that you, as one of the elite upper class, have helped to build between the minority ruling class and the majority working class throughout history. By flaunting your decadence, you have made yourself a target. Get used to it!"

March 3rd, 2008-Woodinville

Four multi-million dollar "green" mansions are burnt to the ground by the Earth Liberation Front (ELF), an eco-anarchist group active for over a decade. The damage done by this attack amounts to 7 million dollars. A spray painted message on a bed sheet left at the ruins reads "BUILT GREEN? NOPE. BLACK! McMANSIONS IN RURAL CLUSTER DEVELOPMENTS ARE NOT GREEN."

April 21st, 2008-Tacoma

The Tacoma Municipal Building is paint bombed the day before a City Council meeting will take place. At the meeting, the closure of the MLK homeless shelter is to be discussed.

April, 28th, 2008-Tacoma

A crowd of anarchists holds a rally in People's Park to inform the community about ICE and the Northwest Detention Center. Shortly afterward, people march on the street towards the detention center. On the way there they are confronted by the police and forced onto the sidewalk. When the anarchists reach the 11th street bridge, they find that it has been raised to prevent them from reaching the detention center. The crowd returns to the Hilltop, only to be surrounded and attacked by the police. Two teenagers are arrested.

May 1st, 2008-Olympia

On the anarchist holiday of May Day, a march leaves Sylvester Park for the state capitol. Once there, anarchists write messages all over the walls such as BURN THE CAPITOL. Outside, various anarchists give speeches. While this is happening, the center of government for the Washington State goes on lock-down with employees unable to leave due to the supposed danger. The march then leaves for Downtown. Once there, a US Bank is attacked. When a Bank Of America is attacked, undercover cops at the bank rush out and point their guns at members of the crowd. Several people are arrested, including some known anarchists. The event creates much friction in the largely liberal Olympia community. Despite pressure coming from the City Council,

above ground activists refuse to publicly condemn the anarchists. This angers the City Council, who begins to call for heavy punishment for those arrested on May Day.

In response to this, a City Council member has his business attacked later that night. A group calling itself GROUP smashes the windows of the business and writes messages on the walls. In their communique, the group says the action was done in retaliation for the arrests and the hostile proclamations of the City Council members.

May 7th, 2008-Vancouver, BC

A truck belonging to the Peter Kiewitt and Sons company is set on fire. The company helped build a freeway that was opposed by anarchist and indigenous groups.

May 13th, 2008-Vancouver, BC

A Royal Bank of Canada had its windows smashed out for its involvement in the 2010 Winter Olympics set to take place in Vancouver.

June 1st, 2008-Tacoma

Several condos, expensive restaurants, and construction sites were vandalized across Tacoma. Many of these places had messages spray painted on their walls. One condominium was paint bombed on several sides. In a communique posted on the internet, the Tacoma Action Brigade said "while the general population of Tacoma feels the pinch of high gas and food prices, while the homeless population awaits the closure of the lone shelter in Hilltop, the developers continue to build, build, build."

June 6th, 2008-Portland

A Wells Fargo is vandalized for its involvement with GEO Group.

June 6th, 2008-Olympia

The business owned by a City Council member is paint bombed and has its doors glued shut. The council member is in support of plans to build condos in the Downtown area. In addition to this, an abandoned building that will be torn down to make way for the condos has the phrase YOUR CONDOS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN OUR CANVAS spray painted on its wall. A group calling itself the Nihilist Assault Group claims responsibility on the internet. The attack garners a large amount of media attention, with much of the communique being quoted on news broadcasts.

June 9th, 2008-Olympia

The Nihilist Assault Group paint bombs an abandoned building that would be torn down to make way for a new condo development. In the communique, the group claims to have murdered Santa Claus and his elves. The group also pours paint on a segment of new Downtown sidewalks that the city had recently created.

June 11th, 2008-Tacoma

A Wells Fargo has most of its windows smashed out. The words NO PRISONS are spray painted on the front of the bank. In a communique posted on the internet, Wells Fargo's funding of GEO Group is mentioned as a reason for the attack.

July 10th, 2008-Tacoma

A police surveillance camera is discovered facing the Pitch Pipe Infoshop, an anarchist social center. Pictures of it are posted on the internet, warning people of increased pressure from the police.

July 17th, 2008-Tacoma

Anonymous individuals disable and remove the surveillance camera facing the Pitch Pipe Infoshop. A week later, pictures of the high-powered camera are anonymously posted on the internet.

July 22nd, 2008-Olympia

A Wells Fargo Financial Office is attacked and spray painted. The

communicate lists GEO Group and the Northwest Detention Center as one of the reasons for targeting the office.

July 22nd, 2008-Vancouver, BC

A truck belonging to the Peter Kiewit and Sons Company is set on fire. This company helped build a highway that was opposed by anarchist and indigenous groups.

July 23, 2008-Vancouver, BC

A Royal Bank Of Canada has its windows smashed. The bank is a major investor in the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

August 1st, 2008-Tacoma

The military recruiting center at the Tacoma Mall has its windows smashed out.

August 6th, 2008-Spanway

A military recruiting center has its windows smashed out. The communique states that "military recruitment centers are just one manifestation of the death machine that delivers ceaseless abuse to our communities...Shatter The Spectacle."

August 6th, 2008-Vancouver, BC

A sheriff's van and a police cruiser are fire bombed in the middle of the day.

September 28th, 2008-Tacoma

Billboards advertising the Point Ruston condos were defaced with spray paint and paint bombs. Also, an under construction apartment building had its windows busted out. In the communique posted on the internet, the vandals said the action was in response to the gentrification of Tacoma.

October 7th, 2008-Olympia

Four newspaper vans belonging to The Olympian, the local newspaper, have their tires slashed. In a communique posted on the internet, the vandals list their reasons as being because of the paper's support of the Iraq war, their support of condos and the gentrification Downtown, and their persecution of the Nihilist Assault Group, which had stopped operating due to being called terrorists in the paper.

October 22nd, 2008-Olympia

A Democratic Party office has its windows smashed out and its walls spray painted with phrases such as NO MORE RULERS, I WANT FREEDOM. In the communique posted on the internet, a group calling itself H.A.N.D. (Hooligans Attack at Night, Duh!) claimed credit and blasted the Democrats for being identical to the Republicans.

October 26th, 2008-Tacoma

A Wells Fargo Home Mortgage office in the affluent Old Town has its windows smashed out. In a communique posted on the internet, the vandals state that it "was done in solidarity with the 13 people recently detained by Immigrations and Customs Enforcement in Shelton."

October 30th, 2008-Lacey

A military recruiting center has its windows smashed out, its walls covered in anarchist graffiti, and a note comparing the recruiters to Nazis left at the front door. This crime would later be attributed to Chuck Munson, a famous anarchist mixed martial arts fighter.

October 31st, 2008-Olympia

A dance party begins at the artesian well in Downtown. As the dancing crowd proceeded down the street, a US Bank had its windows smashed out. Later, the Starbucks where members of the Olympia Police Department hang out was also heavily damaged by the crowd. The same US Bank was attacked one more time before the police began to

close in on the crowd. As the crowd ran away, one police officer had a cigarette flicked at their face. There were no arrests.

November 16th, 2008-Olympia

A cell of Bash Back!, a queer anarchist network, attacks a Mormon Church. The locks are glued and various messages are left on the exterior walls.

December 2nd, 2008-Olympia

Anarchist graffiti appears on the columns of the state capitol for the third time. This crime will also later be attributed to Chuck Munson.

December 10th, 2008-Olympia

The headquarters of Triway Enterprises, the developers who want to build condos in Downtown Olympia, is attacked. The phrase DEFEND OLYMPIA is spray painted across the entire front of the building. Multiple windows are smashed out and several paint bombs are thrown at the upper stories. Also targeted that night is the offices of Olympia Master Builders, also involved in the building of condos. In addition to this, the future sight of the new City Hall is spray painted with the phrase GENTRIFICATION IS TERRORISM.

December 11th, 2008-Olympia

A march in solidarity with the Greek Insurrection takes place downtown. At the end of the march, people begin to sprint away from the police who are following them and proceed to trash a Bank Of America.

December 13th, 2008-Vancouver, BC

A Royal Bank Of Canada has its windows smashed out for its involvement in the 2010 Winter Olympics.

December 16th, 2008-Olympia

A Mormon Church is spray painted by anarchists. The walls are covered with the phrases THERE IS NO SIN IN YOUR DESIRE, LOVE WHO YOU WANT TO LOVE, and SEX IS FUN! IT'S NOT SHAMEFUL.

December 20th, 2008-Tacoma

The fuel pumps and consoles of a Shell gas station are destroyed. Also, the phrase WALK TO WORK AND MURDER YOUR BOSS is painted at two additional Shell and Chevron stations. This action is done in solidarity with the Greek Insurrection.

December 21st, 2008-Portland

A march in solidarity with Greek Insurrection takes place. Along the way, people spray paint messages on walls and smash the windows of a Nordstroms.

January 18th, 2009-Olympia

A march starts at a library Downtown and heads towards the police station on the west side of town. The people involved carry torches and road flares. The march is in response to the Olympia Police Department killing a man in front of his girlfriend. When the march reaches the police station, a dumpster is rolled into the road, blocking the pursuing police cruisers. Torches and rocks are thrown at the police station before the crowd disperses. Three people are arrested. Some people are detained with shotguns pointed at their backs.

January 29th, 2009-Olympia

Two police cruisers at the Evergreen State College have their tires slashed and windows busted out.

February 5th, 2009-Olympia

A Catholic Church is has its windows busted out and its walls spray painted with phrases such as NO GODS, NO MASTERS.

April 2009-Tacoma

Over the entire month, locks are glued and tires are slashed at the Point Ruston condo development construction site, causing a significant amount of delay and damage to the project.

April 27th, 2009-Bellevue

A Bash Back! Cell glues the locks at the Crossroads Bible Church. They also spray paint messages all over the walls. This action was taken in response to the churches homophobic views.

July 10th, 2009-Tacoma

Multiple condos have their windows smashed out during the night. The communique states that "this action was taken in response to the disgusting attempt by the City Of Tacoma to gentrify our neighborhoods and city."

In another action, anarchists disabled multiple surveillance cameras in North Tacoma. The communique for this action stated that "surveillance cameras only aid in the furtherance of the prison system we live in."

July 11th, 2009-Seattle

Several corporate billboards are defaced, having their messages changed. For example, a billboard that originally said IT'S NOT JUST COFFEE, IT'S STARBUCKS is altered to say IT'S NOT GOOD COFFEE, IT'S STARBUCKS.

July 17th, 2009-Tacoma

A banner reading DESTROY THE PRISON SYSTEM-DESTROY ICE DETENTION CENTERS-FUCK BORDERS (A) is draped from the upper stories of the now demolished Luzon Building across the street from the Wells Fargo tower.

July 19th, 2009-Olympia

After a dance party is viciously attacked by the police, the west side police substation is hit with 25 paint bombs.

July, 21st, 2009-Olympia

A man known as John Jacobs is revealed to be John Towery, a spy working for the military at Fort Lewis. Since 2007 he had been infiltrating anti-war and anarchist groups, including the collective that ran the Pitch Pipe Infoshop. This revelation embarrasses the military and reveals the larger strategy of repression in the area.

July 22nd, 2009-Olympia

All the toilets of a McDonalds are filled with concrete. In a communique posted on the internet, a group of anarchists cite McDonalds' support of the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver as the reason for the action.

September 4th, 2009-Everett

The ELF uses forklifts to tear down two radio towers used by KRKO. Residents in the area were against the construction, citing health concerns. There are no arrests.

January 22nd, 2010-Vancouver, BC

A crowd of 200, many carrying torches, occupy an intersection in opposition to police brutality.

February 12th-13th, 2010-Vancouver, BC

Numerous actions take place against the 2010 Winter Olympics. Stores and cars are smashed, people fight the police, traffic is obstructed, a homeless tent city is set up, and the Olympic Torch relay is delayed. Many of these actions were planned by anarchist and indigenous groups. Most of the actions took place in upscale Downtown Vancouver, the place that was groomed to be nice and clean for the out of town visitors in for the Olympics.

March 22nd, 2010-Portland

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Vandals Egg Downtown Fresno Church

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

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Fresno, CA, USA (KFSN) -- Vandals targeted a downtown Fresno church that supports a California ballot measure that would eliminate the right of same-sex couples to marry.

Workers at Cornerstone Church got to their offices Tuesday to find the offices and the sanctuary, which is in the historic Wilson Theater, had been egged. Crews are working on cleaning up the mess.

On Sunday, a rally supporting Proposition 8 was held at City Hall. Cornerstone's Pastor Jim Franklin told other prop eight supporters his home had recently been egged.

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Vandals desecrate pro-gay Catholic church

Meredith May, Chronicle Staff Writer Tuesday, January 6, 2009

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Michael Ain, a visitor from Canada, photographs remnants of graffiti on the Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church.

(01-05) 15:38 PST SAN FRANCISCO -- Parishioners of the Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in San Francisco's Castro neighborhood plan to arrive early for morning Mass today so they can paint over walls that were scrawled with swastikas and other graffiti.

A priest walking his dog early Sunday outside the church at 100 Diamond St. found the black swastikas and angry messages about Proposition 8, the state constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage that voters approved in November, a church employee said

Monday. The vandalized walls were washed Monday morning to remove most of the scrawlings.

Prop. 8 received prominent support from Catholics, including San Francisco Archbishop George

Niederauer, who used his position as former bishop of Salt Lake City to organize the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to campaign for Prop. 8.

The vandals wrote Niederauer's name on the side of the church along with the question, "Where is the love?"

However, Most Holy Redeemer is widely known as a gay-friendly parish that in years past has sent contingents to march in the San Francisco Gay Pride Parade. A majority of parishioners opposed Prop. 8, church officials have said.

Police are investigating the vandalism as a hate crime, said department spokesman Lt. Neville Gittens. There are no suspects and no known witnesses, he said.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Police Department's special investigations unit at (415) 553-1133.

E-mail Meredith May at mmay@sfnchronicle.com.

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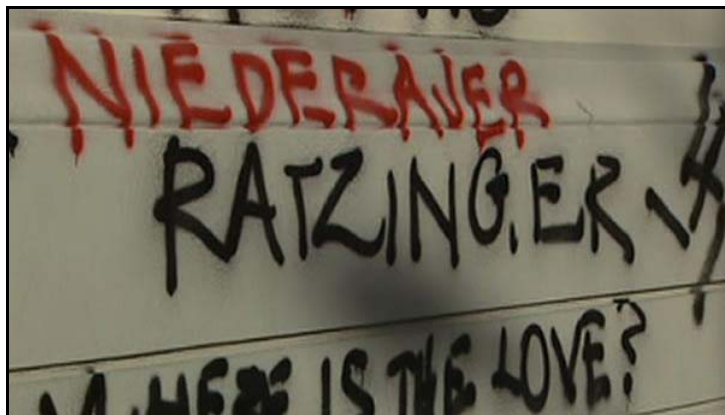
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Prop 8 protestors vandalize church

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Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church on Diamond Street is gay-friendly and parishioners who voted against Prop 8 are upset their church was targeted. (KGO Photo)

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SAN FRANCISCO (KGO) -- Vandals spray-painted swastikas on a Catholic church in San Francisco's Castro District Saturday night.

It appears the vandals are upset about the Catholic church's support of Proposition 8, which made same-sex marriage illegal in California.

But, the Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church on Diamond Street is gay-friendly. Many parishioners voted against Prop 8 and they are upset their church was targeted.

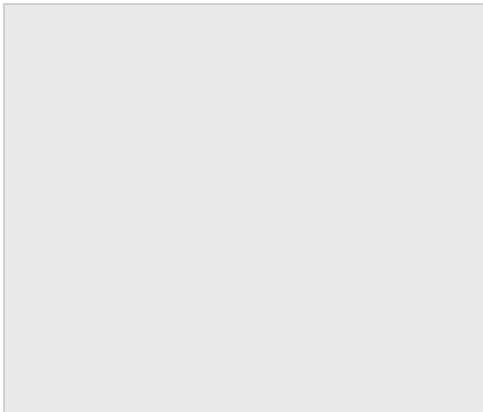
"We're very disturbed by the hierarchy's support of the Yes on Eight Campaign. We've been in conversation with the bishop, which is the way I think we need to handle it. I think Catholic teaching shows us we're all a community and we all need to talk to one another about it even if we have disagreements," said Rob Hopckey.

San Francisco Police are investigating the vandalism.

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Messages Spray-Painted On Walkways At Orangevale Chapel

ORANGEVALE, Calif. -- A Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel was tagged by vandals who are apparent opponents of a same-sex marriage ban that voters recently passed.

The church's main sign was tagged with a "No on 8" message, as were several walkways. A message that said "hypocrites" was also painted on the property.

"It is evident that the election results for the constitutional marriage amendment will not mean an end to the debate over same-sex marriage in this state, or our country," regional church spokeswoman Lisa West said in a statement. "We hope that now and in the future all parties involved in this issue will act in a spirit of mutual respect and civility toward those with a different position."

Logan Jackson, a member of the church who said he's not speaking on its behalf, called the vandalism "saddening."

California voters approved Proposition 8, a ban on same-sex marriage, on Tuesday.

The outcome has sparked protests across the state from those who opposed the measure, including a massive demonstration in front of a Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel in Los Angeles on Wednesday.

The church encouraged its members to work to pass California's Proposition 8 by volunteering their time and money for the campaign. Thousands of Mormons worked as grassroots volunteers and gave tens of millions of dollars to the campaign.

Church officials said members were encouraged to support the ban but deny making any institutional donations.

The chapel is on the 7900 block of Hazel Avenue.

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Number of LDS churches vandalized increases to 7

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By Sandra Yi and Andrew Adams

Another church building belonging to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has been vandalized. This incident in Sandy is the seventh in a string of vandalisms targeting the Church's chapels.

Churches in Weber and Davis counties were also hit by vandals over the weekend, raising concerns about a possible hate crime. In those incidents, vandals shattered doors and windows.

"It appears a projectile, a smaller projectile, has hit the window, obviously with enough force to break the window," said Sandy police Sgt. Justin Chapman.

A custodian called police when he saw the damage to the door of the LDS chapel at 11500 S. Wasatch Blvd. around 8:30 last night. Police say a BB gun or Airsoft pellet gun could be to blame.

"Of course it's concerning, because it is a church," Chapman said.

Vandals targeted several other LDS Churches over the weekend.

In Ogden, church members showed up for services at the 4191 Old Post Road building on Sunday morning to find the door shattered. It was a similar scene at another church in the same city the night before.

"It could be anything. I don't think there is anything out of the realm of possibility that caused this window to be broken. Anywhere from teenagers to someone who may not like how a particular bishop handled a situation," Ogden police Lt. Scott Sangberg said.

Also over the weekend, glass windows and doors of four LDS churches in Layton were shattered by what appeared to be bullets.

"It's really sad because it costs money. The destruction of property is just not good. It's not the way we live in America," said Bill Campbell, a member a ward that meets in one of the vandalized buildings.

The vandalisms happened just after thousands of people in Utah and California protested the Church's support of California's Proposition 8, which bans gay marriage.

But police in Utah say it's too early to tell motive. They don't know if the same people are behind the vandalisms either.

"To tie that to anything, at this point, would be premature for us because we don't have all the information we need right now," Chapman said.

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