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Major Victory for Prop 8 Protesters

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By Greg Gutfeld

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Today, I salute gays for a major civil rights victory: They forced some old lady to quit her job.

After Proposition 8 passed, angry gays discovered that Margie Christoffersen — who fills pitchers at El Coyote restaurant in Los Angeles — had given cash to the cause, which restricted the definition of marriage to include only straights. So they picketed her place of business with hilarious protest signs until the evil lady finally resigned.

Now, some might say this is nothing like Rosa Parks on the bus. But they're wrong. I mean, it takes guts to ruin some old lady's life just because she supports a bill based on her silly religious beliefs!

Seriously, if I was there, I would have thrown paint on her — a soft lilac shade, of course.

But why stop there? Now that you banished the old broad, get your ass down to those other parts of town where you don't brunch and give those blacks and Mexicans a piece of your mind. And, when you're done, why not the Muslims — who are not only against you marrying, but living too!

Look, I'm all for gay marriage, but just because some folks aren't as enlightened as you are, doesn't mean you can treat them like poop. No one is going to take you seriously until you protest more seriously. Blacks sat in restaurants where they weren't welcome and women protested outside the White House for days on end.

But instead of picketing a Cineplex playing a Tyler Perry movie, gays hit a joint in West Hollywood a few blocks from a busy gay bar.

And to that I say: *Comer con gusto!*

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Galt attorney: Son harassed by teacher over Proposition 8

By Jennifer Bonnett
News-Sentinel Staff Writer

A Galt attorney claims his son is being harassed, even attacked, by a Galt High teacher for his views on Proposition 8.

Len ReidReynoso, who also sits on the school district's Bond Oversight Committee, said his son, Tarl, has been teased and even made a public example by Alex Bauer, who teaches economics and advanced placement American government.

Bauer, who is president of the Galt Federation of Teachers union, said the allegations are false.

"I have not done anything inappropriate," he said in an e-mail, declining to elaborate further.

Additionally, according to a letter sent to Superintendent Tom Gemma on Thursday, ReidReynoso said his son has been slapped and even received death threats from fellow students because he supports Proposition 8.

The proposition would remove the right for same-sex couples to marry in California. Tarl ReidReynoso does not support same-sex marriage, according to his father.

ReidReynoso's 17-year-old son was among the contingent last week who protested the California Teachers' Association's donation to fight against the proposition by staying home from school. Gemma said at that time the high school received about 30 calls from parents keeping their students home for that reason.

Because of his efforts in helping organize the protest, ReidReynoso said his son was made an example by Bauer, who allegedly presented to the class an out-of-state court case which states that blocking students while handing out flyers was not allowed.

Upon reading this case to the class, ReidReynoso said Bauer substituted Tarl's name and other personal information for the person in the court case.

"This was implying to all of the students present that Tarl, by supporting Proposition 8 and actively taking a political stand, was a bad person and had done something illegal ... This presentation by an adult teacher was in poor judgment and may even be itself illegal," he wrote to Gemma.

ReidReynoso, who said he does not plan to explore legal action against Bauer, said his son is not the only victim. Two parents have contacted him as an attorney to see what their options against on-campus harassment over Proposition 8 are.

"The parents of these harassed students are afraid to come forward due to fear of retaliation for their children at Galt High School," he said. "These parents lack confidence that the current administration will protect their children."

In addition to alleged incidents by Bauer, ReidReynoso said that one of these verbal "assaults" was over a three-day period and at the hands of a substitute teacher.

It is unclear how the district will handle the issues or if ReidReynoso's was the only complaint, and Gemma was out of the office Thursday.

In his letter, ReidReynoso said Bauer posted his opinions on various political topics on his personal blog and students are required to respond to the blog in order to earn participation points.

ReidReynoso said he would like a public apology from the teacher for what he calls "pure intimidation" and assurance from the district that what he terms harassment won't occur in the future.

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The ugly backlash over Proposition 8

John Diaz

Sunday, November 23, 2008

A supporter of Proposition 8, fed up with what he believed was the gay community's and "liberal media's" refusal to accept the voters' verdict, fired off a letter to the editor.

"Please show respect for democracy," he wrote, in a letter we published.

What he encountered instead was an utter lack of respect for free speech.

Within hours, the intimidation game was on. Because his real name and city were listed - a condition for publication of letters to The Chronicle - opponents of Prop. 8 used Internet search engines to find the letter writer's small business, his Web site (which included the names of his children and dog), his phone number and his clients. And they posted that information in the "Comments" section of SFGate.com - urging, in ugly language, retribution against the author's business and its identified clients.

"They're intimidating people that don't have the same beliefs as they do ... so they'll be silenced," he told me last week. "It doesn't bode well for the free-speech process. People are going to have to be pretty damn courageous to speak up about anything. Why would anyone want to go through this?"

Let the record show that I absolutely disagree with the letter writer on the substance of Prop. 8. I believe that same-sex couples should have the full rights and responsibilities of marriage. In my view, the discrimination inherent in Prop. 8 is morally and legally indefensible in a society where the concept of equal protection is supposed to safeguard the rights of the minority.

But let me also say that I am disturbed by the vicious, highly personalized attacks against the letter writer and others. Protesters have shouted insults at people headed to worship; temples and churches have been defaced. "Blacklists" of donors who contributed to Yes on 8 are circulating on the Internet, and even small-time donors are being confronted. A Palo Alto dentist lost two patients as a result of his \$1,000 donation. The artistic director of the California Musical Theatre resigned to spare the organization from a fast-developing boycott. Scott Eckern, the artistic director of the Sacramento theater group and a Mormon, had given \$1,000 to Yes on 8.

This out-of-scale attempt to isolate and intimidate decidedly small players in the Yes on 8 campaign is no way to win the issue in a court of law or the court of public opinion.

Equally disappointing is the lack of a forceful denunciation from leaders of the honorable cause of bringing marriage equality to California. "We achieve nothing if we isolate the people who did not stand with us in this fight," the No on 8 campaign reminded its coalition in a statement issued after the election.

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Guess what? Certain advocates of the cause *are* alienating people - and this approach needs to be called out. Remember, the No on 8 campaign was shouting "blackmail!" at the top of its lungs when the Yes side sent certified letters to major donors threatening to "out" them in a press release unless they also contributed to the marriage ban. Of course, that "threat" had a tinge of absurdity. Corporations such as PG&E, McDonald's and Levi Strauss were not afraid of being "outed" for their association with the marriage-equality cause. They were well aware that their major donations amounted to a public statement that might cause them to lose - and gain - customer goodwill.

Opponents of same-sex marriage should not be let off the hook for their post-election tactics. There is already talk of a recall campaign against California Supreme Court justices if they overturn Prop. 8, reminiscent of the unsuccessful attempt to oust Chief Justice Ronald George and Justice Ming Chin after they voted to overturn a law that required parental consent for minors to receive an abortion. The judiciary must not be intimidated in this nation of laws.

Assemblyman Mark Leno, the San Francisco Democrat who wrote a marriage-equality bill that passed both houses and was vetoed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, said he does not "defend or rationalize" overzealous tactics by those on his side. He noted that tumult and emotion have historically defined moments of momentous social change. "This is a visceral reaction to the fact that, for the first time in U.S. history, a recognized constitutional right was repealed by a simple majority vote," Leno said.

Time is on the side of marriage equality. Sixty-one percent of voters younger than 30 opposed Prop. 8, while 61 percent of those older than 65 supported it. Attitudes are changing and will continue to shift as more and more Americans see that extending the right to same-sex couples is not a threat to traditional marriage, but an affirmation of its value to society.

Intimidation, through attempts to chill free speech or an independent judiciary, should have no part in this debate. The leaders on both sides should have the honesty to recognize it within their camps - and the courage to condemn it.

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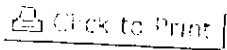
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Richard Raddon resigns post

L.A. fest faces questions about Prop. 8

By Gregg Goldstein

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NEW YORK -- In the wake of harsh industry criticism over his \$1,500 donation in support of Proposition 8, the California initiative that banned same-sex marriage, Richard Raddon has resigned as director of the Los Angeles Film Festival. He had held the post at the fest, run by Film Independent, since 2000.

"I have always held the belief that all people, no matter race, religion or sexual orientation, are entitled to equal rights. As many know, I consider myself a devout and faithful Mormon," said Raddon, whose donation became public after gay-rights supporters began scanning lists of political donors. Members of the Mormon Church contributed more than \$20 million toward the "Yes on 8" campaign that helped the proposition pass in a 52%-48% vote this month.

"I prefer to keep the details around my contribution through my church a private matter," Raddon said. "But I am profoundly sorry for the negative attention that my actions have drawn to Film Independent and for the hurt and pain that is being experienced in the GLBT community."

The heat surrounding Raddon's contribution has been building for several weeks. Film Independent not only has several openly gay members on its board but also supports indie filmmaking, with encouraging diversity one of its stated goals.

When word of Raddon's contribution first surfaced nearly two weeks ago, Film Independent appeared to back its festival director, saying: "As a champion of diversity, Film Independent is dedicated to supporting the civil rights of all individuals. At the same time, our organization does not police the personal, religious and political choices of any employee, member or filmmaker." Several outlets reported at the time that Raddon had offered his resignation but the group had declined to accept it.

But Film Independent general counsel Michael Donaldson said Tuesday that Raddon didn't formally offer to resign until Monday. Donaldson explained that "he was going through a

process" involving general discussions and talking to many of the Film Independent board members.

On Monday afternoon, two emotional conference calls were held among the board members, who debated the issues involved.

"Generally we've been very happy with Rich, and most if not all of us have been unhappy with Prop 8," said board member and film director Rodrigo Garcia. "Most have felt that we don't fire people."

Even within the organization, there were questions about whether Raddon had offered an earlier resignation and, if so, why it had not been accepted.

"Some of us were consulted and some weren't," said one board member who spoke on condition of anonymity. "There was some question as to why (the resignation) wasn't accepted before."

Added Garcia: "The protests have kept growing. I've also heard rumblings that a lot of our members were unhappy."

The widespread impression that Film Independent had decided that Raddon should stay led to "a very rough week and a half," the board member said. "There have been a lot of calls and e-mails, and everyone is extremely opinionated."

Donaldson said that Film Independent executive director Dawn Hudson tried to reach out to all board members during the past few weeks. Hudson and Raddon did not respond to requests for comment.

On Tuesday, the Film Independent board issued a statement, saying that "with great reluctance" it accepted Raddon's resignation.

"Rich's service to the independent film community and to Film Independent has been nothing less than extraordinary," the statement read. "He has always shown complete commitment to our core principles of equality and diversity during his long tenure."

No immediate replacement was named.

"I'll miss Rich, who was a great film festival director," said Roadside Attractions co-president Howard Cohen, a member of the LAFF advisory board. "On the other hand, the wife of (Mormon church founder Brigham Young's descendant) Steve Young came out publicly against Prop 8. Standing behind the church holds no sway with me."

The controversy at LAFF comes amid a rising call in some quarters for boycotts of individuals and businesses that supported the "Yes on 8" campaign. Some activists have called for a boycott of the Sundance Film Festival because it is located in the Mormon church's home state of Utah -- or at least a selective boycott of the Holiday Village Cinemas, used by Sundance, because the theater is owned by the Cinemark chain, whose CEO Alan Stock


contributed to the campaign against same-sex marriage.

No one had called for a boycott of LAFF or Film Independent's Spirit Awards, though some board members worried about that possibility.

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Theater felt growing pressure before artistic director quit

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The California Musical Theatre found itself caught in a dramatic conflict between free speech and civil rights, a situation that ultimately led to today's resignation of artistic director Scott Eckern.

Eckern quit this morning. He became the target of strong criticism after it was learned he donated \$1,000 to the Proposition 8 campaign to ban gay marriage.

In an industry long considered gay-friendly and tied to causes such as AIDS research, Eckern's donation outraged theater workers across the country.

In Sacramento, a number of the musical theater's supporters contacted The Bee to rally behind the embattled Eckern, stating that he was now a victim of intolerance and persecution himself.

Playbill and other media have said he issued an apology and plans to donate \$1,000 to a nonprofit committed to achieving equal rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

When Tony Award-winner Marc Shaiman, the composer of "Hairspray," read of Eckern's donation last week, he urged artists and theater workers across the country to boycott the theater.

On Tuesday, Kellie Randle and a group of like-minded friends launched www.supportscotteckern.blogspot.com to advocate for Eckern.

"It's everyone's First Amendment right to contribute to the causes they believe in and voice their political choice," Randle said. To show the abuse against Eckern, Randle's site links to the Clyde Fitch Report, one of numerous blogs now weighing in on the debate.

"I'm so enraged at the hypocrisy of the No on 8 community. I could care less how he voted on any issue. It's about what he does in his job. This is persecution," Randle said.

Other community members, including Kitty Wilson of Curtis Park, echoed this sentiment.

"Before any gay person talks about blacklisting anyone in theater, I'll remind them what McCarthy's blacklist did to the entire entertainment industry," Wilson said.

The idea of a blacklist and boycott have grown from Shaiman's postings and e-mails. The composer, who is openly gay, said he read about Eckern's contribution to the campaign on the Web site www.datalounge.com, and he felt he had to do something.

"I was so shocked. I'm dealing myself with being legally discriminated against, and then come to find out, I helped put money in his pocket that helped get this proposition passed," Shaiman said in a telephone interview.

Shaiman sent an e-mail which has reverberated through the national theater community and backed the CMT's leaders into the unusual position of doing damage control. He wrote he wouldn't allow his work to be done at California Musical Theatre, and theater workers around the country have followed his lead.

"No one should be surprised in 2008 at how fast information can be spread, and that's of course a doubled-edged sword," Shaiman said.

Susan Egan, star of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" and "Cabaret," followed with a similar e-mail.

Theater professionals flooded CMT's offices over the weekend with phone calls and e-mails decrying Eckern's actions.

In a statement released Monday, CMT executive producer Richard Lewis said: "Any political action or the opinion of Scott Eckern is not shared by California Musical Theatre. We have a long history of appreciation for the LGBT community and are truly grateful for their longstanding support."

New York talent agent Chris Nichols, who negotiated three of the four contracts for the actors employed in CMT's "Forever Plaid" at the Cosmopolitan Cabaret in Sacramento, said New York is watching the situation closely.

"I woke up to Susan Egan's e-mail Monday morning and have received that e-mail 11 times in less than 48 hours," Nichols said. "I would say the industry is buzzing. I took no less than half a dozen phone calls from clients today who are working in various theaters across the country asking if it was true."

Frank Schubert, the local campaign manager for Yes on Prop. 8, wrote a letter of support for Eckern on Tuesday, faxing it to all of CMT's board members.

"Mr. Eckern unfortunately is the victim of what appears to be a systematic attempt to harass and intimidate anybody who had the courage to stand up and support traditional marriage," Schubert said by phone. "There's nothing about supporting traditional marriage which is anti-gay."

Shaiman hopes the episode leads to better understanding of gay people.

"I love God. And this is how God made me," he said. "How people can say this is a choice? Unless you are – you don't know."

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- Several student government leaders at American River College are facing a recall vote today and Wednesday after they supported Proposition 8, a statewide ballot measure that would ban same-sex marriage.

The American River College Student Council voted 8-3 on Sept. 30 to endorse Prop. 8. Three members of the council abstained.

Supporters of gay marriage responded by launching the recall effort.

Prop. 8, which is on the Nov. 4 ballot, defines marriage as being between a man and woman.

Jorge Riley, one of the student leaders facing recall, on Tuesday defended his earlier endorsement of Prop. 8.

"We definitely want to stand up against things that take away from family values in our community," Riley said.

Student Cassandra Smith said she supports Prop. 8, but added that she feels the leaders should not have taken their stand without discussing the issue more to fellow students.

"They didn't have the right to go out and just be the big voice like that," Smith said. "They should have kind of talked a bit more to the school."

"This is a decision made by students, and it's a stance that they wanted to take," added Phil Sander, campus life coordinator. "Would I have done it? No. But, you know, as a student government, I believe that they believe that that was something they needed to do, right or wrong."

Voter turnout among students at the campus is usually very low. Only about 1 percent of students took part in the election to elect the leaders in the first place.



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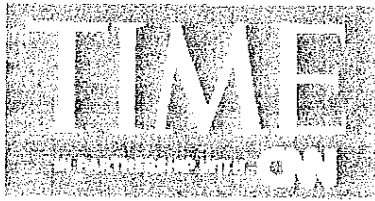
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Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008

What Happens If You're on Gay Rights' 'Enemies List'

By Alison Staman / Los Angeles

Ever since a slim majority outlawed gay marriage in California, opponents have waged national protests and petitions, urging the judicial system to reconsider the results of the Nov. 4 referendum. (Proposition 8 overturned an earlier decision by the California Supreme Court that legalized same-sex marriage.) While the court weighs whether or not to get back into the fray, the civil unrest ignited by the ban shows no sign of abating. A national protest against Prop. 8 organized by JoinTheImpact.com is scheduled for today. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which opponents say donated more than \$20 million to the Yes on 8 campaign, has already become a focus of protests, with demonstrators gathered around Mormon temples not only in California but across the country.

The Mormon Church is not the only group being singled out for criticism. African Americans, 70% of whom voted yes on Prop. 8, according to a CNN exit poll, have become a target. According to eyewitness reports published on the Internet, racial epithets have been used against African Americans at protests in California — with some even directed at blacks who are fighting to repeal Prop. 8. Said Evan Wolfson, executive director of nonprofit group Freedom to Marry: "In any fight, there will be people who say things they shouldn't say, but that shouldn't divert attention from what the vast majority are saying against this, that it's a terrible injustice." (See the Top 10 ballot measures.)

In addition to the protests, gay rights activists have begun publishing lists online exposing individuals and organizations that have donated money in support of Prop. 8. On AntiGayBlacklist.com, individuals who gave money toward Prop. 8 are publicized, and readers are urged not to patronize their businesses or services. The list of donors was culled from data on ElectionTrack.com, which follows all contributions of \$1,000 and more and all contributions of more than \$100 given before Oct. 17. Dentists, accountants, veterinarians and the like who gave a few thousand dollars to the cause are listed alongside major donors like the Container Supply Company Inc. of Garden Grove, which gave \$250,000. "Anyone who steps into a political fight aimed at taking away fundamental rights from fellow citizens opens themselves up to criticism," said Wolfson. "The First Amendment gives them the right of freedom of speech and to support political views, but people also have the right to criticize them."

Even before the passage of Prop. 8, the group Californians Against Hate compiled and published a "dishonor roll" of individuals (and their company affiliations) who gave \$5,000 or more in support of the measure. Phone numbers and websites were added, along with commentary about some of the larger donors, all public information obtained through the California secretary of state's office. "My goal was to make it socially unacceptable to give huge amounts of money to take away the rights of one particular group, a minority group," says Fred Karger, a retired political consultant and founder of Californians

Against Hate. "I wanted to make the public aware of who these people are and how much they're giving, and then they could make a decision as to whether or not they want to patronize their businesses."

The negative publicity is having an effect on both companies and individuals. Scott Eckern, artistic director of the California Musical Theatre in Sacramento, whose \$1,000 donation was listed on ElectionTrack, chose to resign from his post this week to protect the theater from public criticism. Karger says a "soft boycott" his group had started against Bolthouse Farms — which gave \$100,000 to Prop. 8 — was dropped after he reached a settlement with the company. Bolthouse Farms was to give an equal amount of money to gay rights political causes. The amount ultimately equaled \$110,000.

Meanwhile, lists of donors to Prop. 8, once trumpeted on the Yes on 8 website, have been taken down to protect individuals from harassment. "It's really awful," says Frank Schubert, campaign manager for Yes on 8. "No matter what you think of Proposition 8, we ought to respect people's right to participate in the political process. It strikes me as quite ironic that a group of people who demand tolerance and who claim to be for civil rights are so willing to be intolerant and trample on other people's civil rights."

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Outing Prop. 8 donors

Web site decries 'hatred,' but obscures the definition.

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The embers of last month's passage of Proposition 8 continue to burn. The latest brush fire is a Web site called "You Can't Hide Your Hate." The site, co-authored by Raphael Mazor of Long Beach, is dedicated to outing people who donated money to the "Yes on Proposition 8" campaign, the measure that amends the state Constitution to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman. The site lists hundreds of local donors, along with their cities, occupations and the amount of their donations.

A disclaimer on the site states, "We do NOT advocate blacklisting or boycotts, only informed decision-making and awareness." But Mazor is quoted in the P-T's Page 1 story Sunday as saying, "People in Long Beach who gave money (in support of) Proposition 8 harmed their community. We all need to know who our neighbors are They voted to undermine families by taking away someone's right to get married. It was a personal attack, so you cannot call this just another political disagreement."

On the other hand, Mazor told P-T reporters that he would never seek care from a doctor who contributed to Prop. 8.

How would an impartial person characterize that

attitude?

Less than a month ago, California voters decided for the second time this century that the definition of marriage is a union between a man and a woman. The vote in favor of Proposition 8 was decisive. Gay activists, however, took to the streets in boycotts against several businesses whose owners donated to the "Yes on 8" campaign. Their ire also was directed against the Mormon Church, which expressed vocal and financial support for the measure. Which is their moral and constitutional right.

What Mazor and his colleagues don't understand is that people can disagree, and voice their opinions in democratic elections, but that doesn't mean they hate their opponents, wish them ill or are guilty of mob rule.

Mazor's Web site doesn't break any laws. But by its very name - You Can't Hide Your Hate - it tars people who did what their consciences dictated with a broad and clumsy brush.

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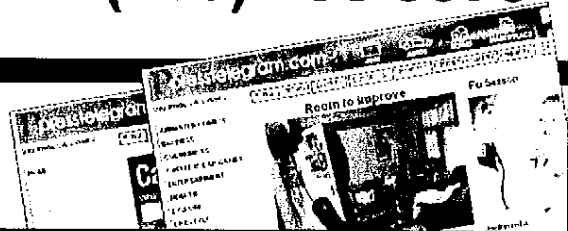
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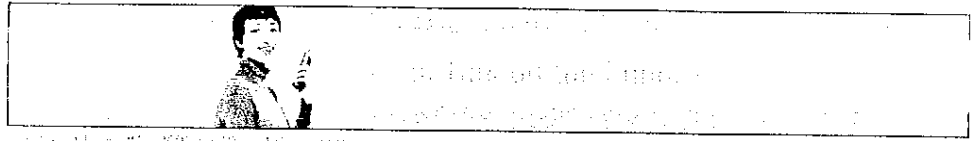
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Prop. 8 -- boycott, or blacklist?

Shunning businesses is one thing; intimidation crosses the line.

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Gays and lesbians — at least some of them — plan to boycott stores and shopping today as an expression of their dismay over Proposition 8, the Nov. 4 measure that banned same-sex marriage, and as a showing of both their economic clout and their place within the larger community. If organizers carry it off, this is exactly the kind of tactic that can make a difference, though its impact might have been bigger before election day.

For all the complaints (mainly coming from the Yes-on-8 campaign), boycotts against corporations or organizations are a time-honored method of expressing opinions and pushing for social or political change. But in the superheated Proposition 8 debate, this venerable tactic has occasionally been used in ugly ways.

It started when the directors of the Yes-on-8 campaign sent letters to various companies that had donated to the opposition camp. The missives warned donors to pay an equal amount to the "Yes" side or risk being publicly outed as opponents of "traditional marriage" (the implication being that they would then face a boycott). The tactic looked and quacked a lot like extortion. It's one thing to boycott, or threaten it; a demand for hush money goes over the line.

Since then, postelection boycott efforts by the other side — defenders of same-sex marriage — have expanded into a vengeful campaign against individuals who donated to the gay-marriage ban, usually in the form of pressure on their employers. At least two people have resigned from their jobs and a third is considering it, including the artistic director of a stage company in Sacramento and a manager at an L.A. law firm.

As much as we abhorred Proposition 8, there's nothing to cheer about when private individuals are afraid to donate to the political campaigns of their choice because it may cost them their livelihood. In the case of [Eckern](#), who resigned from the California Musical Theatre in Sacramento, the future of the nonprofit company was at stake after some artists refused to work with him. But what if that situation were reversed and Eckern were targeted because he opposed Proposition 8? Or because he was gay? Professionals have to look past their personal and political differences or everyone with an opinion will be on an official list of undesirables.

The line between boycott and blacklist can be imprecise. Owners and officers of companies aren't just private individuals; they must accept that their political actions will reflect on the organizations they head and act accordingly. But a heated debate about a basic right -- in this case, the right to marry whom one chooses — must also consider the rights of citizens to vote and donate without intimidation.

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Prop. 8 Anger Spurs Donor Blacklists

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(CBS) For supporters of same-sex marriage, the Election Day loss in California seems to be energizing their campaign rather than ending it.

Demonstrations against Proposition 8, the ban on same-sex marriage, have been growing, **CBS News correspondent John Blackstone** reports.

Now the anger is moving to the Internet, where supporters of same-sex marriage are posting blacklists - the names and businesses of those who gave money to help Proposition 8 pass.

Chris Lee, an engineer who is an immigrant from China, was shocked to see his name on the Web site AntiGayBlacklist.com after he gave \$1,000 to the campaign to end same-sex marriage.

"I was completely disgusted," Li said. "This sort of blacklist should only appear in communist countries, should not be found in the United States."

In Los Angeles, demonstrators called for a boycott of a restaurant whose manager made a personal donation of \$100 to the "Yes on 8" campaign.

"She didn't think it would be public record," said Jeff Yarbrough.

Anger over the blacklists brought out demonstrators in Sacramento, where Scott Eckern resigned as musical director of a local theater when he was identified as a donor.

While it isn't clear who is behind the blacklisting Web sites, political donations are public record and publishing them is legal. But this campaign is making even many supporters of same-sex marriage uncomfortable.

"I understand the anger, but I think we need to channel it," said Molly McKay of Marriage Equality USA. "Into conversations, into moving forward because, you know again, hate vs. hate produces more hate."

Those campaigning to end same-sex marriage drew up their own blacklist, sending letters to large donors to the campaign to save same-sex marriage, demanding equal money or threatening to publish their names.

The Internet has made open political financing even more open - and perhaps more intimidating.

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Proposition 8 passage inspires protests; proponents claim intimidation

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The 2008 election has come and gone, but the strong feelings about Proposition 8 have not subsided.

Those who opposed the ballot measure have been holding protests and rallies throughout the state - and even the nation - since its passage.

But supporters of the measure, which eliminated the right of same-sex couples to marry in California and provided that only marriage between a man and a woman is valid, say enough is enough.

"I think they're poor losers," said Jan Gurley of Upland about those who are protesting the measure's passage.

Proposition 8 passed 52 percent to 48 percent.

"The numbers were overwhelming," Gurley said. "It is still not being laid to rest."

In the days since the election, opponents of Proposition 8 have gathered in front of churches

and walked down streets in California advocating for equal rights.

But the protests have gone too far, said Meg Waters, spokeswoman for the Yes on 8 Campaign.

The artistic director of a musical-theater company in Sacramento resigned amid protests that began when it was revealed that he financially supported the measure, picketers have harassed restaurant owners who supported Proposition 8 in Los Angeles, and others have been beaten up for their support in Carlsbad, she said.

"Harassing phone calls, intimidation, it just goes on and on and on," she said.

Waters was part of a news conference on Friday in Orange County that addressed the recent protests.

"We understand they have a right to protest and a right to file lawsuits," she said. "But they don't have a right to harass and intimidate and use violence against people they disagree with."

Supporters will "vigorously defend" any lawsuits filed "in a peaceful and respectful way," Waters said.

"There was a call by many pastors for continued respect with the other side," she said. "We can disagree with the other side, but we should still respect them. And we ask that we receive respect from their side as well."

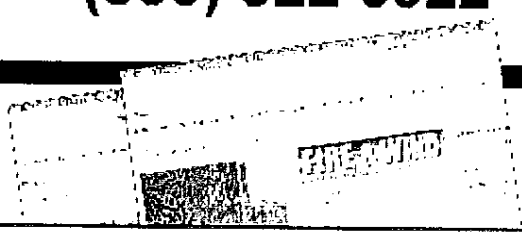
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As he hears about continued protests and talk of lawsuits, Chino Hills resident Kenn Rasmussen said this is the best thing that could happen to the "Yes people."

"Our case is made. They have proven they are an angry, revengeful group," he said.

Rasmussen and other supporters know there is a possibility the vote could be overturned, but he said he would rather see it done in a civil way.

"If they want to do it, let's have another election," he said.

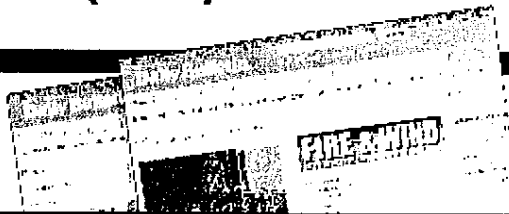
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Proposition 8 protesters target businesses

Activists who oppose the ban on gay marriage are boycotting businesses whose employees or owners contributed money to the Yes on 8 campaign.
By Tami Abdollah and Cara Mia DiMassa

November 14, 2008

More than a week after the passage of Proposition 8, activists opposed to the ban on gay marriage have shifted their protests to new arenas -- using boycotts to target businesses and individuals who contributed to the winning side.

The effect of the boycotts remains unclear. Merchants said that the overall poor economy made it difficult to tell whether their businesses were declining specifically because of the threats. But the protests have been highly visible and have drawn strong objections from backers of the initiative.

"No matter your opinion of Proposition 8, we should all agree that it is wrong to intimidate and harass churches, businesses and individuals for participating in the democratic process," Ron Prentice, of ProtectMarriage.com, said in a statement. Boycotters were "unabashedly trampling on the rights of others," he said.

Activists behind the boycott effort argue they are simply exercising their political rights.

"People are determining who their friends are, and who are not their friends," said Fred Karger, a Los Angeles resident and retired political consultant. "I think people need to be held accountable for their financial support."

The activists have pored through campaign contribution databases and then "outed" Proposition 8 donors on sites like Facebook.com and craigslist.com. "People are going to do what they want, and it's in this society where you have campaign reporting that is all public information," said Karger.

Some gay rights activists also have gone onto the restaurant website *yelp.com*, giving bad reviews to eateries linked to the Yes on 8 movement.

"This one star is for their stance on Prop. 8," one poster wrote of El Coyote Mexican Cafe. "Enjoy it. . . . You deserve it."

Hundreds of protesters converged on El Coyote on Beverly Boulevard on Wednesday night, and the picketing got so heated that LAPD officers in riot gear had to be called.

All because Marjorie Christoffersen, a manager there and a daughter of El Coyote's owner, had contributed \$100 to the Yes on 8 campaign.

Christoffersen, who is Mormon, met with protesters Wednesday and at one point broke down in tears, said Arnoldo Archila, another El Coyote manager. But the activists were not satisfied with her explanation and continued to post protests about her on the Web.

"She had a chance to make nice and blew it. I was almost feeling a tiny bit of sympathy for her. Not no more!!" wrote one blog poster, who also listed competing Mexican restaurants where diners should go instead of El Coyote.

By Thursday, Christoffersen had left town, said Archila, who said El Coyote employees -- some of whom are gay -- were left staggered by the protests, including more than 50 calls a day criticizing the restaurant.

"We are all a family," Archila said. "If this is going to affect the business, its going to affect them. There are people who have to feed children and pay mortgages."

Some activists are now turning their attention to Texas-based Cinemark, one of America's largest theater chains, whose chief executive contributed nearly \$10,000 to Yes on 8.

A prolonged protest could cause trouble for the Sundance Film Festival, which uses Cinemark screens to show movies during the January event in Park City, Utah. The state of Utah is a focus of some boycotts because the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which has its headquarters there, marshaled millions of dollars in contributions from its members for the Yes on 8 campaign.

Brooks Addicott, a spokeswoman for the Sundance Institute, said the festival received about 100 e-mails over the last few week, many of which had the same text, but it appeared that the efforts had peaked.

"Our position is that we have a festival that is essentially three months away," Addicott said. "We are committed to having our 25th festival; it's a celebration for us. We would be incredibly disappointed if people decided not to come because of a boycott."

Officials at Cinemark did not return calls for comment.

Gay marriage activists had been targeting some Yes on 8 donors well before the Nov. 4 election. In July, Karger started the website [Opponents Against Hate](#), which lists a "dishonor roll" detailing more than 800 donations of \$5,000 or more to the Yes on 8 campaign. He said the site was getting 300 to 350 hits a day before the election. Now, it's receiving an average of 7,500 hits daily.

One business affected by the campaign is Lassen's, a family-owned chain of nine health food stores throughout California, from Bakersfield to Thousand Oaks. Lassen's owners gave \$27,500 to the Yes on 8 campaign.

Scott Parvel, general manager of the Ventura store, said the contribution was a "private donation" by family members who are Mormon.

But No on 8 supporters listed their stores along with many others on websites, urging a boycott.

Since the election, the stores have received angry calls about Proposition 8 as well as comments from customers. "They have a right to their views, but they should take it up with the person who did it, not the people who work here. . . . We're providing a business, that's all we do," said Parvel, who has worked for the company since 2001.

Robert Hoehn was another person who made Karger's "dishonor roll." Hoehn, vice president of the Carlsbad-based Hoehn Motors, gave \$25,000 of his own money to the Yes on 8 campaign in February. And he called what followed "a really, really ugly experience."

Hoehn said that most of the campaign against him came before the vote, when he received "dozens and dozens and dozens" of phone calls and his Honda dealership was picketed. Since the proposition passed, he said, he has received a few "vitriolic messages and phone calls."

Next time, he said, he will be "smarter" about how he gives such a donation, possibly in a way that doesn't require listing his business. "I wouldn't not do it because of fear," he said. "I am not ashamed of it, but it has been a very educational experience."

Despite the criticism, activists say they plan to continue applying pressure. "It doesn't matter if it's the CEO or if it's the hostess that greets you at El Coyote. It really makes no difference," said Gerry Moylan, 47, a Los Angeles Realtor who planned a night of picketing in front of the restaurant Thursday.

"If I'm going to eat dinner at El Coyote and part of my money is going to pay the hostess' pay and she turns around and uses her pay to promote a proposition that takes away my rights, then I'm going to stop paying my money to her."

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

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- Opponents of Proposition 8, an amendment to ban same-sex marriage in California, gave out free ice cream Sunday in protest of a Sacramento family-run ice cream parlor.



About a dozen protesters rallied outside Leatherby's Family Creamery with signs and free rainbow sherbet.

Owner Alan Leatherby, his business and his relatives gave a total of \$20,000 supporting the "Yes on 8" campaign, which worked to get the measure passed.

"I think that providing people with information is never a bad thing to do -- make an informed choice about where they are spending their money," said Rachel Gregg, who's opposed to Proposition 8.

A crowd also lined up out the door of Leatherby's to show their support for the ice cream parlor.

"We've had people drive in from Auburn," Leatherby said. "It's nice to have friends, it really is."

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Gay Activists Boycott Backers of Prop 8

By JIM CARLTON

LOS ANGELES -- Soon after California's passage of a initiative banning same-sex marriage last month, dozens of gay activists descended on the El Coyote restaurant with signs and placards. They chanted "Shame on you," cussed at patrons and began a boycott of the cafe.

The restaurant's crime: A daughter of the owner donated \$100 to support Proposition 8, the antigay-marriage initiative approved by voters. Gay activists have refused to lift the boycott -- which restaurant managers say has slashed revenues by 30% -- even after some El Coyote employees raised \$500 to help repeal the new ban.

The boycotters have demanded that the owner's daughter, El Coyote manager Marjorie Christoffersen, pony up \$100 to help repeal Prop 8. She tearfully declined, citing her Mormon faith, during a raucous meeting with activists. "You are not my friend if you take my civil rights," one activist shouted before she fled the room.

In the first days after California voters reinstated the ban on Nov. 4, activists vented much of their anger in protests at Mormon and other churches that had advocated Prop 8. But they soon shifted to a new tack: compiling Internet blacklists of businesses like El Coyote, where top officials or one or more employees were found from public disclosures to have donated to the "Yes on 8" campaign.

The idea is to use gay-spending power to punish businesses the activists say discriminate against gays' right to get married. Among the dozens of businesses now being targeted for boycotts are hotels, fast-food chains and dental offices.

So far, the boycott campaign has claimed at least two high-profile casualties: Scott Eckern, artistic director of the California Musical Theatre in Sacramento, and Richard Raddon, president of the Los Angeles Film Festival. Both men resigned after their private donations to Yes on 8 were revealed and activists threatened boycotts unless they quit.

Mr. Eckern and Mr. Raddon were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, whose members accounted for much of the \$40 million in

contributions raised by the Yes on 8 campaign. "The main finger we are pointing is at the Mormon Church," says Vic Gerami, a leading gay activist in West Hollywood, Calif.

Some gay-rights advocates say they don't agree with the boycotts. "We need to get it together. I mean, gang, we lost," Dana Miller, a gay television producer from Los Angeles, wrote in a Nov. 24 column in the gay magazine, *In Los Angeles*.

Leaders of the gay-marriage movement say they don't endorse hurting people's livelihoods, but understand why some people would. "I am not going to support a business that will not support my rights," says San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, who gained national attention for allowing same-sex marriages in his city in 2004.

Some legal experts say the boycotts raise issues about the civil liberties of people who are targeted. In most cases, individuals can boycott anyone they want for almost any reason so long as they aren't representing a government institution, says Vikram Amar, associate dean of the University of California at Davis School of Law. But if the boycotts include defamatory comments that are untrue, Mr. Amar said, the target of the boycott could have grounds for a lawsuit.

"If I am just outing you because you are a Proposition 8 supporter, there is nothing the law can do," said Mr. Amar.

In compiling blacklists, activists say they have tried to make sure a business really belongs on one. They decided not to target a law firm in Los Angeles after learning that only one of the partners had donated to Yes on 8 and that the firm employed many gay attorneys, says David Stern, publisher of *Frontiers Magazine*, a gay publication in Los Angeles.

But the fact that many of the El Coyote's 89 employees are gay didn't spare that establishment. The cafe also has long served as a gay hangout, which is why boycott organizers say they chose to target it after they discovered Ms. Christoffersen's donation. "It just hit too close to home," Mr. Gerami says.

The restaurant invited activists to a free brunch on Nov. 12 and Ms. Christoffersen read them an apology. "I am sick at heart that I have offended anyone in the gay community," the 67-year-old manager told a few dozen activists in the colorfully decorated cafe. The meeting turned ugly when she refused to renounce her support of the gay-marriage ban. "I can't change a lifetime of faith in which I believe in very deeply," she said.

Boisterous street protests erupted that night, prompting a sharp slowdown of El Coyote's business. While the protests have died down, the restaurant has been assailed since in online reviews.

"It's a lynch mob," says Carl Bell, 77 years old, a retired Hollywood animator who dined there on a recent afternoon. "I'm ashamed of the gay community."

At first, Ms. Christoffersen stayed away, but then returned to the cafe when the

protests faded. "Tons of people have called or come in to show their support, and that has been gratifying," she said at the El Coyote on a recent evening, when several tables remained empty.

Boycotters offer little sympathy, and some even suggest they won't go back unless she quits. "Marjorie," says Mr. Gerami, "has the key to make things better."

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Prop 8 foes turn to 'blacklist' tactics

By William M. Welch, USA TODAY

LOS ANGELES — After losing on Election Day, some supporters of gay marriage are using economic boycotts and Internet lists to focus ire on the financial backers of Proposition 8.

Some on the receiving end say the tactic amounts to a blacklist, a term that conjures memories of Hollywood's refusal to hire screenwriters and others identified as communists in the late 1940s and 1950s.

"I just hate being pigeonholed as a hate monger or bigot," says Robert Hoehn, who contributed \$25,000 to the campaign for Prop 8, which amended California's Constitution to exclude same-sex marriage. "I have friends in the gay community, and I don't think any of them would say that."

Hoehn has seen protesters outside his Carlsbad, Calif., car dealerships, his name and business have appeared on websites publicizing donors, and he has received "the most vitriolic kinds of e-mails, letters and phone calls."

His discomfort is exactly what some have in mind.

"I want to make it a little hot for these people," says Fred Karger, a retired Los Angeles political consultant who started the group and website called Californians Against Hate.

Small as well as large donors have felt heat:

- El Coyote, a Mexican restaurant in Los Angeles since 1931, has seen fewer diners and been picketed over a \$100 contribution by a manager and member of the owning family. Marjorie Christoffersen told *The Los Angeles Times*, "I've almost had a nervous breakdown."
- San Diego developer Doug Manchester, who donated \$125,000 to put Prop 8 on the ballot, has seen a boycott against hotels he owns, including the Manchester Grand Hyatt on San Diego Bay. Manchester did not return calls seeking comment. Sonja Eddings Brown, spokeswoman for the Protect Marriage coalition, which supports Prop 8, said Manchester's hotel "has lost several national conventions and conferences."
- A-1 Self Storage, with 30 locations across California, has also been targeted by Karger's group. Owner Terry Caster and family members donated \$693,000.

Caster did not return calls but has a recording on his phone defending the contribution and Prop 8. "The homosexual community is trying to change something that has been practiced since the start of our great country," he says, referring to marriage. "I simply exercise my right to support that which I believe in."

Brown says she has received calls from small business owners in Hollywood and West Hollywood who have lost customers because of their donations. She said she has seen printed lists that name Hollywood studio employees who gave to the cause, an action that "replicates that feel" of blacklists of movie-industry figures who many in Hollywood to this day believe

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were prevented from earning a living because of their politics.

Some say blacklist is the wrong analogy.

Larry Gross, professor and director of the school of communication at the University of Southern California, said publicizing donors is a legitimate tactic. He says it is similar to the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott of the 1960s in which blacks were protesting segregated seating.


"This is a matter of private citizens saying they don't want to patronize businesses that have worked against their interests," Gross said.

But Ron Prentice, executive director of the California Family Council, says it is wrong to compare supporters of traditional marriage to racists.

"I think the general public is recognizing intolerance" of the blacklist, he said.

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