

Vandals spray-paint Springfield theater



Supporters of Measure 9 were blamed Tuesday for vandalism at a Springfield theater, while the Oregon Citizens Alliance tried to tie the arson fire at a Portland church.

The OCA is sponsoring the measure on the Nov. 3 ballot. It would amend the state constitution to declare homosexuality "abnormal" and "perverse," and require schools to teach it is wrong. It is sponsored by the Oregon Citizens Alliance.

Somebody spray-painted pro-Measure 9 graffiti on the McKenzie Theater in Springfield Thursday night, owner David Gibson said.

The words "Yes on 9," "Fag," and "Jew" were written in fluorescent pink across two

double doors and the main front window, said owner David Gibson.

Gibson and his wife, who are Jewish, have been involved in the campaign to defeat the anti-gay rights measure.

Two conservative Portland churches were the targets of weekend incidents that OCA spokesman Scott Lively blamed on opponents of Measure 9.

"That's strictly conjecture," said John Kuykendall, the pastor of Lynchwood Church, where arson did an estimated \$30,000 damage to the foyer Saturday.

Portland Police Chief Tom Potter said there have been numerous reports of vandalism and threatening phone calls, including death threats on both sides.

In Eugene, a local Oregon Citizens Alliance leader has complained that local government helped sponsor a weekend conference that included workshops aimed at defeating Measure 9.

Lane County and the Eugene City Council helped pay for the meeting of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment, said Larry Allwander, Lane County OCA director.

He said it was inappropriate to include conference workshops such as "The Language of Measure 9: The New Face of Repression" and "The OCA and the New Right Assault on Democracy."

Conference coordinator Arlene Marshall defended the workshops.

"We sent requests for work-

shop proposals and we did invite the OCA and the Christian Coalition, but we never heard from them," Marshall said.

Meanwhile, OCA Chairman Lon Mabon said he believes Measure 9 will win in southern and coastal counties, and in Eastern Oregon.

He said he believes the initiative has an even chance of winning in the heavily populated Willamette Valley, where opposition has been strong.

However, two prominent southern Oregon Republicans were featured Tuesday in a television ad opposing Measure 9.

Dave Frohnmayer, University of Oregon Law School dean and former attorney general, and his father, Otto, a Medford lawyer, called Mabon and the OCA a group of extremists.

CUSTOM PRINTED T-SHIRTS
LOWEST RATES!

 896-0101

Group says day of reckoning is near



BOSTON (AP) — The end of the world is drawing near, according to a national religious movement that predicts the final reckoning will occur by Saturday.

"Some people don't believe," said Lee In-Kyung, spokeswoman of the Taberah World Mission, whose 16-year-old leader, Bang-ik Ha, is said to have received a revelation that Jesus would come this month for Judgment Day. "But many people believe. It's all up to them how much their minds are closed to God."

The group believes the "saved" will be swooped to heaven in the so-called rapture; all others will be left behind for seven years of tribulation, at which time human history will end.

It's not the first time someone has predicted the end of the world. This time it's being announced in advertisements in *The New York Times* and in brochures tucked under the wipers of parked cars in major cities.

"The fact that these expectations are out there is kind of common now," said Thomas Wangler, a professor of theology at Boston College. "And there's much in the Bible to inspire it. But the kind of rationalization and modern advertising campaign they're using, that's new to me."

At least three groups are behind all the publicity: the Taberah World Mission in Skokie, Ill., the Maranatha Mission in Los Angeles and the Mission for the Coming Days in Derry, N.H. Some ad-

'There's much in the Bible to inspire it. But the kind of rationalization and modern advertising campaign they're using, that's new to me.'

— Thomas Wangler, theology professor

vertisements also have been sponsored by the Korean-based Coming of Christ Mission.

All are affiliates of the Korean Mission for the Coming Days Church, according to the Watchman Fellowship, a Christian cult-monitoring group.

Korean authorities last month arrested Lee Jan-rim, a leader of the movement, charging him with swindling his followers of up to \$4 million. Prosecutors said he had \$380,000 worth of bonds with maturities as late as next May, well after his predicted doomsday.

The groups say the formation of the European Community, peace talks in the Middle East, volcanic eruptions and earthquakes fulfill biblical prophecies that, in turn, foretell the rapture.

"I believe that Jesus is coming again," said Richard Branch, senior researcher for the Watchman Fellowship. "But the Bible says no man knows the day or the hour."

Campaign nuggets

"Those comrades of mine that died — the extra 10, 15, 20 thousand — that blood is on your hands, you war protesters."

"You strung it out. You didn't stop it a minute." — Retired Adm. James Stockdale, on Bill Clinton and other Vietnam protesters.

"Our tradition in politics has not been to use election campaigns as a way to get the prior approval of voters for solutions."

"The candidate's first priority is to get elected and only then does he worry about the problems he'll face in office." — Political scientist Bruce Buchanan of the University of Texas.

Exercise your brain with COLLEGE BOWL
the Varsity Sport of the Mind



Sign Up
November 2 - 6 at EMU Rec Center or any Residence Hall

For more information call 346-3711

Rapist who wore condom at woman's plea indicted

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A grand jury Tuesday indicted a man accused of raping a woman who asked him to wear a condom. Another grand jury had refused to bring charges last month, prompting protests.

Joel Rene Valdez, 27, was indicted on charges of aggravated sexual assault and burglary with intent to commit aggravated

sexual assault, District Attorney Ronnie Earle said.

The grand jury recommended that bond be set at \$100,000, and Valdez remained in Travis County Jail. If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of life in prison.

The refusal of another grand jury to indict Valdez set off protests from women's groups and

others, including a rally by about 100 people outside the county courthouse.

Grand jury proceedings are secret under law, and prosecutors wouldn't discuss the reasons for the first panel's action Sept. 30. Earle's office resubmitted the case to a second grand jury.

Police say the woman was

raped Sept. 16 by a man who broke into her home and held a knife on her. She said she asked him to wear a condom because she feared sexually transmitted diseases.

Valdez told police he had sex with the woman after hiding in her apartment and said she consented to have sex.

Halloween 1-Hour Photo Developing Special!

7 99 thru Nov. 5th

Any Size Film
Single, color 4x6 prints only

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON BOOK STORE