CHRISTMAS ATTACKS

The Christmas haters made their presence felt this past season; their antics varied considerably.

Vandals struck Catholic churches throughout the country: arson, burglary and theft were among the most common offenses. Crosses were smashed, obscene inscriptions were left, and satanic displays were also featured.

A third-grade enactment of the nativity scene was banned when atheists went ballistic. The Oklahoma school was intimidated by the threat of a lawsuit.

Pornographic images, created with Christmas lights, were displayed by a woman on the rooftop of her home in Kansas.

Netflix aired a movie about Jesus that depicted him as a homosexual.

Vulgar Christmas jokes were told by late-night TV talk-show hosts.

Attempts were made to rename Christmas parades.

On the other hand, there were signs of progress. Our side has set anchor for about a decade, refusing to cave in to bullies.

Surveys show considerable support for displaying religious symbols on public property, with African Americans leading the way. As usual, it is well-educated white people, who consider themselves to be the most tolerant, who are the most intolerant. Many naturally incline to censorship.

These attacks on Christmas constitute hate speech. We know what they hate, so take it as a sign that they haven't won.