

SIGNS

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"We sat with our volunteers and we said we are going to run a clean, professional campaign," Leib said. "This is a judgment, unbecoming of a judge. It's ridiculous."

Hills City Manager Steve Brock brushed off the idea that sign snatchings this election are any higher than in previous years.

"Maybe it's just the candidates are complaining more," he said. "From what I've heard, it's no worse than last year."

Hills Police Chief William Dwyer said there has been an increase in candidates filing police reports over missing signs compared to previous elections.

"A person found guilty of larceny of a candidate sign or malicious destruction of a sign faces a misdemeanor charge punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine, the chief said."

"So far, no report of a local person or candidate accused of such crimes has been made public."

Candidate Alan Vosko said he estimated he has lost a whopping 400 signs.

"I think the sign wars are ridiculous," he said. "Vosko also wishes something

more could be done about illegally placed signs, such as those posted in rights-of-way. "I'd love to see an ordinance with some teeth in it," he said. Vosko suggested a law where candidates would pay a fine for illegally placed signs.

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Paul Blizman
Candidate

"Why have the city pay to clean up this mess?" he said. Candidate and Farmington Hills City Councilman Barry Brichman said the sign in front of his own home was snatched not long ago. He was at the Hills police station recently filing a complaint.

Someone took 10 of his signs in a neighborhood the other night," he said.

"I don't mind losing one or two," he said, but noted it's disappointing when an entire section of a subdivision has signs missing within hours.

"Someone goes through a neighborhood and takes them off lawns."

Candidate Annette Raczowski said she has had "a ton" of her signs taken recently. "As fast as they go up, they disappear," she said, adding vandals are defacing her larger signs.

"You expect it (signs missing) but not to this degree," she said. Candidate and Hills Planning Commissioner Paul Blizman said he, too, has been a victim of sign stealing.

"I think it's unfortunate in a judicial race that some people have to resort to these kinds of tactics," he said.

Candidate Sidney Kraizman agreed plenty of his signs have been taken as well.

"It might be teenagers," he said, adding that some get stolen not long after they are plugged into the ground.

Candidate and 47th District Court Magistrate Jim Brady said he never dreamed this race would resort to so many signs being stolen or vandalized.

"I thought the candidates would be above stealing each other's signs," he said. "I had 15 taken from my own street one night."

"You can't tell me it's just kids - it's too big a deal to be just kids," he said.

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United Way needs 1,000 volunteers

Teamwork, making a difference and building a better community are just a few ways to describe Day of Caring. Painting, building, cleaning, planting are just a few of the activities volunteers may be doing on Day of Caring.

United Way of Oakland County brings together volunteers to lend a helping hand to non-profits and schools in northern Oakland County on the one-day event, scheduled this year for Saturday, Sept. 14.

Now in its 11th year, Day of Caring organizers say roughly 1,000 volunteers are needed to work on 25 projects, including

preparing food baskets, cleaning up abandoned lots, painting buildings and playgrounds, and planting flowers and shrubs.

Volunteers begin their day at 8:30 a.m. at their assigned project and are usually done between 1 and 2 p.m. To volunteer, call Rose Ann Nicolai at United Way at (248) 874-1629.

This year's event is even more special because it takes place during National Civic Participation Week (Sept. 11-17). This week, which the U.S. Senate designated with the passage of resolution S. Res. 140, will showcase American

democracy and civic participation, honor the courageous spirit of the American people, and pay tribute to those lost on Sept. 11.

United Way is also collecting new and old bed sheets for the Kurmanos Cancer Institute's Bed Sheet Drive during Day of Caring. Just bring them to your volunteer site the day of the event.

Anyone who can't attend Day of Caring can still drop off sheets at the United Way at 50 Wayne St. in Pontiac. The sheets are sewed into bed pads and used to prevent bedsores in cancer patients.

CHURCH

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Albania and is now smaller than the state of Michigan.

The reason behind the festival, which takes place at other locations on an annual basis, is to promote ethnic and religious

the traditions of nationality and religion.

Besides having a Macedonian national and religious displays, the church will also offer national foods, such as pite, burek, Macedonian soups, relish, burek, sweets and drinks.

All of this will be accompanied by entertainment for children and Macedonian music and dancers.

The church is located at 29141 Twelve Mile Rd. The festival is from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3; On Sunday, Aug. 4, there will be a 10:30 a.m. holy mass, the festival continues from noon to 8 p.m.

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All counts stemmed from the sexual assault of a young woman who was a household member.

The incidents began when the girl was 14 years old, he added.

Defense attorney Jeff Quas couldn't be reached for comment.

Success, who changed his name in 1987, gained local notoriety in the late 1980s. On Oct. 26, 1988, he led a peace march for racial harmony called "Love Force United Progressive" in Farmington.

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