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Detroit Lions » 2023 NFC North champions

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Detroit Lions safety Ifeatu Melifonwu (6) celebrates with teammates after intercepting a pass that sealed the Lions' victory against the Minnesota Vikings, 30-24. For the first time in 30 years, the Lions are division champions. The last title came in 1993 when Detroit was in the NFC Central. For coverage of the game, go to page B1.

FRASER

Garfield in front of Fraser High School to be expanded

School boss non-committal about helping pay for work

By Mitch Hotts mhotts@medianewsgroup.com

Fraser city officials have asked their counterparts in the school district to help pay for the \$7 million cost of reconstruction of a 1-mile stretch of Garfield Road.

But so far, Fraser Public Schools leaders aren't willing to contribute any cash, despite two of its school buildings benefiting from the road overhaul of Gar-

field, which is a dilapidated, worn-down two-lane road.

"We are very excited that the Garfield reconstruction project is finally coming to fruition," Superintendent Carrie Wozniak said in an email Tuesday.

"We have had conversations with city and county officials about the importance of improving Garfield Road, especially at the entrance to Fraser High School. At this point, we have not made a commitment to any financial support."

The Fraser City Council last week approved a

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A motorist travels through a traffic signal on Garfield Road in front of Fraser High School. The road will be reconstructed in the summer of 2024, according to city officials.

MACOMB COUNTY

Prosecutors ask Supreme Court to reinstate man's rape convictions

Rare request for a rare acceptance by SCOTUS

By Jameson Cook jcook@medianewsgroup.com

The Macomb County Prosecutor's Office possibly for the first time ever filed a motion with the U.S. Supreme Court in an attempt to reverse a state Supreme Court decision to undo a rape conviction here.

Assistant Prosecutor Emil Semaan, under the direction of county Prosecutor Peter Lucido, recently submitted a request for the nation's high court to overturn the state high court's decision to order a new trial for Anthony J. Veach, now 43, who was convicted by a Macomb County jury in 2017 of seven counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and two counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct for allegedly raping a female relative several times from March 2015 to July 2016 in three municipalities when the victim was 14 and 15 years old.

"Our goal is to uphold the convictions for these crimes," Lucido said in a recent news release. "We seek a resolution that respects the law while safeguarding the well-being of those who have endured unimaginable trauma."

Semaan, who has been sworn in to practice in the nation's top court, said it is the first in 25 years or possibly ever in Macomb County that the Prosecutor's Office has filed a request to the high court.

State justices in a 6-1 decision last July ruled REQUEST » PAGE 5

HOLIDAY

Bethlehem resembles a ghost town on Christmas Eve

Celebrations are halted due to Israel-Hamas war

By Melanie Lidman The Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, WEST BANK » The typically bustling biblical birthplace of Jesus resembled a ghost town Sunday after Christmas Eve celebrations in Bethlehem were called off due to the Israel-Hamas war.

The festive lights and Christmas tree that normally decorate Manger Square were missing, as were the throngs of foreign tourists and jubilant youth marching bands that gather in the West Bank town each year to mark the holiday. Dozens of Palestinian security forces patrolled the empty square.

"This year, without the Christmas tree and without lights, there's just darkness," said Brother John Vinh, a Franciscan monk from Vietnam who has lived in Jerusalem for six years.

Vinh said he always comes to Bethlehem to BETHLEHEM » PAGE 4

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