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Bunyan pose adds light touch to rivalry



Michigan's Donovan Peoples-Jones mimics the Paul Bunyan Trophy after scoring a touchdown against Michigan State in 2019. DAVID GURALNICK/DETROIT NEWS

Celebration's creator calls it 'purely just fun'

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It was the night before the Michigan-Michigan State game in 2018, and Michigan receivers Nico Collins and Donovan Peoples-Jones, and backup quarterback Joe Milton were hanging out after the team dinner.

They were talking about football and life and cracking jokes. And then the conversation shifted to touchdown celebrations, which was right up Peoples-Jones' creative alley.

"I always like to go into a game with a celebration," Peoples-Jones told The Detroit News. "I think that it helps with scoring a touchdown, too, because you're already kind of prepared to celebrate, so that means you're prepared to get to the end zone."

Milton suggested Peoples-Jones should pose like the Paul Bunyan Trophy, the prize that has been awarded to the winner of the Michigan-Michigan State game since 1953. The trophy will be on the line for the 74th time when Michigan (5-3, 2-3 Big Ten) and Michigan State (2-6, 0-5) play Saturday night, Nov. 7, at Michigan Stadium.

The four-foot wooden statue depicts gigantic lumberjack Paul

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Predictions: Spartans are significant underdogs against Wolverines. **1C**

RESTRUCTURING PLANS WORRY PARISHIONERS

Mass at risk at half of Detroit's Catholic churches



St. Juan Diego Parish in Detroit is targeted for losing weekend Masses under both Archdiocese of Detroit draft restructuring models. DAVID GURALNICK/THE DETROIT NEWS

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DETROIT — Up to half of the Catholic churches in Detroit could stop holding weekend Masses under the latest Archdiocese of Detroit restructuring plan models, a staggering number that's prompting local parishioners to ask where they'll go to church and what may be lost.

As the Archdiocese seeks to "right-size" itself amid declining membership, aging buildings and fewer priests, no city is hit harder under the restructuring plan than Detroit. The targeted parishes are spread all over the city, from the east side to southwest Detroit, and many are more than 100 years old. The Archdiocese of Detroit last month released updated models for 15 planning areas across five counties in southeast Michigan, showing how parishes could be grouped under the restructuring plan, following months of feedback from parishioners. Three planning areas focused specifically on Detroit, and two models were proposed for each planning area.

Of the roughly 39 Catholic churches now

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Catholic churches where weekend Masses may stop have deep roots. **6A**

Tesla to pull plug on Cybertruck in 2027

Vehicle never reached predicted annual sales

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Reuters

Tesla will wind down Cybertruck production at its Texas gigafactory around mid-2027, CEO Elon Musk said Nov. 6, after years of persistently weak sales for a futuristic model once touted as a rival to legacy pickup trucks.

Musk said in an X post the production wind-down would enable the automaker to accommodate increased output of its newly launched Cybercab model, which the billionaire has made central to Tesla's robotaxi ambitions.

The announcement comes at the end of a bruising week for Musk as his record political spending of nearly half a billion dollars yielded little in the Nov. 3 U.S. midterm elections, with the vast majority of the Republican candidates he backed losing their races.

Combined, his companies were on track to lose more than $370 billion in market capitalization for the week.

While it was not immediately clear whether Cybertruck production would be moved to another facility or phased out entirely, the automaker's Austin plant is the only known Tesla facility equipped to manufacture the specialized components for the heavy, angular model.

In response to a user on X, Musk called the Cybertruck the "best vehicle Tesla has ever made" and the wind-down the "end of an era."

Tesla did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment sent outside regular business hours.

The U.S. electric vehicle maker began delivering the Cybertruck to customers in late 2023. According to automotive data platform Kelley Blue Book, the company only sold 20,237

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Tesla sold 20,237 Cybertrucks in the U.S. last year, down 48% from 2024. Around the start of production in 2023, Elon Musk had predicted annual sales of 250,000. MARIO TAMA/GETTY IMAGES

Youthful candy gang's antics leave sour taste in Kalamazoo area

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KALAMAZOO — Earlier this year, customers at a Kalamazoo shopping center were accosted by gangs of children selling candy.

The youths wouldn't wait for shoppers to get out of their vehicles and then followed them into stores, the patrons said. They cursed at people who turned them down.

As brazen as their bullying was, so was how they obtained the confections. They stole the candy from stores on the other side of the street, police said.

The police were swarmed with calls from both sides of M-43. One group of shops complained about the thefts and the other about the harassment of customers.

But law enforcement could do little. Unless they could prove the sweets were stolen, it wasn't illegal for the juveniles to sell them.

The dozen kids, who were as young as 8, were dubbed the Candy Boys.

The Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office accused an adult, like Fagin in "Oliver Twist," of being involved in the youthful enterprise.

According to a police report, Alicia Betts of Kalamazoo seemed to direct some of the children on which stores to target.

Betts, 39, was arrested and charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. In a plea deal, she was fined $50 and given three months' probation in July. She didn't respond to calls

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Groups of three to five children, aged 8 to 16, shoved entire boxes of chocolates into their backpacks in Kalamazoo-area stores, according to police reports. ROBIN BUCKSON/THE DETROIT NEWS

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