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Helicopter hunts for secrets underground

'Giant metal detector' helps track vital Michigan resource

BY CAROL THOMPSON
The Detroit News

A low-flying helicopter dragging a giant hoop above southwest Michigan isn't monitoring the skies. It's taking an intricate look below ground.

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy and U.S. Geological Survey are using the helicopter and hoop to track groundwater in the region, an agricultural area where farmers rely on irrigation and some communities face water shortages.

Understanding how water flows through sand, gravel and rock below the surface will help regulators decide when to approve or deny high-capacity wells, respond to pollution and help communities find drinking water or plan for potential problems.

The southwest Michigan project is part of a statewide effort to track the availability and movement of Michigan's groundwater.

"If we don't know where the areas are that stop water from moving underground, it makes it a lot harder for us to determine if water use in one place is going to cause impact to a stream 100 or 500 or 1,000

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GM cuts hundreds of tech jobs amid AI push

Some positions affected at Warren hub as automaker looks to 'the future'

BY SUMMER BALLENTINE
The Detroit News

General Motors Co. is cutting several hundred information technology jobs globally as it focuses on artificial intelligence and other future-forward skillsets, potentially impacting employment levels in southeast Michigan.

About 500 to 600 employees will be laid off, according to a source familiar with the matter, including some at the company's Warren hub. GM is cutting tech jobs that are no longer needed, according to the source, but plans on hiring workers adept in AI and future technologies expected to power next-generation product development.

"GM is transforming its Information Technology organization to better position the company for the future," according to a statement from the Detroit automaker. "As part of that work, we have made the difficult decision to eliminate certain roles globally." GM declined to disclose the locations of the job cuts.

GM's job cuts are the second significant layoff by a major Michigan employer in recent days. On Friday, Cincinnati-based Fifth Third Bank announced more than 500 layoffs at its Farmington Hills office, the former Comerica Bank campus it acquired in a merger earlier this year.

"The aggregate numbers aren't enough to affect the Michigan economy," said Patrick Anderson, CEO of Lansing-based Anderson Economic Group. "But GM is a flagship employer here, and they're making a decision that a lot of companies in the automobile industry and other sectors are also consider-

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Dad's donors fuel Bouchard campaign

Support of 'lifelong friends' the nature of the game, Republican says

BY GRANT SCHWAB
The Detroit News

Washington — Republican congressional hopeful Michael Bouchard, similar to other second-comers in Michigan political lineages, has so far relied heavily on donors to his father's past campaigns to fuel a 2026 run for a pivotal suburban Detroit U.S. House seat, a Detroit News analysis shows.

More than half of the traceable money flowing to Bouchard's campaign and an outside group backing him has come from prior donors to his dad, the longtime Oakland Coun-



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Michael Bouchard is running for Congress in the 10th District.

ty sheriff who shares a name with his 32-year-old son.

To the younger Michael Bouchard, that's just the nature of tight-knit relationships formed over a lifetime. "I absolutely love the support

my father and some of our lifelong friends have brought," the Army paratrooper-turned-candidate said in an interview.

Seasoned observers and Michigan candidates with similar experiences — namely, Democratic U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell of Ann Arbor and former Rep. Andy Levin of Bloomfield Township — said it's not unusual in the relationship-driven world of politics for campaigning to become a family affair, though different campaigns have taken different approaches.

In this case, Bouchard's rivals are seizing on his father's campaign involvement as an unsavory emblem of the nepotism that often grants power and influence in Washington.

"I feel like I'm running against

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Many Americans think Trump assassination attempts were fake

BY LIAM SCOTT
Washington Post

About 1 in 4 Americans think the April shooting at the White House correspondents' dinner was staged, with a marked partisan divide, according to a survey published Monday.

Roughly 1 in 3 Democratic respondents said they believed the event was staged, compared with about 1 in 8 Republicans, according to a survey published Monday by NewsGuard, a company that rates the reliability of online news outlets. Respondents between the ages of 18 and 29 were also more likely than older people to think the incident was staged, according to the report.

Last week, a federal grand jury in D.C. indicted the alleged gunman, charging Cole Tomas Allen with four felonies, including the attempted assassination of President Donald Trump. Soon after the incident that led to his arrest at the Washington Hilton, conspiracy theories began to spread online that falsely claim the Trump administration staged the incident in an effort to manufacture support for the president, the Republican Party and his planned White House ballroom.

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