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## **Nursing history**

Botsford Hospital's emergency room looked a bit like it was caught in a time warp on Halloween, Cindy Kuptz, RN, Joanne Pawelak, RN, and Kathy Hanlon, RN, dressed in vintage nurse's usiforms including the traditional cap. Hanlon's Red Cross uniform belonged to her aunt and dates back to World War II.

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## MEAP challenge draws parents

Karuna Kodali came with several other Longacre Elementary and Power Middle Schools parents to take a sample Michigan Educational Assessment Program test Tuesday at the Farmington Training Center. Like other parents participating in "Nike the Test Week" in Michigan school districts, they wanted to find ways to guide their children. This will definitely help. Kodali said.

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North Farmington High School students Sara Bloonberg and Sean Spaniol Interview Kris Gekiere, an administrator for school improvement, testing and accreditation for TY-10 about MEAP testing.

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ing this?"

Gekiere will present information to principals, with the hope that the sample test can be administered to PTA groups in the evening.

MEAP tests are a snapshot of student progress, according to Farmington Public Schools Superintendent Bob Maxfield.

The depth and complexity of skills tested in math, science, reading, writing and social studies often surprise

The test items looked familiar to take the MEAP. The test items looked familiar to her. It's a lot harder when you do it cold, though, isn't it? Huston said. I feel for the children who take it. It's a difficult test.

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Students often find diffi-culty answering whether the section of a book at the end of the book is called the table of contents or the index. "They can't remember the vocabulary," Huston said

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Jim Blazek, a Farmington senior and former finance teacher at Northwestern University, became interested in taking the sample test when it was announced at the Senior Adult Forum Breakfast Oct. 22.

He told how he worked with other graduate assistants, his associates, who came from different section of the country, each with different levels of education. "We were all highly ranked," Blazek said. "I don't think the school would have accepted low performing students. It became verypaparent that there was a

ing students. It became very apparent that there was a difference in the level of education which came from the different colleges. All five of us were not equal. There has to be some accountability and some schools shouldn't be allowed to underperform, he said in

schools shouldn't be allowed to underperform, he said in reference to the MEAP exam. They have to somehow be encouraged to do so, Blazek said. "Rifs shouldn't be passed from grade to grade without being able to read. Everychild should be given the opportunity to become proficient."
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To find out more information or to take a test online, visit www.kentisd.org/ take-thetest or call Ron Koehler, of the Kent Schools, who is coordinating the "Take the Test Week" in Michigan.

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