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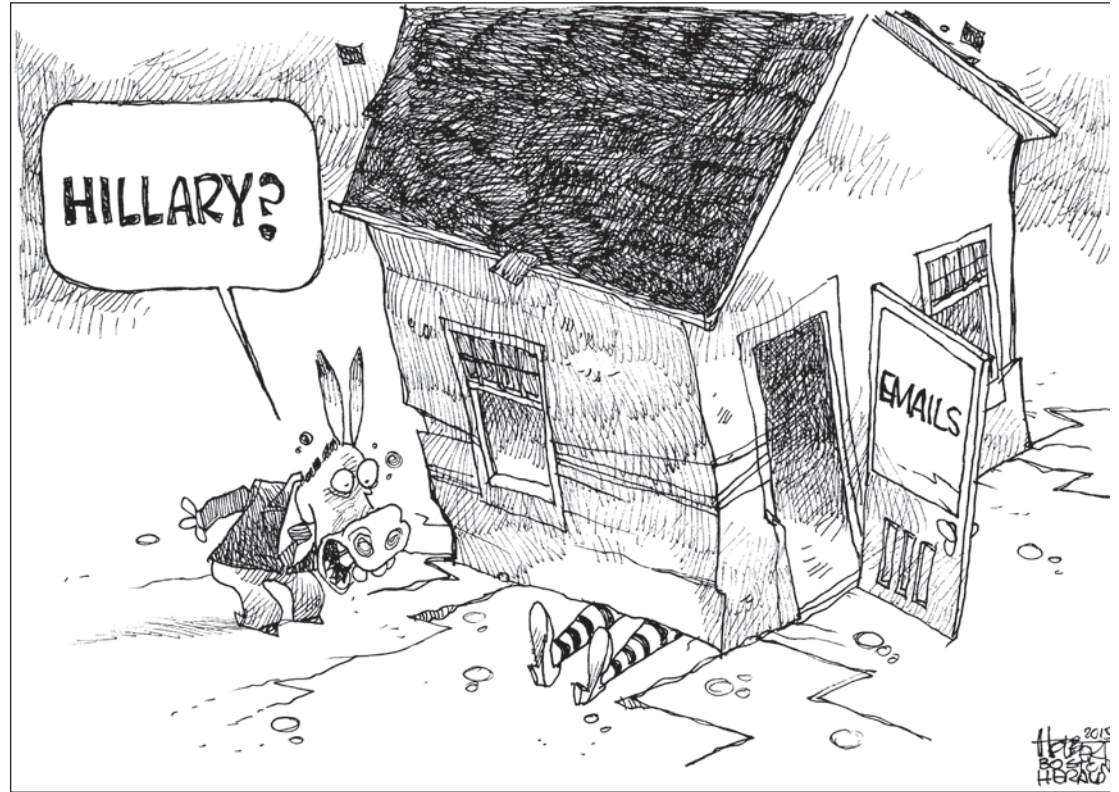
LMC was the perfect incubator for success

Editor,

When I had the opportunity to attend Lake Michigan College, my parents were unable to help me financially, and the affordability of LMC was the main factor in my decision. I was able to work locally and still go to school, and scheduling my job was easy with LMC's class schedules.

But my LMC experience went beyond my expectations. I love the fact that the teachers are there when you need them, and the small class sizes ensure individual attention. The small size also makes it a great stepping stone for students who have just graduated and will be transferring to a university. The campus was friendly, and I was made to feel like I belonged there. The campus set-up makes it easy to find classrooms, and to find plenty of places to study. College staff are easygoing, helpful and knowledgeable. There really isn't a better place to start your college career or to get new skills to advance your career.

As I reflect on my graduation at my LMC and finally wearing my honoree ribbon, I knew that my life had changed there. Graduation day gave me all the incentive I needed to continue my education and finish my bachelor's degree. Graduating



from LMC gave me the confidence I needed to find my voice and myself as an individual, and to give back to our community.

As a proud alumna of Lake Michigan College, I want to encourage the support of the Campaign for Tomorrow by my fellow community members. Your gift will go toward new approaches to education that will benefit students as well as the economic health of

our region.

**Gloria Ender
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Freedom Finishing, Inc.**

MDOT should pay for any damages from signs

Editor,

In the Sept. 2 edition of The Herald-Palladium, there was an article titled "BH's cross-walk experiment." In the article it states "many of the signs

have been hit, with varying degrees of damage." It further states, "They're (the signs) all designed to be hit and to come back up."

My question and position is, if a driver hits a sign and the car is damaged, will the Michigan Department of Transportation reimburse the driver for the necessary repairs? It seems only fair.

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