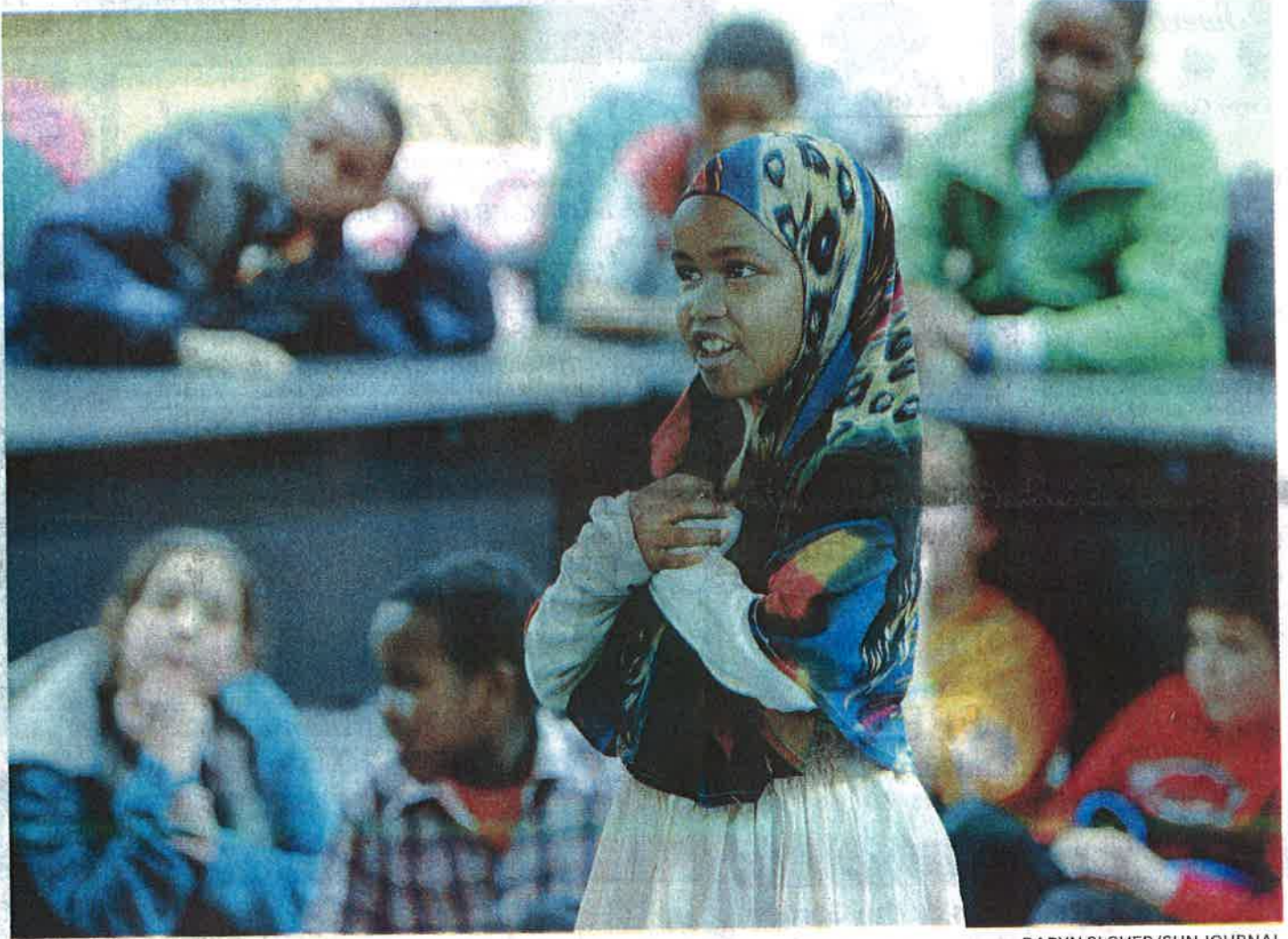


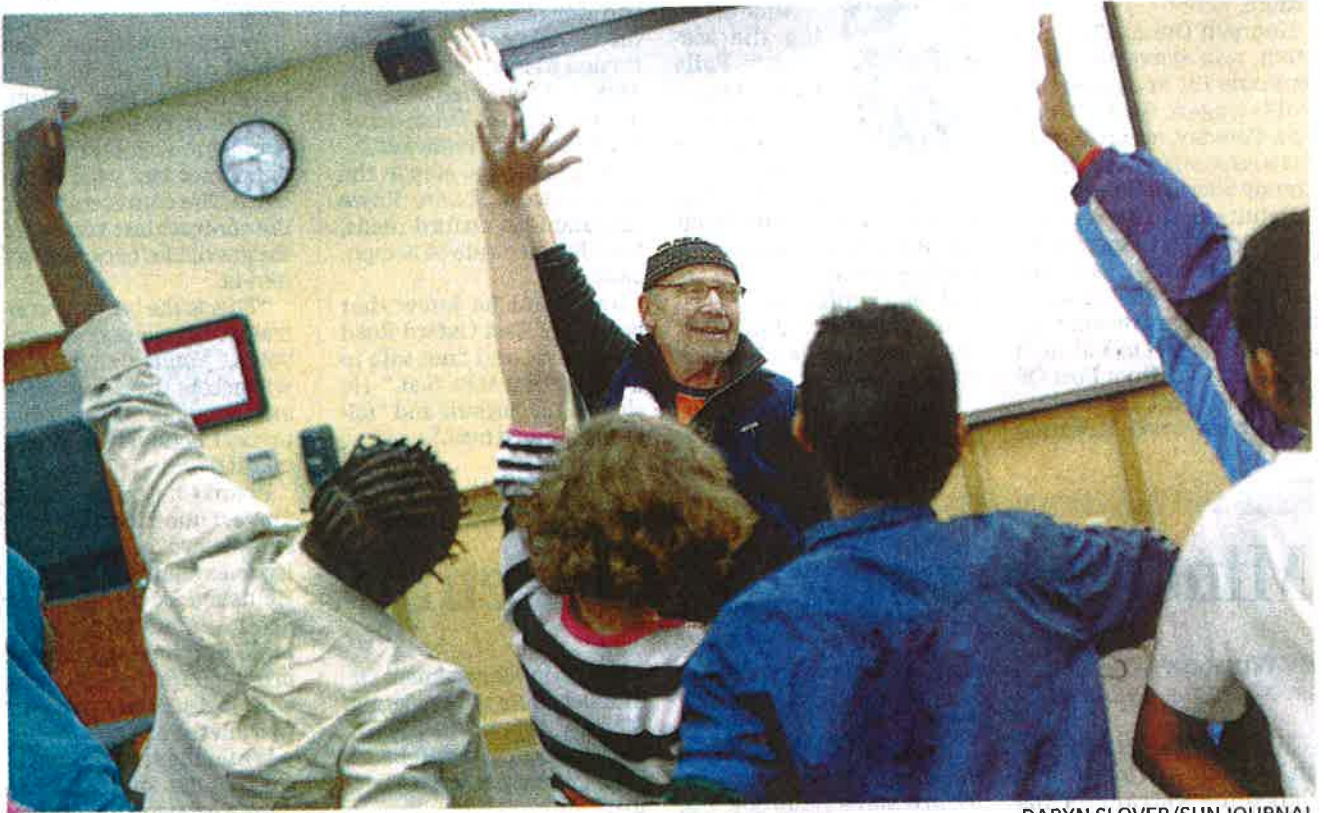
Young poet in Lewiston



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Arbay Aden, 10, recites her poem "Homelessness" during the Maine Writes poetry slam at Lewiston Regional Technical Center on Tuesday. Aden is a student in Kelly Johnson's classroom. Students from Montello Elementary, Farwell Elementary and Lewiston Middle schools are competing against New York City students during the Maine Writes poetry slam. More on Page B1.

Poetry Slam: Lewiston vs. the Bronx



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Martin Steingesser, a poet from Portland, leads a group of Lewiston students in pre-performance exercises at Lewiston Regional Technical Center on Tuesday. Students from Montello Elementary, Farwell Elementary and Lewiston Middle schools are competing against New York City students via teleconference during the Maine Writes poetry slam. Steingesser has been visiting with fifth-graders at Farwell to help them prepare for the competition. Students from Kelly Johnson's fifth-grade class at Montello went up against the Bronx's PS 33 Timothy Dwight School on Tuesday morning. LMS students went head to head Tuesday afternoon and Farwell will compete on Thursday. "It's a fun competition that motivates us to write more poetry," said Josh Vink, L/A Arts' director of arts and education.