

Top girls: Alicia Orihel (left), Hayley Weiss and Kellie Schwagle finished one-two-three in the Optimist Club speaking contest.

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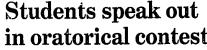
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Best boys: Raji Bedi (second from left) won first-place in the Optimist boys group. Erik Peterson (left) was second, Charlie Stamboulian third and Ryan Lewis (second from

Students speak out in oratorical contest



"Now is The Time" was the topic for this years oratorical contest sponsored by the Farmingtun/Farmington Hills Breakfast
Optimist Club.

Thirteen students were on hand
March 6 and 13 to share their oration on this theme. Students from
O.E. Dunckel, Power and Warner
Middle Schools, as well as Mercy
High School competed.

The topic gave students the opportunity to speak about any issue that they fell needed to be addressed by society. The issues
they selected included abortion,
teening driving, disease, humanity and peace. ty and peace. Students were judged on origi-

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international dance groups, ethnic food and wins Sunday, April 14, 1996 from 3:30 to 7 p.m.

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mality, poise, content, delivery and presentation, and overall effectiveness.

Alicia Orihel from Power Middle School won top honors in the Cirls Division, and Raji Bedi, also from Power, won first place in the Boys Division. Alicia and Raji will go no to the next level to represent the Farmington area in Birminghum on April 20.

Students from across the state are competing for the grand prize, a \$1,500 scholarship to the school of their choice.

Runner up awards went to Hayley Weiss from Warner Middle School and Erik Peterson from OLE Duncke.

This year's judges were Tom Baer, editor of the Farmington Observer, Peter DeHaon, from Hinachi Corporation; and Caren Collins, from the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission.

The remaining students were samantha Cohen, Sheela Rajdey, Marina Mednik, Nitsan Ben-Cal, Charlie Stamboulian, Ryan Lewis, Kellie Schwagle, Nicole D'Awanzo and Mellassa Motsinger.





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Historical Society sponsors research writing contest

Anyone interested in Farming-ton-area history take note: the Farmington Historical Society is sponsoring the 13th-annual Lee S. Peel Historical Research Writ-ing Contest

ing Contest.
Anyone, except those judging the contest, may enter, and there are four categories: I. Elementary schoolers, grades 1-6; II. Middle schoolers, grades 6-6; III. High schoolers, grades 9-12; and IV. college students and adults. Submissions should be original work and must be submitted before Friday, April 5. Audio and video tapes, alides, photographs, and neatly written or printed

texts are accoptable.

Sources may include personal recollections, interviews, family dilaries or letters, old photographs, paintings and sketchis.

First prize — the Lee S. Peol Writing Award — will be \$100, and second prize will be \$3.00 can best-in-category prizes of \$25 cench will be awarded. Winners will be announced at a ceremony in late May or early June at the Farmington Historical Museum.

The context is named after Lee S. Peel, a prominent local educar, historical and author Formore information, call John Will-yard at 661-8915.





Student poet: Kenbrook Elementary fifth grader Student poet: Renbrook Elementary Jun grader Alexa Feldman's poem was selected as the first place winner in the 1995-96 Michigan PTA Relections Contest Grade 3-5 category. Her poem, "Watch... and See the Seasons Tarn," will be entered in the National PTA Reflections contest. State winners will be honored at the PTA state convention May 4.

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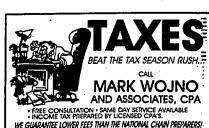
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