

Madhuri Gacam (left), 12, Sukanya Sill, 14, die school students, take to the stage during and Praveena Gadam, 11, all Farmington mid- the multilingual-multicultural celebration.

World cultures accented

For the seventh year since it was conceived in the Farmington Public School District, the bilingual depart-ment held its annual Multilingual-Multicultural Open House.

More than 450 people, including representatives from the Michigan Department of Education, heard State Sen. Jack Faxon, Farmington Hills, say one of American's strengths was its desire to preserve its heritage and culture.

Audlences watched traditional dances from the Chinese, Japanese, Dutch, Mexican, Indian, Arabic and Scottish culture.

The open house concluded with the serving of foods from all over the world in an international dinner prepared by parents of children in the bilingual program.

The bilingual department serves 383 students in 13 languages.

The bilingual program operates with a staff of 20, with the cooperation of the Parents Bilingual Advisory Council, under the directorship of Haroune Alameddine and Lawrence Freedman, assistant superintendent of Farmington Schools.

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AT LEFT: Patricia Garouno performa a Mexican dance: a Moxican dance. Hor daughter, Claudia, a North Farmington High School student, also perticipated in the dance at the wock's billingual department open house. More than 450 people turned out for the annual event. State Sen. Jack Faxon was the guest speaker.





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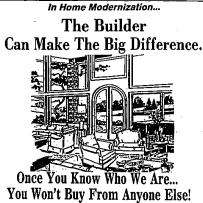
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