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intellectual freedom," she said. The 12 Mile library will host a workshop for the Library of Michigan members on May 23 to discuss the Patriot Act and its impact on libraries and policies. "We aren't tracking use in the building," Papai said; tracking is not a requirement under the act. Internet use at libraries is also popular, but Papai said the library works to erase the list of sites visited as soon as the user signs off. "Our goal is as soon as the session is ended, the history (of Web sites viewed) is wiped clean," she said. "Big Brother may be watching,"

but I don't want Big Brother to generate that watch at the library," Papai said. At Borders Books and Music in Farmington Hills, manager Steve Moyer said the company has issued a statement on the new law. He said on a personal level, he can understand why the law is in effect with the threat of terrorism.

"My personal viewpoint is records should be kept confidential," he said.

The company's policy on the issue states, "Borders Group has a longstanding commitment to protect the privacy of its customers and we do not generally disclose to third parties information about their purchases and orders."

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"We believe the courts will ultimately balance the needs of law enforcement with the privacy rights of our customers. Our internal policies have not changed as a result of the US Patriot Act or the Homeland Security Act."

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Farmington school officials want to develop a master plan for athletic outdoor practice and play facilities.

A 1997 bond proposal helped renovate the inside of the school buildings but provided no money for outdoor athletic play facilities at the high schools and the middle schools.

The committee's first meeting is scheduled 5-7:30 p.m. June 2 in Room 8 of the Farmington Training Center, located at 33000 Thomas, one block north of Grand River. The meeting is open to the public.

Farmington Public Schools Superintendent Bob Maxfield announced the formation of the committee at the May 5 school board pre-committee meeting.

A landscape architect is expected to be hired May 20, to work with the committee for a limited time.

Maxfield said the district isn't thinking about a bond proposal.

"Not yet," Maxfield said. "We're not thinking about it at all. Even if we don't generate any additional millage, this is a down-the-road issue."

A similar committee process was used in 1995-96, he said, when the district first identified the need.

The committee's charge will be to recommend priorities and phases for plan improvements, estimate cost improvements and cost efficiency, and investigate various funding alternatives.

A long-standing agreement with the City of Farmington Hills keeps baseball and softball fields at Harrison High School maintained at no charge.

Cheryl Cannon, director of operations, and Denny Noe, district athletic director, are committee co-chairs.

Members include Andy Lang, City of Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department; Farmington High School Principal John Barrett; East Middle School Assistant Principal Ken Sanders; Ed Cicciola, Jon Young, Bill McNeil, Bob Washer and Carol Brandon; as well as a maintenance supervisor and a representative from the PTA Council.

Subcommittees have also been formed at each middle school and high school.

"We want enough representation and enough input," Cannon said.

As athletes travel to other districts, they find better play facilities and conditions, Maxfield said. "The standards have been set by these schools," he added.

Parent Denise Albrecht sits on the Farmington High School subcommittee. She sees a definite need to improve district facilities and practice fields and add synthetic turf, which could cost the district thousands of dollars.

Cannon said the committee shouldn't rush its work.

"They should have looked at it years ago," Albrecht said. "This is long overdue."

Fields aren't the only problem, as athletes have had to "make do" with limited facilities. For example, no bathrooms are available to players at East Middle School because the school closes at 6:30 p.m. A Porta-John delivery is expected this week. In the meantime, "We've been driving the kids to restaurants," Albrecht said.

She's worked on bond proposals since the 1970s and knows at this point that a vote is not an option. "Timing is everything. This is not a good time."

More than two years ago, Albrecht and a large, diverse group of parents, alumni and faculty embarked on a massive project to improve the outdoor athletic and band facilities at Farmington High School.

Through their own fund-raisers and more work time and material donated by area businesses, they raised more than \$400,000. They've held dinner dances, silent auctions, raffles and the annual Falcon Open Golf Outing.

"They don't have a group like this at any of the high schools," Albrecht said.

Even during intense summer heat, football players also donated their time to improve the facilities.

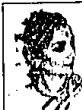
Albrecht hopes that Farmington High School will be treated equitably in the master plan process. "We don't want to be overlooked."

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Committee to look at facilities options

Resident honored at first Asian Pacific American celebration

Chaula Thacker, a Farmington Hills resident, will be among those recognized at the first annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration, sponsored in Lansing by State Representatives Hoon-Yung Hopgood and Marc Shulman. Held at the State Capitol building in Room 426, the event will begin at 11 a.m. on May 14. Various authentic Asian cuisines will be served, and APA community leaders like Thacker will be honored. "Thacker came to the U.S. from India in 1977 and has been in Michigan since 1978.



Thacker

She is a lifelong student of the classical and folk dances of India. Her gurus include Shri Shrinivasa Shetty, a disciple of Acharya Parvattikumar; Shri K. Ramalingam; and the late Shreemati Balu Saravali. "Queen of Abhinaya or Expression."

Thacker is founder and artistic director of Nadanta, Inc., a non-profit artistic and cultural organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of

Indian culture. Her artistic talent and leadership has won Nadanta 15 competitive grants from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCA) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

She also runs Chauladevi Institute of Dance and Yoga, where for over 20 years, she has taught classical, creative and folk dances as well as yoga. She currently has over 150 students in southeastern Michigan. Thacker has been a faculty member at CCS and has also taught dance courses/master classes at the Wayne State University.

Oakland University and Marygrove College. A visiting artist at several Detroit public and private schools, she recently did a presentation at Western International High School to an audience of about 1,500 and has conducted a series of Lecture Demonstrations at eight community colleges under the auspices of Michigan Global Awareness Consortium in Northern Michigan and Upper Peninsula.

Thacker also works as a dance and movement therapist for mentally and physically impaired people. Dedicated to the preserva-

tion, promotion and enhancement of Indian dance traditions in all of their many forms, she has created, choreographed and presented musical dance-dramas and authored "An Introduction to Bharat Natyam" and a companion educational video.

Thacker holds a Bachelor's degree in Dance (Bharat Natyam style) from Gandharva Mahavidyalaya, Bombay. Limited transportation is available to the Asian-Pacific celebration, from Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus at 1-696 and Orchard Lake Road, Lot 1C, Farmington Hills.

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