

South Asian teens discuss growing up in America

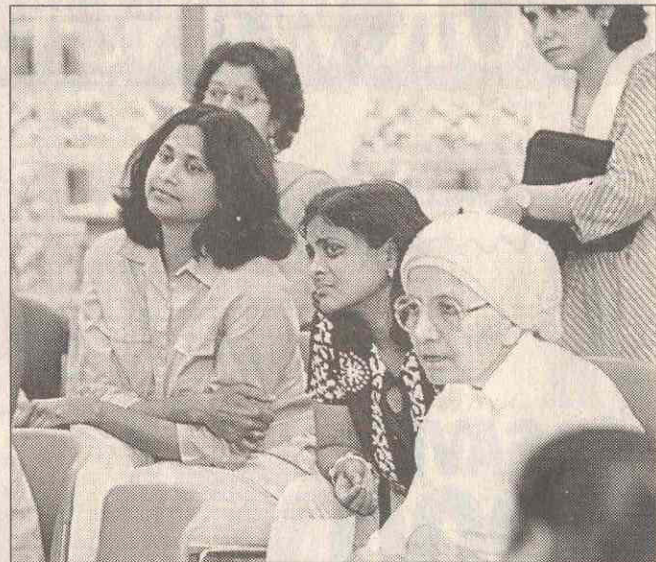
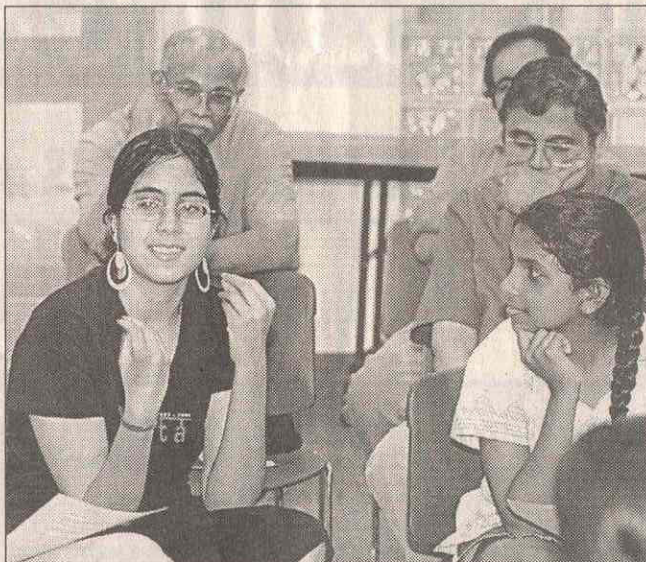
Forum aims to bridge culture gap for Indian parents and children

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WEST WINDSOR — South Asian teens and their parents shared their fears, concerns and hopes immersed in a culture alien to their own during an interactive workshop at the West Windsor Library.

"There's this whole concept of Indian-ness," said Sarbani Hazra, 21, from Holmdel. "Even when I go back home to India, they don't perceive me as Indian, but I don't care as long as I know that I'm Indian."

Saturday's "Bridging the gap-Raising Indian Children in America" drew about 30 people, mostly of Indian descent. See **CULTURE, A4**



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At a workshop for Indian children who are being raised in America and their elders, 21-year-old Sarbani Hazra, left, describes her experiences as a person of both cultures, as parents listen to her concerns and the thoughts of other young Indian-Americans. The forum was Saturday at the West Windsor branch of Mercer County Library.