FARMINGTON NOTES

Helping Hands sessions

Farmington-area residents interested in participating in the Helping Hands program - where the outline of a hand in a window indicates a house where people can get help - are required to complete an application and attend one training session conducted by the Farmington Hills police.The next session starts at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, in the city council chamber at the Farmington Hills City Hall, 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads.For additional information or an application, call Chris Coger of the Farmington Hills police's Crime Prevention Section at 473-9636 during normal business hours.

Official to speak

Madhu Anderson, the state's deputy treasurer, will speak at a Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce luncheon at noon Friday, Jan. 28, at the Farmington Hills Holiday Inn, 10 Mile Road and Grand River.

Cost is $13 for chamber members and $20 for nonmembers. The event is co-sponsored by the chamber and the Alliance for Business Prosperity. Call 474-3440 for a reservation or more information.

'Winter Fantasies'

The Farmington Area Philharmonic (formerly Group du jour) will present "Winter Fantasies" at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Mercy Center's Dublin Hall, 28600 11 Mile Road, a half-mile east of Middlebelt.

The orchestra, conducted by Karen Nixon-Lane, will offer an evening of music to soothe the midwinter blues.

Tickets, available at all Metrobank locations and at the door, are $10 and $12 and the price includes refreshments. Children under 5 are free. For more information, call 478-2075 or 478-6897.

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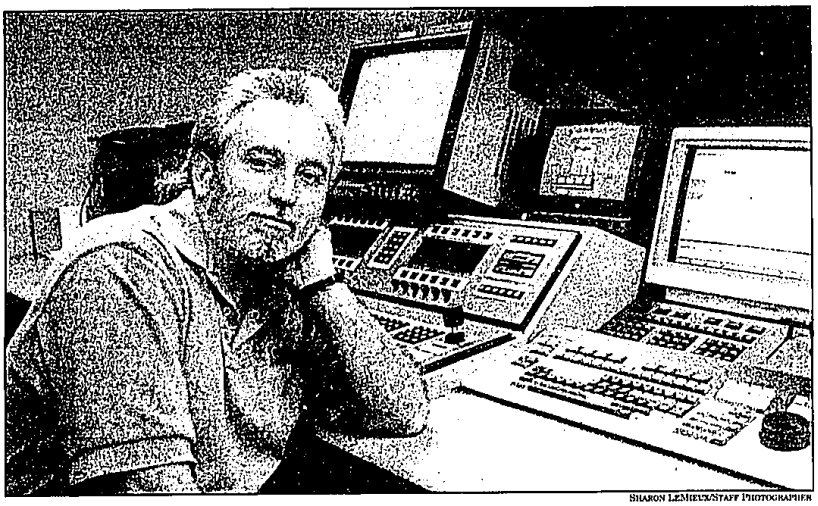

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Tale of the tape: *Gary Shiflet, editing supervisor at Grace and Wild in Farmington Hills, sits in a room full of equipment where part of the Kerrigan videotape was enhanced.*

Studio queues up Kerrigan video

Grace and Wild Studios, a Farmington Hills firm, helped investigators get a better look at the man who attacked figure skater Nancy Kerrigan in Detroit's Cobo Arena.

BY BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

The attack on figure skater Nancy Kerrigan in Detroit Jan. 6 has sent investigators to Portland, Ore. and Phoenix, Ariz. - but one of the key pieces to the puzzle came into place in Farmington Hills.

A videotape shot of Kerrigan at the time of the attack was given to Grace and Wild Studios on Industrial Park Drive for enhancement.

"We're a TV post-production facility," said Keith Neff, the company's vice president and general manager. "This is not exactly our line of work."

But then, in a technological setting that has taken off over the past decade, what better choice than a studio that specializes in video enhancement? And Grace and Wild, which counts individuals and national auto companies among its customers, has the equipment and expertise for just such investigations.

"We have worked with the FBI and police before on video from bank robberies and surveillance," said Hardy Segall, a graphics artist who worked on the Kerrigan tape.

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