

# Positive Attitude earns spot in national event

Members of the competition team from Positive Attitude Dance Academy of Farmington recently attended their first dance competition with impressive results.

The competition, sponsored by Dance Makers, Inc. was held at the Novi Hilton and has earned the Positive Attitude team the opportunity to compete at the national level this summer in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The team placed second in the group jazz category for their

performance to the Britney Spears song *Overprotected* and scored a high second in their group lyrical number to *Somebody for Someone* by The Corrs. Both numbers were choreographed by Positive Attitude instructor Sandra Losik.

"I'm ecstatic to have such a wonderful team associated with our studio," stated Positive Attitude owner and instructor, Laurie Smalis.

"These young women were well prepared for their

competition and I'm thrilled to see their hard work pay off."

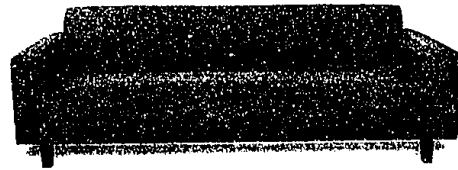
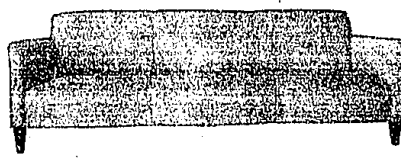
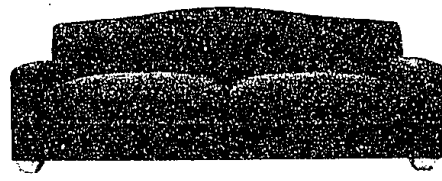
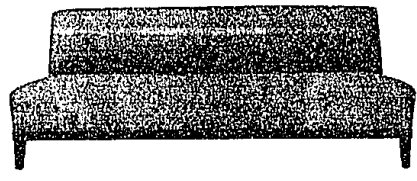
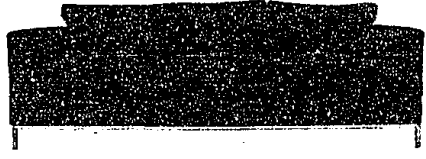
Members of the winning team are Amanda Antonietti, Marissa Arcori, Michelle Davis, Diana DeMayo, Megan Gay, Jaymie Morton, Ashley Silvernail, Natalie Soave and Nicole Stanton. Team member Mary Kate Lentz was sidelined due to an injury, but provided valuable moral support during the competition.

For more information, call Positive Attitude at (248) 471-7099.

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# College to host arts gala

Walsh College will host the Walsh Gala - A Unique Evening for the Arts at the Novi Campus on Saturday, March 1.

The event will stimulate the senses with fine art, fine wine and fine cuisine.

The evening will feature stone sculpture from Zimbabwe, the work of Moravian born artist Alphonse Mucha; photography by Balthazar Korab; and watercolor lithographs from the Jack Krassula collection.

Attendees will also enjoy a scrumptious strolling dinner catered by Unique Restaurants and wine tasting from Black Star Farms and local wine distributors.

Renowned wine master sommelier Madeline Trifon and sommelier Rick Rubel will attend a VIP Pre-event reception where they will discuss various rare and fine wines.

All proceeds from the event benefit a newly created Novi scholarship and an endowment for

the arts.

Sponsors of the Walsh Gala include Bob Sellers Pontiac GMC, the Walsh College Alumni Association and Nino Salvaggio International Marketplace.

A Silent Auction has been coordinated by Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber vice president Ara Topouzian.

General admission tickets are priced at \$75 per person.

Walsh College alumni and students can purchase tickets at the special rate of \$65 per person.

Those who purchase VIP tickets at \$150 each will enjoy a pre-event reception with the artists from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The reception follows at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are limited, call (248) 823-1204 or log on to [www.walshcollege.edu](http://www.walshcollege.edu) for more information.

## RECREATION NEWS

For more information on the following programs contact the City of Farmington Hills Recreation Division at (248) 473-1800.

**Euchre Party**  
Register as an individual or get your partner and enjoy a fun evening of playing euchre. The program runs 7-10 p.m. at the Heritage Park Visitor Center. The cost is \$5 per person. Scheduled nights are Fridays, March 14 and April 11. Pre-registration is required and refreshments are served.

**Adult Softball**  
The City of Farmington Hills is accepting new adult team registration for men's and women's and co-ed softball. Registration is based on a first-come, first serve basis. Leagues will play one night a week for test and nights of play call (248) 473-1800.

**Youth Soccer**  
Registration for youth soccer grades K-3 continues until March 14. The fee is \$27 for residents.

**Fun in the Hills**  
Before registering for any program, be sure to see what the Farmington Hills

Special Services Fun in the Hills Passbook has to offer. Free passes, giveaways, huge savings, plus more. The passbook is valued at over \$150 and sells for \$15. Passbooks can be purchased at the Costco Center and participating businesses.

**Middle School Lacrosse**  
Farmington Hills Recreation is offering a new middle school Lacrosse Travel League for seventh and eighth grade boys and girls. The emphasis will be on learning the fundamentals of the game and promoting sportsmanship in an instructional, competitive environment.

## POLICE CALLS

**Car stolen**  
In the 27100 block of Gateway Drive, a 1998 Oldsmobile Aurora was stolen from an apartment parking lot during Friday night.

**Attempted break in**  
In the 21100 block of Middlebelt, someone attempted to break down a garage door between Feb. 18-Saturday. Entry was apparently not made.

**Thefts**  
R & S Plumbing on Northwestern, a work van had its lock broken to gain entry during Friday night. Stolen inside were a jack hammer, a drill and a sewer pipe locator. Loss was \$4,000.

An apartment in the 24300 block of Pine Grove Court had DVDs, cash, CDs, and a video game system stolen between Feb. 11-Saturday. There was no

sign of forced entry.

In the 21400 block of Farmington Road, someone broke into a home through a window and stole a laptop, cash and clothes between Feb. 14-Sunday. There is a suspect.

At a business called Interstate on Farmington Road, someone broke a glass door to gain entry and stole a checkbook and records on Feb. 10. A report was made Monday.

**Drug possession**  
Police pulled over a vehicle along Thick and Folsom for the driver not wearing a seat belt around 7:45 a.m. Monday. The driver, a 20-year-old Farmington Hills man, had a 19-inch machete and a baggie of marijuana in the vehicle.

Police pulled over a vehicle for making an abrupt lane change, nearly causing an accident, along Colgate and Grand

River around 8:30 a.m. Monday. The driver, a 43-year-old Farmington Hills man, had marijuana on his person.

**Drunkan driving**  
Police responded to a vehicle accident along Farmington and Bostwick around 2:30 a.m. Tuesday. The driver, a 32-year-old Farmington Hills man, had a .37 blood/alcohol level and was taken to Botsford Hospital for treatment.

**Attempted condom theft**  
A woman was apprehended at the CVS pharmacy at 37700 12 Mile around 9:55 p.m. Tuesday for attempting to take three boxes of condoms without paying.

The woman fled in a vehicle driven by someone else.

Compiled by staff writer Paul R. Pace from reports on file at the Farmington Hills Police Department.

## BUSINESS NEWS

**Friedman makes deal**  
LNR Property Corporation recently awarded Friedman Real Estate Group of Farmington Hills the exclusive leasing and management contract for the 1.8 million square foot Penobscot and First National Buildings in downtown Detroit.

These two historic buildings are landmark buildings in downtown Detroit.

Steven Eisenshtadt, vice president at Friedman, has been appointed the primary leasing agent for these downtown buildings.

**Jacokes move**  
Jacokes Communications, L.L.C., the creative services and strategic communications agency headquartered in Farmington Hills, recently relocated to a new 4,500 square

foot facility. The new site is located at 36520 Grand River Avenue between Drake and Halsted.

**Sachse named**  
Sachse Construction of Farmington Hills, a provider of premium commercial construction and design/build services, has been named a "preferred contractor" by ChainLinks Retail Advisors Inc., the largest retail-only real estate services provider in the United States and Canada.

Sachse is one of only two preferred contractors in Michigan selected to join ChainLinks' Professional Resource Network, says Sachse's John Hamburger.

The PRN is a national network of retail experts in law, architecture, engineering and construction.

"ChainLinks chooses local retail real estate service providers based on their reputation and service record in their market. Participation in the Professional Resource Network is by invitation only," Hamburger explains.

Farmington Hills-based Sachse Construction ([www.sachseconstruction.com](http://www.sachseconstruction.com)) provides premium commercial construction and design/build services throughout Michigan and the United States.

Recent projects include The Corner bar at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, the renovation of Detroit's historic Dime Savings Bank Building, a 107-room Residence Inn in Novi and hundreds of high-end retail stores at the Somerset Collection in Troy and in other upscale malls throughout the country.

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