

Speaker to share Far East perspective

Steven Myers, principal associate of Suzuki, Myers Associates, will be the featured speaker at the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council forum Thursday, Dec. 12.

The forum starts at 8 a.m. and takes place at the Farmington Training Center, 33000 Thomas

St. Farmington. Myers will discuss relevant insights on the relationships between diversity, effective human relations, and productive business practices.

Myers and his wife, Izumi Suzuki, have provided important consulting services doing business in America and American corporations doing business in Japan.

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POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

FIRE

In Farmington Hills: Firefighters from Station 3 put out an engine compartment fire in a 1992 Dodge parked in a carport at the Stoneridge Apartments on Freedom at 11:59 p.m. Dec. 2. The fire caused \$2,000 in damage to the car and \$20 in damage to contents. A 1990 Dodge parked nearby was damaged (\$500) from the heat of the fire. The driver told firefighters that the car had been overheating while she was driving it home.

In Farmington: Firefighters extinguished a kitchen fire at A&W restaurant on Farmington Road at 11:12 a.m. Tuesday. The fire, which was ignited by oil, was put out with water.

THEFT

In Farmington Hills: Three cashiers checks for \$250 each were stolen from a residence on Haynes Dec. 13.

Hand tools (\$1,906.28) were stolen from a pickup truck at Harrison High on 12 Mile Nov. 21.

A \$250 Ameritech cellular phone was stolen from a white 1991 Mercury parked at Matt Brady's on 10 Mile Dec. 3-4.

A 4-foot display freezer worth \$1,100 was stolen from the Merchant of Vino on Middlebelt Nov. 30.

Kohler toilets, basins, faucets and fixtures, valued at \$4,658.44, were stolen from a garage at a residence on Trillium between Nov. 29 and Dec. 4.

A \$300 Ameritech cellular phone was stolen from a 1986 gray Chevy pickup parked at a residence on Middlebelt Dec. 2-4.

BREAK-INS

In Farmington Hills: A screen was pulled out of a window at an apartment at the Independence Green Apartments on Washington Court Dec. 4 and a \$100 Goldstar TV, caller ID phone, \$50 bird cage, \$700 parrot two cat litter boxes (\$20), \$50 gray female cat and a \$50 gray striped male cat were stolen.

FRAUD

In Farmington Hills: A check from Bob Saks in Farmington Hills to a Madison Heights man, 28, for \$700 was cashed at B.J.'s Party Store on Grand River Sept. 30. The check had been stopped by the car

dealership and a new check issued to the man. But the man had cashed the old check.

DRUGS

In Farmington Hills: Police arrested a Beverly Hills man, 20, in a blue 1996 Jeep Cherokee at an Amherst at 8:50 p.m. Dec. 4 for possession of 18.9 grams of marijuana and 199 capsules of hallucinogenic drugs. They also seized \$608 in cash.

EMBEZZLEMENT

In Farmington Hills: Cash totaling \$650 was reported missing from the Blockbuster Video store on 12 Mile between Nov. 2-7.

In Farmington: A Knart employee, a 17-year-old Farmington Hills teen, was videotaped taking more than \$400 worth of merchandise from the store Nov. 9-Dec. 10. Most of the items stolen were computer games. He was released pending a warrant.

ARSON

In Farmington Hills: Mail belonging to a resident on Creekbend was burned in the common area Nov. 30.

ASSAULT

In Farmington Hills: A Farmington Hills woman, 50, told police that she was approached at a dumpster at the

Strawberry Lane Apartments on Strawberry Lane at 8:50 p.m. Dec. 3 by two men while she was putting trash into it. Both men grabbed the woman. One of them, a black man, 25, 6-foot-10, 220 pounds wearing a blue jacket, jeans and a mustache, threatened the woman and used a racial slur. The other man who grabbed her was white, 25, 6-foot-2, 200 pounds with brown hair wearing a black jacket, jeans and a green baseball hat. The woman escaped and ran back to her apartment.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

In Farmington: Police arrested a Farmington man, 29, for driving while intoxicated on Shiawassee and Farmington at 1:32 Dec. 6 and found he was using an alias of his deceased brother. The 1990 Chevrolet Cavalier was stopped for speeding. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .18 percent. It's illegal to drive in Michigan with a blood alcohol level of .1 percent. When checking for prior convictions, police noticed a discrepancy in the driver's record. The driver said his first name was Darren, but gave officers a Michigan driver's license issued in 1995 with the name Darrel, who died in 1977. The man told police he received a new license using his brother's name to avoid being arrested for outstanding warrants. The driver had four misdemeanor warrants and a 1991 drunken driving offense in Brighton.

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