

# Dems honor Berman at Hills event

Farmington area Democrats joined 200 area Democrats and well-wishers who packed the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills last month to honor former State Rep. Marjorie Berman.

A Southfield Democrat, Berman spent 14 years in the State House and is best known for her work on health care issues, education, women's rights and voter registration. She was also the moving force behind passage of the 1982 Michigan mammography law and the passage of a federal law modeled on the Michigan act.

In a tribute to Berman, former state Rep. Lynn Jondahl praised her values and willingness to fight for them.

"She was always committed to the most vulnerable of our neighbors. And she was never wishy-washy, unclear in her views, or reluctant to do battle," Berman noted that Michigan politics had changed greatly in her 14 years in Legislature. "Who would have thought that the Michigan Supreme Court would become a majority female court, the first in the nation? When I started there was one female justice."

Guests at the event included Michigan Supreme Court justices, Patricia Boyle and Marilyn Kelly, Berman's successor, state Rep. Nancy Quarles and Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vignozzi and Councilwoman Vicki Barnett, 11th District Democratic chairwoman.

## 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 DEPARTMENT RUNS

Farmington Hills firefighters made 104 runs for the week of April 21-27 including 78 medical runs and three fires.

### FIRES

**In Farmington Hills:** Firefighters from Stations 1 and 4 put out a small fire near the Muirwood complex on Verdant at 10:38 a.m. April 22. The fire, which caused \$3,000 in damage to the property and \$1,000 in damage to contents, is under investigation.

### THEFT

**In Farmington Hills:** Tools worth \$300 were stolen from an unlocked vehicle on Hoover April 23-25.

A \$25 leather purse with a \$200 cellular phone was stolen from the Costick Center on 11 Mile April 24.

A \$1,500 diamond necklace was stolen from an apartment at the Woodhew Apartments April 26.

A \$550 cellular phone was stolen from a white 1997 Mercury Villager parked on Jacksonville and the side was dented (\$400) April 27-29.

Wheel covers (\$200) were stolen from a blue 1997 Mercury Villager parked on Jacksonville and the side was dented (\$400) April 27-29.

An \$800 Triton trailer used to haul snow mobiles was stolen from D'Aloisio Masonry on Eight Mile April 23-24.

A \$223 Panasonic TV and \$192 Vaguar VCR were stolen from Sam's Club on Hagertry April 26-28. The empty boxes were

found in the storage area.

A \$200 Audiovox cellular phone was stolen from a car parked on Shinwassee April 28.

### BREAK-INS

**In Farmington Hills:** Four padlocks were broken off a trailer at the construction site of the Kim Korean Church on Halsted April 25 causing \$100 in damage. Stolen were two \$500 Hilti hammer drills, a \$200 DeWalt cordless drill, \$300 Milwaukee portable table saw and a \$100 drill motor.

A padlock was damaged (\$5) on a construction trailer at a site on Halsted near Rhonwood for underground cables and \$6,000-\$10,000 of equipment was stolen April 23-24.

The rear door was broken in at a residence on Bostwick April 25 and a \$900 36-inch Panasonic TV, \$600 Panasonic VCR, \$6,000 Pioneer stereo and other stereo equipment were stolen.

A basement door window was broken out at a residence on Spring Valley April 25-27 and a \$300 gold ring with pearls, \$1,200 diamond ring, \$1,000 diamond ring, \$1,000 crystal necklace, \$100 bronze necklace and \$50 Timex watch were stolen.

A garage door was kicked in (\$400) at a residence on Pine Cone April 27-28 and \$2,000 in cash, a \$5,000 fur coat and \$23,950 worth of jewelry were stolen.

The trunk was pried open (\$200) on a red 1990 Olds parked at Potter Distributing on Indoplex April 25-28 but nothing was stolen.

### In Farmington:

Burglars involved in a break-in at Bangkok Express April 27 didn't want to be spied

by any candid cameras. They tore three off the wall before taking \$400 in cash. The owner became suspicious after he couldn't reach the business computer from his home through a modem. All phone lines to his and two nearby businesses were cut, police rep. said. The perpetrators gained entry by prying a back door.

### FRAUD

**In Farmington Hills:** A red 1990 Chevy Beretta was purchased from Bob Saks car dealership on Grand River for \$17,984 using false credit information. The credit company refused to reimburse the dealership.

### DRUGS

**In Farmington Hills:** Police arrested a White Lake man, 19, in a blue 1991 Plymouth Laser in the lot of Marvulus Marvin's on Orchard Lake at 9:08 p.m. April 28 for possession of 5 grams of marijuana.

### DRUNKEN DRIVING

**In Farmington Hills:** Police arrested a West Bloomfield man, 42, for driving a red 1995 Ford Econoline on Orchard Lake at Bristol Lane at 10:35 p.m. April 27 while drunk. The van was weaving. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .17 percent. A level of .1 percent is considered too drunk to drive in Michigan.

Police arrested a Dearborn man, 34, for driving a blue 1990 Pontiac Lemans on Grand River near Rockwell at 2:46 a.m. April 29. The car was headed the wrong way. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .16 percent.

### In Farmington:

The driver of a 1989 Ford

Thunderbird had a headlight out, an expired license plate and, subsequently, a police officer pulling him over on Grand River and Whitaker at 3:49 a.m. April 27. The Farmington Hills man, 25, had a blood alcohol level of .10 percent.

Police stopped a 1995 Ford Explorer clocked going 62 miles in a 35-mile zone on southbound Orchard Lake at 11:08 p.m. April 25. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .11 percent.

### AUTO THEFT

**In Farmington Hills:** A gold 1991 Dodge Grand Caravan worth \$8,000 was stolen from St. Fabian's on 12 Mile April 26.

A \$20,000 green 1995 Plymouth Grand Caravan was stolen from St. Fabian's on 12 Mile April 26.

An \$11,000 green 1994 Dodge Grand Voyager was stolen from St. Fabian's on 12 Mile April 26.

A white 1991 Chevy Beretta was stolen from Botsford General Hospital on Grand River April 27-28.

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**In Farmington Hills:** Police arrested a Hills man, 24, for knocking his girl friend, 25, over a coffee table and pushing her against a bedroom dresser several times at 12:50 a.m. April 28 at a residence south of Grand River east of Middlebelt.

### ASSAULT

**In Farmington Hills:** A Detroit woman dropped off her three children at the Grand Tulane Motel on Grand River for her cousin, 38, to watch April 19. The Detroit woman's husband, 25, then came to the motel, threatened the woman with a broken bottle and took one of the

children with him.

A Hills girl told police that two girls she knows, 17 and 19, drove up to her while she was sitting in a car at the curb outside the United Artists Theater on Grand River at 5:30 p.m. April 27. One of the girls punched her, then pulled her out of the car. The two then punched the victim several times before driving away in a gold 1985 Toyota Celica.

### In Farmington:

Cigarette smoke fueled an altercation at Greeno's Hamburgers at 1:45 a.m. April 27. A Farmington Hills man and an Ann Arbor man, both 32, sat next to another man who began smoking. The three started to talk about the man smoking when the smoker made obscene gestures to the pair before jumping on one of them, police reports said. No one was hurt. None of the three wanted to press charges.

### VANDALISM

**In Farmington Hills:** Blue paint was thrown on the windshield, hood and into the air intakes and the four tires were punctured on a white 1989 Cadillac Eldorado parked at Marketing Displays International on 12 Mile April 28.

A window was broken (\$250) at a condominium on Berrywood April 25.

A semi truck struck a sign at Photo Time (\$1,000) on Orchard Lake near 12 Mile April 28.

The windshield was broken (\$300) on a tan 1993 Honda Accord parked on Purdue April 28.

### INCORRIGIBILITY

**In Farmington Hills:** A Hills woman, 34, told police that her son, 17, took her black 1976 Chevy Camaro for a drive without her knowledge between 9 p.m. April 26 and 12:40 a.m. April 27. She saw him pull into the driveway and noticed that it had been damaged. The boy told police he was bored and drove it around. The car had \$700 in damage.

### SECURITY SURVEYS

The Farmington Public Safety Department and the Farmington Hills Police Department offer free security surveys to residents. These surveys are conducted by either a police crime prevention technician or an officer, who will come directly to your house, condominium or apartment to evaluate doors, windows, locks, lighting visibility and other security concerns. This survey takes approximately one hour and is followed by a written report with recommendations which includes diagrams and specific cost-effective instructions for securing various parts of your home.

In Farmington Hills, call Crime Prevention at 478-9640; In Farmington, call Special Operations section at 474-4700, Ext. 250.



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