

# Fire destroys '85 Chrysler LeBaron

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

## CAR FIRE

Damage was estimated at \$1,500 when a 1985 Chrysler LeBaron GTJ caught fire on Brittany, Oct. 13, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.

When firefighters arrived they

## police/fire calls

found the car fully engulfed in flames. A neighbor reported the fire when he saw it on his way home from work. Cause of the fire is listed as suspicious.

## THEFTS REPORTED

Car speakers valued at \$450 were reported stolen from a 1988 Ford Mustang on North Manor, Oct. 18.

A video camera valued at \$1,214

was reported stolen from a conference room on Middlebelt, Oct. 15.

A telephone valued at \$900 was reported stolen from an unlocked locker at YMCA, 28100 Farmington Road, Oct. 14.

A computer keyboard valued at approximately \$500 was reported stolen from the outpatient X-ray counter at Botsford General Hospital, 28050 Grand River. The day of the theft is unknown.

# Jeweler saves rings, discards thief

By Susan Buck  
staff writer

The young man who stole two diamonds rings from Continental Diamond in Farmington's Crossroads shopping center Oct. 15 saw the theft as a crime of opportunity, Farmington police said.

But Farmington and Wayne police are questioning an oral agreement between owners of Continental Diamond and Leo's Jewelry and Gifts in Wayne that allowed the man to go free after he gave the rings to Leo's.

The clean-cut man, 5-foot-9 and 21, apparently entered Continental shortly after it opened. He returned about 5:15 p.m. and seemed interested in buying. The man grabbed two women's rings valued at \$11,000 and \$4,200—and took off.

When the salesman's back was

turned, the man was gone," said Farmington deputy chief Gary Goss. "He left on foot."

The next day, the same man walked into Leo's Jewelry and Gifts in Wayne to get an appraisal on one of the rings.

The jeweler sensed something was wrong when the man then mentioned that he might want to sell the ring, Goss said.

According to Goss, the Leo's jeweler deliberately "foxballed" the thief and offered him just \$500. The man said that was kind of low, that he'd like more, but he'd take it.

The Leo's jeweler then invited the man into the back room and questioned him pointedly about the origin of the ring. The man confessed, adding that the other ring was in the car.

A "businessman's arrangement" was struck, Goss said. Since the thief confessed, would Continental Diamond agree not to prosecute? asked the Leo's jeweler. The answer was yes, and the thief left the store.

"We're disappointed that Leo's had taken the hand of justice," Goss said. "None of that is legal. We're talking about two businessmen talking back and forth. The consent given to Leo's is not binding. We're still looking for the man."

Farmington want to prosecute the thief if they can find him, Goss said.

IT'S THE STOREOWNER'S decision whether to prosecute, said Shawn Sturges, the Continental Diamond salesman who waited on the thief. "It was a one-in-a-million chance that we got the rings back."

21, of Redford, was charged with breaking and entering, two counts of malicious destruction of property and two counts of felonious assault.

Kingsley pleaded not guilty at his arraignment Oct. 17 before Magistrate Maria Parker of the 47th District Court in Farmington. Bond was set at \$10,000.

If convicted, Kingsley could face 10 years in jail for breaking and entering, and four years each for the police property damage and felonious assault.

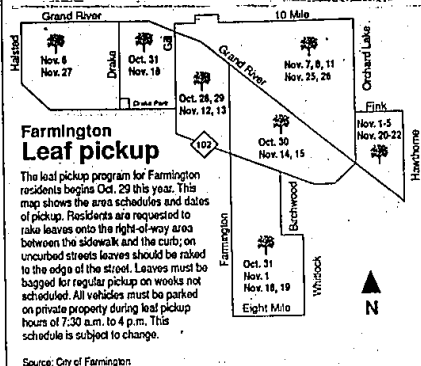
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The preliminary examination for both men is 8:30 a.m. Oct. 25 in 47th District Court. "Since August, we've had a number of convenience stores hit," Nebus said.

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Source: City of Farmington

## Farmington Leaf pickup

The leaf pickup program for Farmington residents begins Oct. 29 this year. This map shows the area schedules and dates of pickup. Residents are requested to take leaves onto the right-of-way area between the sidewalk and the curb; on uncurbed streets leaves should be raked to the edge of the street. Leaves must be bagged for regular pickup on weeks not scheduled. All vehicles must be parked on private property during leaf pickup hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. This schedule is subject to change.

Source: City of Farmington

The new owners of the Leather Bottle hope to maintain the popular, northwest Livonia restaurant's identity as a "family operation."

Not much will change. Just think of us as a different family," said Thomas Here, one of three related partners who have agreed to purchase the restaurant on Farmington Road south of Eight Mile from longtime owners Jan and Robert Rainko.

Jan Rainko said the couple decided to sell the Livonia restaurant so they could concentrate on their restaurant in Garden City, which they re-purchased last summer.

The Livonia City Council Wednesday is expected to approve transfer of the restaurant's Class C liquor license from the Rainkos to Leather Bottle Investments Inc.

THE NEW owners are listed as brothers Thomas and Gary Here and Roger Tate. Thomas Here's brother-in-law.

No sale price was disclosed.

Here said the changeover should be completed by mid-November and the 325-seat restaurant will remain open throughout.

The new owners won't change the name, aren't planning any extensive remodeling, will keep the same employees and will make only slight variations in the menu of pizza and

traditional American fare, offering more daily specials.

"We'd like to work on service, making it a little faster," Here said.

"We will be proud to continue to serve Livonia residents and the surrounding area."

The Heres are the former landlords of Here's Roast Beef and Spirits on Plymouth Road, west of Levan. They sold the operation to their tenant a few years ago, Thomas Here said.

THE BROTHERS still retain an ownership interest in Here's Beef Buffet on Grand River, between Middlebelt and Inkster, in Farmington Hills.

Here said he wanted a larger place, with banquet rooms.

The partners initially approached the Rainkos last July.

"They've always done good business there, and we know it's a nice place," Jan Rainko said.

Jan Rainko said she will miss the Leather Bottle, which she operated with her husband for nearly 12 years.

"It was just a case of we didn't think we could handle running the two restaurants," she said.

The couple will re-open the former Eagle's Nest on Warren Road as the Garden Club next month, she said.

The Rainkos ran that restaurant as the Leather Bottle of Garden City in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

# 2 men charged in gas station break-in

By Susan Buck  
staff writer

Two Redford Township men were charged Oct. 17 in connection with the breaking and entering of a Union 76 service station at 10 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills.

A rack of assorted Marlboro Virginia Slims, 44 Big Lights and an undetermined amount of lottery tickets were taken early Wednesday morning.

The incident ended after Farmington Hills police pursued four people in a Ford window van through a residential neighborhood.

Five officers were already in the area on surveillance. Officer Craig Summers, working surveillance, saw call came in, according to Sgt. Charles Nebus.

Undetermined damage was caused to a parked and marked police car, Nebus said. At one point a police car was pinned between the van and some trees, according to a police report.

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