

Police suspect arson cause of house fire

Farmington Hills police are investigating the possibility of arson as the cause of a fire that did extensive damage to a house at 2704 Farmington Road. The fire, which started about 12:30 a.m. Nov. 14, damaged the roof, the barn and the family room of the 47-year-old home. The house was purchased several months ago by Mohammed Laif, according to fire department officials. There were fires in several locations, said Fire Chief John Van der Venter. That and the rapidity of the fire caused us to believe that this is a suspicious fire. Samples from the fire have been sent to the State Police Crime Lab. We are investigating for the presence of an igniter, he said.

Kowalski earns early promotion


Marine Cpl. William Kowalski Jr., 34, of 1036 Lamar Drive, Farmington, has been promoted to sergeant. He has been working with the 2nd Marine Division, Okinawa. He received the promotion as a result of his outstanding performance during 10 months of duty demonstrating proficiency in all duties.



Several small fires ripped through the breezeway-annexed family room of a house on Farmington Road near Thirteen Mile. Farmington Hills police are investigating the possibility of arson. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

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