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The homeowner and an occupant of the house arrived after. Infelighters. A man who lives in the home said he had been there four hours earlier to retrieve messages from his answering machine. He locked both doors add left reports said.

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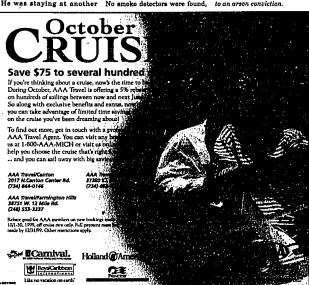
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No smoke detectors were found,

fire reports scid.

The homeowner said he believed the dwelling is insured. Anyone with information is asked to call Farmington Hills police detective Ron Shankin at (248) 473-9658 or the Arson Hottine at 1-800-44-ARSON. Rewards of up to \$5,000 are offered for information that leads to an arson conviction.





Blaze: Firefighters finish extinguishing the house fire on Middlebelt Saturday night. Investigators believe the fire was deliberately set.

Bullard grilled by city council

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State Sen. Willis Bullard faced
a grilling by Farmington Hills
City Council members, but he
politely and firmly stood his
ground.
Hills city officials have chastised state lawmakers for what
they see as a continual erosion of
local control. Bullard represents
the 16th Senate District, which
includes Farmington and Farmington Hills.
The Republican lawmaker

appeared unfazed by council members' criticism of recent bills.

At Monday's meeting, Bullard told council members he voted in favor of a bill that strips local governments of their power to grant or deay exit visas to businesses. Under state law, companies need approval when moving to another community to receive a tax break.

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He refused to consider council members' suggestion to propose a bill to close a loophole abating taxes to the school aid fund.

"I don't think I'm inclined to introduce that bill," Bullard said. "I don't aupport it and I don't think it has a chance of being passed. I don't think it's a worthwhile effort to focus our attention on that."

Bullard doenn't support House Bill 4717, which Vognezzi and outer Hills Officials have spoken out against as an attack on home rule. The state Senator said he's against provailing wage standards, which prompted the legislation.

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Voters in Detroit approved setting a prevailing wage for job involving city contracts.
Vagnozzi asked Bullard how many times the state Legislature is going to overturn an election in Detroit. The state also removed Detroit's elected school loard.
"There's an old saying Mister Mayor that semestimes you forget about principle and do what's right," Bullard said. "That's what we've been doing lately in the state Legislature."

Comedians to raise money

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The comedians of Detroit are
pulling together to raise money
for a remarkable woman comic,
Parmington's own Allee Faye,
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host a benefit featuring Detroit's
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contedians and tellevision shows.
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