

Good morning.. here's the news.

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A 68-year old Roanoke man narrowly escaped death early today in a 7 thousand dollar fire.

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James West Howbert of 112 ~~xx~~ Albemarle Avenue, southwest, was nearly asphyxiated in his ~~xx~~ bedroom. Fireman Clinton Mills brought Howbert out of the smoke-filled second floor. The fire apparently started in a couch in the living room. ~~x~~ Firemen took the couch out of the building to prevent the flames from spreading. The owner of the Albemarle Apartments, Robert W. Ayres, summoned firemen to the scene at about midnight. Howbert received ~~x~~ minor burns and is reported in satisfactory condition this morning at Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Firemen estimated damage at 7 thousand dollars--5 thousand to the building, and 2 thousand to contents.

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