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Energy will investigate whether the line was properly staked.

field. "They said they were evacuating the building," said Fish, who works at WDIV-TV. "They (day-care workers) were calm about it. They were very good."

A Farmington Public Schools bus was parked in the driveway to take children to the Farmington Hills fire station if needed. The bus remained empty.

"They called the bus yard and said they needed a bus here for a possible evacuation," said driver Susan Kin, who watched as TV news crews hurriedly set up for noon newscasts.

Consumers Energy works crews needed to deplete the gas pressure before repairing the line.

A contractor doing some type of power work at subdivision is believed to have inadvertently hit the gas line, said Debra Dodd. Consumers Energy spokesman.

The gas line was marked with a stake, Dodd said. Consumers



Out of there: Steve Korth picks up his children Adam and Megan from Child Time.

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Disqualified candidate learns lesson

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Andrew Halli is a few John Hancock short of a campaign. As the 4 p.m. Tuesday filing deadline approached, the Farmington Hills man submitted a petition of 172 signatures to run for city council.

That allowed a considerable margin of error since he exceeded the requirement for 146 valid signatures. Or, so he thought.

City Clerk's office workers could only validate 139 names on Halli's petition - seven short of the number needed. To sign a nominating petition, a person has to be a registered voter and live in the city.

With Halli's petition disqualified, the city council field drops to five for three open seats in the Nov. 2 election. Petitions for incumbent Vicki Barnett and challengers Barry Brickner, Ron

Oliverio, Chris McRae and Paul Molin have been verified.

When Deputy Clerk Pam Sibley informed the Farmington Hills attorney of the shortfall, "My heart dropped," Halli said. Many invalid signatures came from people who are not registered to vote in Farmington Hills.

"They were either not registered to vote or not registered to vote in the community," said Sibley, who added it's the first time in 10 years she's seen a nominating petition disqualified.

"That just shows that they're transient people in Farmington Hills who aren't registered to vote," Halli said.

Halli admitted he didn't collect signatures until the last minute. He turned his petition in 10 minutes before the 4 p.m. deadline, a clerk said.

He canvassed near several

apartment complexes around his law office in the Metrobank building on the 37000 block of Grand River.

Candidates should give themselves leeway when collecting signatures, Sibley said.

Had Halli turned in his petition earlier, he would've had a chance to go back for more names.

Mayoral candidate Nancy Bates turned in her petition in March while Barnett and Brickner submitted theirs in July.

"I hope this is a good lesson to everyone to submit their nominating petitions early enough so these things can get caught," Halli said.

As for his electoral baptism by errant signature, he said, "These things happen ... We'll do it again."

1999-2000 FARMINGTON SCHOOLS CALENDAR

- Aug. 30 Students a.m./teacher workday p.m.
- Sept. 6 Labor Day recess
- Oct. 29 Students a.m./teacher workday p.m. (p.m. kindergarten in session)
- Nov. 9 Middle school, students all day/parent conferences evening 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Nov. 8-10 High school, students all day/parent conferences evening 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Nov. 11 Middle school, students a.m./parent conferences p.m. and evening 5:30-8:30
- Nov. 16 & 18 Elementary, students a.m./parent conferences p.m. and evening 5:30-8:30 (p.m. kindergarten in session)
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving recess, close of day
- Nov. 29 School reconvenes
- Dec. 22 Winter vacation, close of day
- Jan. 3 School reconvenes
- Jan. 12 High school, finals a.m./teachers available for extra help p.m./middle school and elementary students all day
- Jan. 13 High school, finals a.m./teacher workday p.m./middle school and elementary students all day
- Jan. 14 High school, finals a.m./teacher workday p.m./middle school and elementary students a.m./teacher workday p.m.
- Jan. 17 Second semester begins
- Feb. 11 Winter break - close of day
- Feb. 21 School reconvenes
- March 7 High school, students all day/parent conferences evening 5:30-8:30
- March 9 Middle school, students all day/parent conferences evening 5:30-8:30

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Dunckel, East and Warner middle schools and Wooddale Elementary.

The lack of fire "pull stations" was one area the fire marshal said the district needed to remedy. These are the red "pull in case of fire" levers.

"Some of them haven't been installed," Aten said, adding that they will be installed before school starts. The fire marshal also said glass above and next to doors must be installed as soon as possible.

Aten said the OK from the fire

marshal will mean a lot to parents. Some parents have expressed concerns about the school buildings' safety.

"When the state fire marshal approves a building, you can be sure it's safe for occupation," Aten said.

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King Lima restaurant.

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Services for Edgar G. Stofer, 86, of Farmington were held Aug. 25 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Mr. Stofer was born June 14, 1913 in Kanis, Ill. and died Aug. 24 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He was a hydraulic maintenance specialist for Ford Motor Company and a United States Navy veteran.

He is survived by wife, Genevieve; daughter-in-law, Paula; sisters, Nora Bates and Edna Link; and grandchildren, Sara and Jason.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Parkinson Foundation, 3990 John R Street, Detroit 48201.

EDWIN F. HASLEY
Services for Edwin Fred Hasley, 82, of Farmington Hills, were held Aug. 28 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Richard Penock officiating. The funeral place at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Mr. Hasley was born June 12, 1917 in Carleton, Mich. and died Aug. 25 in Farmington Hills. He

was the owner of Hasley Products Company in Farmington Hills and was a World War II Army Air Force veteran. He was also a member of the Meadowbrook Country Club and Henry Ford Trade School Alumni Service.

He is survived by sons, Gary Hasley and Bruce and Grant Gabel; niece, Arlene Cox; and many great-nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Michigan Heart Association.

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