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to the board at the same time Schulman was appointed district chief.
"He worked wonders with the

board. His stamp on the district was, 'Wo're here for kids. Let's do what's right for kids.' I think he refocused everybody."

Longtime educator

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That focus was honed through
his 40 years of work in education, including time as a junior
high teacher, college professor
and high school principal.
He jeined the Farmington district after serving as principal at
Kortheastern and Cooley High in
Detroit. He taught history at
Mumford and Denby High.
After guiding Harrison High in
its infancy, Schulman became
assistant superintendent in
1972.
World War II put a hold on the
native Detroiter's teaching
carrer. During the war, Schulman served as a cryptanalytic
officer, deciphering German
code. Fascinated trustees and
news reporters recall showing up
before board meetings to listen

to Schulman's war stories and other insights on life. 'He was always a delight to be around,' said R. Jack Inch, school trustee who had Schul-man as a professor at Wayne State University. 'He was almost like a father to me.

"I remember thinking. This is really an intellectual, bright man. What a pride it was to be associated with this man." Schulman's ability to inspire learning continues, school officials said. Superintendent Bob Maxfield recalls how Schulman was on the "pantheon" among school administrators.

Maxfield and Inch visited the retired superintendent at Courteriers of the second school administrators.

Maxfield and Inch visited the retired superintendent at Courtyard Manor of Farmington Hills, an assisted living facility where he lived until his death.

"I think there has been a long-standing heart and soul in doing what's best for students in this district ... I think he holped establish that foundation," Maxfield said.

Supported staff Schulman was known for backing his staff, allowing them freedom to do their jobs but being there to support them, said Don Cowan, instruction

executive director.

"His style was very down to earth," Cowan said. "You wouldn't know how brilliant he was until he turned on his vocabulary. He could relate to anyone."

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Inch remembered a parent lambasting a school administrator at a board meeting. Schulman told the woman he would stop the session and meet with her personally, but he wouldn't tolerate anymere public attacks of his staff.

"He said, "You will not attack people who are not here to defend themselves," Inch said. Two seem many people who duck issues like that. He met it head on. ... He was a very courageous man."

In addition to his children, Schulman is also survived by seven grandchildren, Funoral services took place Friday at Ira Kaufman Chapel in Southfield. Burinl is in Beth El Memorial Park in Livonia.

hope everything will work out."
There's also a bit of irony to
the story — aside from the fact
that a child of a board member
also played in the structure,
Carol Palaian said: The Palaians pay \$225 for association
dues and that is being used to
sue them. bers from constructing a build-ing other than their dwelling on their property. their property. The Farmington Hills Board

of Zoning Appeals granted a permit to the structure after initially denying the Palaians' request for a variance. The family didn't realize a permit was needed, Palain said at a ZBA meeting July 16. sue them. Dues go toward maintenance of the commons areas and upgrades of play modules for children, Imesch said. We have to allocate funds for legal fees rather than have play structures," he said. The playhouse was built without a permit and violated the city's zoning ordinance, a city official said. Subsequently,

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city official said. Subsequently, the structure was moved 10 feet away from the house and shortened by 1½ feet to comply. The city doesn't have the authority to enforce deed restrictions, said Lee Blizman, Hills zoning director.

"This is something between two neighbors and I hope they settle it," Blizman said "Their children will be playing with other people's children in the subdivision and therefore you Another neighbor suggests the problem has been allowed to fester and is not a reflection

sion.
"It's a very nice neighborhood," said Cherie Yetter, a
Crompton Circle resident. "I
feel this is a small isolated case
that resulted from miscommu-

nication on both sides. "Hopefully, it can be resolved without having to go to court."

The Old Orchard Theater opened in the mid-1970s and is considered a linchpin for dining and entertainment in the Orchard Lake and 12 Mile area. The area is zoned office but has a special permit to operate as a movie house.

After AMC announced it was closing the Old Orchard and two other area theaters, rumors persisted that it would be turned into a dollar store or a restaurant. Great Eastern involvement gives the movie house a reprieve.

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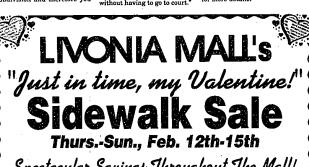
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