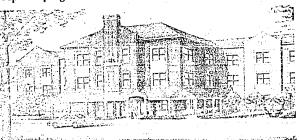
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Our emphasis is on care. Our goal is to maintain each person's dignity.



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er did well. Nick's gift was defense. The coach gave him one job: atand mid-court and don't let the guy dribble the ball past you. Nick rose to the challenge like a pit bull. Even Dennis Rodman would have been impressed. When on the sidelines, Nick constantly stood in coach Miller's space. Coach would whirl around and nearly knock Nick down game after game. Each time he regained his balance, and patiently stepped around Nick.

Coach Miller invited Nick in from the fringe. He chose to look for the good in his players and ignore the amonying. By doing so he taught tolerance. And as he did it, we saw Nick change.

Now in fourth grade, he has a teacher much like casch Miller, At our first parent-teacher conference, she said, 'Nick is bright.

sure." We were stumed. "Are you concerned with the way he hesitates when asked a question?" I asked. Not really. He's doing better with practice." Ho about his inability to maintain eye contact?" "He's coming along with this," she said. "They all have their little quirks, you know."

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For most of this school year, Nick has seemed happy. Have doggedly works on homework. He played basketball and his gait was not so unusual.

Recently, I heard William Pollack, best-selling author of "Real Boys," explain that boys are often sad, but we don't recognize their sadness until it turns into an act of violence. Following this, I asked Nick 'Aro you sad' is there something you need to tell mo?' To my surprise, he said yes. And proceeded to describe

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some daily frustrations that centered on playground injustices.
Lately, Nick takes out his anger on a backboard, and it seems the more patiently I wait, the batter he is at answering questions. But I still wender, What might have happened in nother seven years if the adults in Nick's life had continued to focus on how he was different? What if his coach had merely tolerated him? What if his teacher had stopped calling on him? And what if I had continued to see his silence as my failing? Instead of learning to listen patiently for his answers.

his answers.

Marie Smith grew up in Farm-

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Farmington Musicale. That was 1982. She has since served on or chaired just about every committee the group has to offer and has helped raise more than \$20,000 for Musicale's student scholarship and general fund by organizing benefits.

"My first big involvement was coordinating various individual and group acts to perform free during National Music Week in 1983," she recalled.

Last year at the Longaere House, which operates as a community center in Farmington Hills, she brainstormed with board director Ben Marks for a way to obtain a grand plane. She hammered out a deal with Hammell Music President Tim Hoy, himself a former Longaere House instructor. The result was

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"A Grand Night For Music" din-ner/auction staged last October which raised tho necessary funds. The two also worked out a plan for a piane at the Costick Center.
"Tim Hoy is very generous to the community and with chil-dren. He's a very generous man,"

dren. He's a very generous man," sho said.

Mother of four children and five stepchildren, she is also grandmother to 16 kids. Over the years, Arvo has worn many hats, including creating and teaching a course at Oakiand Community College for displaced homomakors re-entering the workforce. Drawing on personal experience (sho was divorced in 1974 and wont back to achool that year), sho later taught the class at Longacre House.

Packs and lows.

Peaks and lows

"Some people's lives have little hills and valleys; I've had high peaks and lows," she said. One of the lows was a hit-and-run auto accident in 1973. Rammed by a drunken driver on southbound 1-75 while returning southbound 1-76 while returning from a camp counselor stint up North, she suffered broken ribs, a broken hip and foot. Three weeks of hospitalization and much therapy followed. Required

awimming pool therapy opened another door for her. She became a water safety instructor. "My philosophy is that every adversity is an opportunity," she

said.

The cane she walks with today is a remnant from a 1891 fall. Getting ready for a rehearsal program at the library, she slipped on a patch of black ice and broke both clhows and her hip in the resulting fall.

The hip fracture wasn't discovered right away and I never recovered from that properly," she said.

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She has never let broken bones or rehabilitation stand in her way. Arvo still performs as a vocalist with several choirs, symvecalist with several choirs, symphonies, and non profit organizations. And her involvement with various community groups fills two typed pages, single-spaced, on her resume.

"My high school English teacher, Miss Arnold, gave me a little verse! I still am inspired by today," she said. Only one life, 'twill soon be passed, Only what's done for Christ will last." Miss Arnold went on to become a missionary," she added with a chuckle.

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