Gardener from page A1

Garden," it is apparent that, even for strangers, a visit to Hyska's backyard is like going to the house of a longtime friend.

That friendly, unpretentious nanner - and uncanny ability to appreciate, nurture and grow -probably came from Hyska's

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mom.

"She was 88 years old when I moved here (about 12 years ago)," recalled Hyska. "She was on her hands and knees planding 100 onion sets. She told me the soil was nicer than the house."
If so, she has cultivated it nicely ever since. There are gardens in nearly every section of the yeard, one called "The Garden of Weeden."

With her experience and education in gardening, Hyska knows most, if not all, intricacies of the subject. She knows what to plant next to what. It can't be done haphazardly.

"You don't put the hot poppers next to the beans. Or dill next to something else."

By the way, there's a refreshing old-fashionedness to how she lives her indoor life, too.
She doesn't own air conditioning, instead relying on window fans, cold glasses of ice water and — yes — that lemon verbenates she makes from garden herbs.

Noighbors are treated to hearty, tomato and becon sand-wiches.

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wiches.
Two tabby cats named Coco and Cinnamon keep her company while she makes cat toys out of fabric and catnip, right in her

"I get a lot of standing orders," she said, with pride.

In full bloom

Although Hyska's love of all things that grow is something she remembers always having, it intensified after her 1996 retire-ment from AT&T, after a 27-year

career.

"It's very relaxing ... gardening is just so zon like. That's what I'm striving for, serenity. I love nature, animals and plants so much."

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With time and space to wield her spades, shovels and numerous garden hoses, there's a little bit of everything growing in her yard – none of it done with the help of chemicals.

Cucumbers? Got 'em. Roses? Got these, too. There are even a few conversation pieces, such as: a plant called an elephant ear, almost as large as one; shamrock plants; the odd-looking physotogia, which stands for 'obedient plant."

"It's the only plant in the world where it does exactly what you want it to do," explained Hyska, who once taught a class about herbs at the Pontiac Silverdome. 'Watch. You push it to one side and it stays that way."

Hyska gese with the flow as easily as the physotogia does.
"I think people are too scrious," she said, smiling once again. I think the world needs a little more levity ... and we really need more people doing volunteer work.

Talk about knowing how te plant a seed.

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Learning

Brika Cole, daughter of Aaron and Terry Cole of Farmington Hills, was accepted to interfection Arts Academy for the 1998-99 school year. She was accepted into the dance program after an extensive audition and numerous recommendations.

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Now, 15, Colo started dancing at age 3: Her primary focus has been classical ballet since age 4. She attended the National Ballet School in Canada and the Joffrey Ballet: She has studied with Robert Kelly, John Magnus and Luba Gludavia.

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offers gifted and talentod
young people the opportunity
to develop their creative abilities. Through a curriculum
committed to excellence in the
arts and candemics, the
academy provides pre-protesional arts training and aclege preparatory education.

After graduation from Interlochen, Cole, now a sophomore, plans to join a major ballet company or go to Juilliard School.

Servico1 Scholar:

Timothy Latimer, a grad-unto of North Farmington. High School, received a, National Service Scholarship by the Corporation for National Service and Jervis E. Webb Co., in recognition of outstanding service to the community.

The Corporation for National Service pays \$500 of the \$1,000 scholarship, matched by a school, local civic group, business or faith-based orgarization.

"With their idealism, optimism and energy, young peo-ple are a great resource to the community," said Harris Wof-ford, chief executive officer of the Corporation for National Service.

The scholarship is awarded to one junior or senior from" each high school and is announced by President Bill

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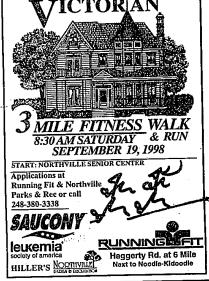
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