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98 West-Northwest Area white pages, in the business section. She couldn't believe what she saw: a Farmington Florist listing based out of Bernardsville, N.J., just above her shop's listing. Trzcinski also said she called directory information three times and was given the wrong "Farmington Florist" on each occasion.

Trzcinski, meanwhile, admitted that her business was originally listed as "Farmington Florist," and thus listed after the New Jersey operation's number. As a result, people calling for her shop received the other company's phone number. She said she called Ameritech Wednesday to remove the extra "F," inter that day, her listing was the one given out.

Signs on the outside of her shop read Farmington Florist. "One customer called the wrong number and they said

they didn't do pick-ups," Trzcinski said, referring to flower orders made available to pick up at the Downtown Farmington Center shop. "Homecoming was last weekend, and she just knew that was wrong."

Another customer said she realized the people on the phone weren't the usual personalities she was used to dealing with. She asked "Are you from Michigan?" They said, "No, New Jersey."

Trzcinski said she thinks the New Jersey company apparently is negotiating with independent flower shops, who dispatch the orders. Both angered and intrigued, Trzcinski ordered flowers from the company to be sent to her mother.

When placing the order, she was told it would be listed on the credit card bill as "Flowers with Gifted Elegance," and not Farmington Florist. Trzcinski said she

tried to find out why, but the person taking her order was "very evasive."

The order "came out of a flower shop in Walled Lake, New Brandy's," she said.

Trzcinski said the New Jersey company's price to deliver a dozen red roses, is about \$70. The same order, delivered from her shop was about \$40.

She didn't know how much business she has lost due to what she labeled a "big scam." "I'd like to know how many years they've been in there."

According to Trzcinski, a Bernardsville, N.J. location also accompanies white page listings for Farmington Hills Florist; Livonia Flowers and Gifts; and Northville Florist. An automated introduction welcomes callers in generic fashion: "Thank you for calling our flower shop."

"The issue of someone trying to look like a local florist is an

issue we're interested in," said Marion Gorton of the state Attorney General's office, who did not talk to Trzcinski about the Farmington situation. "We do get involved if consumers are being misled."

The State of Michigan requires companies file certificates of authority in order to do business here.

A spokeswoman for the certifications and records unit said Trzcinski's was listed, but as the Farmington Center Florist. Asked about why she is listed both as the Farmington Center Florist and Farmington Florist, Trzcinski said her business has always gone by both names.

The spokeswoman for the certifications and records unit said there were no listings on file for Farmington Florist, Farmington Hills Florist, Livonia Flowers and Gifts, Northville Florist or Flowers with Gifted Elegance.

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Oliverio and her council cohorts learn to walk a tight line between property owners' rights and homeowners' associations' concerns; number of housing units versus sizes of lots.

Oliverio would like to see settlements like the one recently worked out between Phoenix Land Developers and Woodcreek subdivision homeowners over the 37-unit Hickory Oaks project. In hindsight, she wonders whether the Timbercrest fiasco might not have reached a full boil if homeowners had been brought into the situation earlier.

She isn't dwelling on the past,

though. The council has future developments to discuss, including the commercial and residential project — with a Super Kmart included — proposed for the Orchard Lake, Northwestern and 14 Mile area.

Malan Realty, the developer, has made overtures about the city possibly setting up a tax increment authority to offset costs buying residential property. Oliverio is against the idea.

"I don't think it's something I can support because when you're talking about tax breaks, that just puts a burden on the residents," she said. "They have to pay more to make up for it."

While other communities use tax breaks to lure companies there; Farmington Hills is trying

to keep ones they already have — like Computware.

The computer software giant is outgrowing its facility on Northwestern and is reportedly looking for another area to relocate.

Oliverio sees a city economic development director working — a position proposed by City Manager Daniel Hobbs — working closely collaboratively with the city's volunteer Economic Development Committee on such matters. The councilwoman gives high marks to the position's creator, who was hired by council nearly two years ago.

"He's got a totally different management style than Bill (Costick, former city manager); He's also had a hard act to follow," said Oliverio, who said she

would grade Hobbs a B+. "He's starting to get out more and get a feel for the community and the residents' concerns."

Oliverio's electoral success hinged on such insight into needs of residents.

Oliverio embarked on a tireless door-to-door campaign in 1993, visiting 6,000 homes. She's not sure she can meet that goal as well as work in Bob Seller Pontiac-GMC's warranty department and run a household with four males, ages 19, 18, 14 and 11.

If elected, Oliverio said she is not sure she'd run for a third. She wants to make that choice, though. As for now, she said, "I'm just not ready not to be involved anymore."

OBITUARIES

ANN C. PETERSON

Ann C. Peterson, 88, died Oct. 8 at Providence Hospital.

A resident of Farmington, Mrs. Peterson was the owner and operator of W.B. Gregory & Sons Printing Company. She was a member of St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills and a volunteer at Providence Hospital and Marillac Hall. She was an avid seamstress and enjoyed bowling and golfing.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral services

were held Oct. 11 at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills. Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

MARGARET F. SEYLER

Margaret F. Seyler, 85, died Oct. 7 at Harland Health Care Center in Livonia.

Mrs. Seyler was a homemaker and attended college in her 50's. She is survived by sons, Carl (Ronny) of Farmington Hills and Wallace (Jane) of St. John;

daughters, Carole Seyler of Livonia and Elaine (Richard) Lansing of Livonia; sister, Rose (Donald) Ricketts of Salem, Ohio; grandchildren, Cheryl and James York, John Lansing and Mark Seyler; and great-grandson, Evan York.

Funeral services were held Oct. 10 at Glen Eden Memorial Park Chapel in Livonia with the Rev. V.F. Halboth officiating. Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

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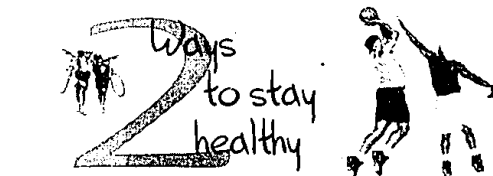
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