Village Mall: Cafe & Baskets opens **Residents concerned about cut-throughs** next month; Baby Studio-moving

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Markinand Sochomecomm.net Machinand Sochomecomm.net Teacing major road construc-tion on a nearby throughfaro, residents in the area of Shady-side and Norfolk are looking for a little driver courtesy. "They drivt too fast and too dangerous, and they act like we're in their way," said Frank we're in their way," said Frank bertani, who lives on Norfolk, of cut-through traffic that has videning of Farmington Road began. "They don't pay atten-tion to the stop signs too much." Farmington is being widened between Eight Millo and Nine

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Mile. The read is open to through traffic, with some lane closures. said the problem occurs mainly during the morning and after-noon commuting hours. "It's when the children are going to school," Crowell said. Bertani and his neighbors in the residential area just south-east of Eight Mile and Farm-ington say drivers socking to avoid the congested intersec-tion are driving recklessly down their streets. "Here's a pickup going by. He's got to be going 40 miles an hour," said Shadyside resi-dent David Kranmer. The speed there is 25 mph. In the course of a phone con-versation of just a few minutes, Krammer said, about 30 vehi-cles had passed his house. Kevin Crawell, who lives on Shadyside near Eight Mile, Bertani and his neighbors in

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school," Crowell said. With a school bus stop at the Shadyside-Norfolk intersec-tion, Crowell worries that stu-dents waiting for the bus will be hit by a careless driver. There were similar problems a few yoars ago when Eight Mile was repayed, residents said.

and, Livonia Sgt. Wes McKee said on Thursday that the police recently began special patrols. The department has also set out its Speed Mensavremont and Radar Trailer to tell drivers how fast they're going.

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Cozy up with a distinctive cof-fee, grab a sandwich and pick up up a gift basket. All of these things are possible when Anna's Cafe & Baskets opens in late October in Villago Mail, at the corner of Grand have and Farmington Rods, anid Joyce Cornwell, the landford, as she enthusiastically discussed the new store's opening this week. The space was formerly occupied by Cenix Plus Col-lectibles. "This is no first business."

occupied by Camix Flus Cut-lectible. "This is my first business ever," said Anna Mariani of Farmington Hills. "It will be authentic Italian, an Italian cafe. This is what authentic is." This aspect will attract cus-tomers to a different product than might be offered at Star-bucks, she said. Mariani corplained that her

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bucks, she said. Mariani explained that her husband, Dante, provided input into the new business. Dante was born in Gelati, Italy. Mariinto the

For now, an assortment of Italian specialtics like canoolis, homemado ice cream, and pasti-na, a traditional Wedding Soup, are planned. She will also offer a wide assortment and price range of European gift baskets, from \$10.99 to more than \$100. That's important because sometimes people may just want to pick up a little something for some on you plan to visit but don't want to spend as much as you might for a brother or sister, she said. For now, an assortment of

you migni tor a protiner or sister, she said. Mariani is also maintaining some flexibility in her offerings. "I don't know what people want yet," Mariani said. Mariani's career is taking a different direction from her for-mer occupation as a sales manger in the industrial elec-tronies field. "I've lived in Farmington all my life," Mariani said. "I grew up at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake."

Anna and Dante have one

ani's parents are also Italian-born. For now, an assortment of Childhood Center in Barunge

Baby Studio

Baby Studio Cornwell also said that The Braby Studio, a tonant since November, has moved into the former Corky's Skate Shop, 23016 Farmington Road. The owner couldn't be reached Fri-day for comment. Cornwell is also hoping to soon sign a lease for the space from which The Baby Studio moved, as well as to full two office suites. "I had five vacancies," Corn-well said. That almost never happens. I was concerned and so were the tenanta." Change can be good, Cornwell said. It's sometimes easier to rent a vacant space than to try to do so when a former tenant is still there but planning to move out, ahe said.

It's ensier for prospective ten-arits to visualize possibilities when the space is vacant, she said.

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medallion, a piece of jowelry and, a piece of bone tentatively iden-tified as human vertebrae. At the time of hor disappear-ance, Frontera, 31, attended-nursing classes at Schooleraft College. She sometimes, worked as a topless dancer. Police at first suspected she was a runnaway. But she had left her wallet home, and her car was found several weeks later in Detroit. That led family to press-the investigation.



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make the identification certain. If tests confirm the remains as Frontera, Dwyer said police will proceed with a warrant against shared with her husband, and his son. Once Kristi turned up missing, Macha said she believed something had happroceed with a warrant against a suspect. The suspect is a male, in jail on an unrelated charge, police said. Dwyer, along with Assistant Chief Chuck Nebus and Fron-tera's mother, Jackie Macha, answered questions Thursday from metro Detroit media represpont a bit of time with each other, going to lunch or gotting together with family. She was very artistic and creative. Biked to draw, 'Macha recalled. "She was just a benutiful girl, very full of lie. We all do mias her very much; she deserved to live." her mother said. "I always hoped we could find her body. It's very and but it's very good. We all kept hoping we would find out. I just kew I could never give up." "She deserved to live"

"She deserved to live" "Jackie is a very courageous hady." Dwyor said, adding she had been in contact with police almost weekly. "She has helped keep us moving on the investiga-tion," he said. "After all these yoars, we will definitely have some finality." Macha said. Frontera disappeared from the Farmington Hills home she

pened to her. "My daughter and I were very, very close. She would have been in contact."

Macha said she and Kristi spent a lot of time with each





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entatives interested in the case.