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## New procedures for dialing 630

CHICAGO — Residential and business customers with 630 area code phone numbers should be prepared for the introduction of the 331 area code on Sunday, AT&T Inc. said. At that time, you will be required to dial 1 plus the area code plus the seven-digit number when making calls. The Illinois Commerce Commission approved adding the 331 area code to the 630 region to ensure that businesses and residents have access to numbers from their carrier of choice.

## Local Focus

### Lisle firm cuts jobs in reorganization

LISLE — SXC Health Solutions Inc., a provider of pharmacy benefits management services and IT solutions to the health-care benefits management industry, announced it has reduced its work force by about 7 percent. These reductions were focused on the provider and administrative segments. Most reductions took place at the company's Lisle location. SXC now employs 425 people. The alignment plan is expected to generate annual cost savings of about \$3 million.

### Valent BioSciences makes acquisition

LIBERTYVILLE — Valent BioSciences Corp. acquired a minority interest in Pace International, a Seattle-based firm that manufactures and distributes products used to protect and improve the quality of fruits and vegetables after harvest. Valent provides biorational solutions for pre-harvest crop production applications. This equity investment will give the companies opportunities to co-develop new applications of VBC's ingredients.

variety of applications for global positioning systems.

Analysts said it also headed off a potential similar move by a company such as Google Inc. or Garmin Ltd. to snatch away Chicago's Navteq, one of the few remaining providers of mapping data with the pending acquisition of rival Tele Atlas NV by TomTom NV.

"This kind of cements Nokia's push into navigation," said Mark McKechnie, an American Technology Research analyst. "As the leader in the cell-phone business, they want to see more and more functionality get into the handset — taking the turn-by-turn directions, for example, and moving them from high-priced car applications to applications that fit in your pocket."

### Navteq Corp. geographic analyst Rich Joyce references a computer an electronic clipboard to pinpoint sites while cruising Chicago stre

The price tag was high, partly reflecting that shares in fast-growing Navteq have doubled since May. Under the agreement approved by the boards of both companies, Nokia will pay \$78 in cash for each Navteq share, including outstanding options.

A trailblazer of the digital map business, Navteq produces the maps and software found in automobile navigation systems, portable navigation devices made by Garmin and other companies and Internet map sites like AOL's Mapquest, Google Maps and Yahoo Inc.'s Yahoo Maps.

Founded in 1985 and only

profitable since 2002, Navteq has more than 3,000 employees in 30 countries.

Concerns that Nokia might potentially keep some or all Navteq information to itself prompted a double-digit tumble in shares of Garmin Ltd., one of Navteq's biggest customers.

But Nokia's comments seemed to dismiss that prospect, and some analysts called it unlikely. McKechnie said antitrust regulators could attach restrictions to the deal to prevent that.

An industry executive speaking on the condition of anonymity said Google may decide it needs access to a digital map database, espe-

# Divino dishes out Italian gelato to

A restaurant owner and wholesale distributor of gelato is bringing a taste of Italy to the area.

Joe DiBartolo opened Divino at 821 E. Center St. in Grayslake late last month. In addition to operating a restaurant, DiBartolo is running a wholesale operation where he delivers gelato, an Italian word for ice cream, to upscale eating establishments, resorts, convention centers, catering companies and hospitals throughout the area.

"We deliver within a four-hour radius, up toward Milwaukee and down toward Central Illinois," DiBartolo said.

"We have to be licensed through the state to deliver dairy products," he added.

Gelato, originally created in northern Italy, is known by its smooth texture, rich and exquisite taste. It is naturally low in fat. DiBartolo makes about 24 flavors a day.

"All the flavors are imported from southern Italy," DiBartolo said. Hazelnut is the most popular of the flavors.

"It's like a wine tasting with the array of flavors in the display case," he said.



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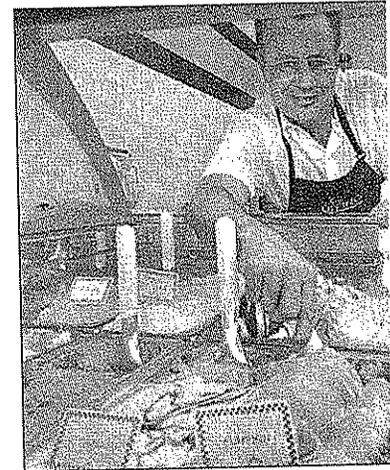
The Italian ice cream is made from milk and sugar and a combination of other flavorings. It was once served to the upper class in Italy.

All of the equipment and display cases at the new business are also imported from Italy, the country in which DiBartolo's grandparents were born.

The new shop in Grayslake also serves gourmet pizza, paninis and salads. DiBartolo's brother, Jim, handles this part of the operation with his 20 years of experience in the industry.

The upscale eatery, which seats about 24 people, is designed "to give customers a taste of Italy when they come in the door," DiBartolo said. The gelato, served in cups or small bowls, ranges in price from \$3.25 to \$5.25.

The entrepreneur, also an electric engineer, has been investigating the ice cream business opportunity for the



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### Brothers Joe, left, and Jim DiBartolo restaurant and gelato shop in Gra

past few years as he has seen gelato grow in popularity.

"Gelato is exploding in the United States. I'm just trying to capture the market share. The growth of the industry is big," he said.

To learn the details of the business as well as learn to become a wholesaler, DiBartolo trained with a company in Maryland, Aromi d'Italia, a similar operation.

DiBartolo, 47, also owns Joint Development Group, a semi-conductor business in

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