

# WHERE CAN I FIND?

Through reader feedback, this interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find.

If you have a request or information about where a product is sold or service is available, call (248) 901-2655 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls. Also, please spell any uncommon items. If you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

**WHAT WE FOUND:**

— For personalized musical books, try Holm's Nature Goodness Baby Food company, call (800) USA Baby.

— Clean spray glass cleaner can be purchased at Scrub's on Greenfield Road in Southfield, call (248) 569-4700.

**SEARCH AND FIND NOTES:**  
— A reader would like to donate her deceased husband's medicine to an organization.

— Correction: Shirtwaist dresses can be purchased on the Internet at [www.bariopace.com](http://www.bariopace.com).

dimes) for Mrs. S. of Bloomfield Township.

— A store or business that will repair or replace a side bar on a hospital bed for Dolores.

— A store where tooth powder can be bought for Shirley.

— An Internet site where vacant properties for sale are listed for Ronald, who lives in West Bloomfield.

— A store where an 80-inch round bed sheet can be purchased for Irene.

— A store that sells children's cassette tapes with recorded birthday messages for Anne, who resides in Redford.

— Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

— Finnian's haddies are available at Haub's restaurant in Ypsilanti, call (734) 483-8200.

— For women's plus size clothing on consignment, try the Grand Lady Consignment at 3286 Dixie Highway in Waterford, call (248) 673-7093.

— For getting old records transferred onto compact discs, try Antique Audio in Plymouth, call (734) 207-2346, or Sound Ideas, call (810) 850-9053.

— A bed buddy can be purchased at area Walgreen stores and at area Bed Bath & Beyond stores.

— Cinnamon ice cream can be purchased at Ray's Ice Cream Parlor on Coolidge Road in Royal Oak, call (248) 549-5256, and at the Big Lot store on 7 Mile Road and Grand River in the Redford Sherman Oaks plaza. Hagen-Dazs' Bakery in Berkley and Royal Oak sells Ray's cinnamon ice cream. Also, cinnamon ice cream is served at area Bill Knapp's restaurants.

— Children's moccasins in size 1 can be purchased from the Fort Fudge Shop in Mackinaw City, call (231) 436-5883 or visit [www.shopfortfudge.com](http://www.shopfortfudge.com) on the Internet.

## Oakland County leads region in shopping center floor space

Major shopping centers account for more than 100 million square feet of floor space in southeast Michigan, according to *Major Shopping Centers in Southeast Michigan*, recently published by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

The report is third in the council's major economic activity map series, following the first two publications, *Foreign Investment in Southeast Michigan* and *Medical Facilities in Southeast Michigan*.

The report pinpoints locations of shopping centers with a total size of 30,000 square feet or greater on a map of the seven-county, southeast Michigan area.

The report also identifies key data relating to the impact these centers have on the regional economy, including the following information:

■ Retail was a \$115 billion industry for Michigan in 1999.

■ The region's 612 major shopping centers total 104.7 million square feet of floor space.

■ Oakland County leads the region in total

shopping-center floor space with 35.7 million square feet.

■ Wayne County has the largest total number of centers with 200.

■ Macomb County was third in both categories with 19 million square feet of floor space and 115 centers.

■ The 1990s were a construction boom for shopping centers; with 178 centers and larger stand-alone stores constructed.

■ In 2000, retail sales increased 6.3 percent over 1999; they are expected to increase another three percent in 2001.

*Major Shopping Centers in Southeast Michigan* is available on the SEMCOG Web site at [www.semco.org](http://www.semco.org). All three reports in the Major Economic Activity Maps series are available by contacting SEMCOG Information Services, call (313) 961-4266.

SEMCOG is a regional planning partnership serving 4.9 million people in the seven-county region of southeast Michigan.

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