

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:

- Finner haddie is available at Haab's restaurant in Ypsilanti, call (734) 483-8200.

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

- For getting old records transferred on to compact discs, try Antique Audio in Plymouth, call (734) 207-2345, or Sound Idems, call (810) 650-9053.

- 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. Hagelstein's Bakery in Berkeley 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.shop@fortfudge.com on the Internet.

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

- Gleam 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.barriepace.com.

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- A school that offers knitting and crochet classes in the Redford or Livonia area.

- A store that sells Bush Best Bavarian style sauerkraut with sweet caraway seeds for Eleanor.

- A company or business in the Garden City area that will repair a broken earpiece on a pair of Ralph Lauren eyeglasses for Norma.

- A store that sells Boston Brown bread in a can for Maureen, who resides in Beverly Hills.

- A store where a gold collectors spoon (3 inches with the number 50 in the spoon's open circle and the words "Happy Anniversary" in its bowl) can be bought for Soma.

- A store where a compact disc or cassette tape of the song Mexican Fantasy can be purchased for Shirley, who resides in Livonia.

- A store where women's pants by Lord Isaacs are sold for Patricia.

- A store where a white wicker or wood Chavelle child's mirror can be purchased for Ruth.

- A store that sells a coin purse with two compartments (one for pennies, and the other for

dimes) for Mrs. S. of Bloomfield Township.

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

- 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.

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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 \$116 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. All three reports in the Major Economic Activity Maps series are available by contacting SEMCOG Information Services, call (313) 961-4266.

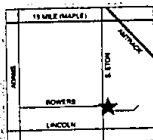
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