

Solution to Calling In Favors

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In this puzzle you were given definition on the left, and cities on the right. The cities each give an area code, since we hinted at phone numbers and areas. Some may have more than one option, but if you notice that the area codes are in numeric order it gets a lot easier.

•Baton Rouge, LA	225
•Farmington Hills, MI	248
•Tacoma, WA	253
•Greensboro, NC	336
•Lexington, NC	336
•Lafayette, LA	337
•Daytona Beach, FL	386
•Redmond, WA	425
•Toledo, OH	567
•Pasadena, CA	626
•Clearwater, FL	727
•Newport News, VA	757
•Chicago, IL	773
•Brockton, MA	774
•San Juan, PR	787

Combining the area codes will form T9 words corresponding to the definitions.

•Bathing suit company	SPEEDO (773-336)
•Lime, lemon, orange, etc.	CITRUS (248-787)
•Mathematician Blaise	PASCAL (727-225)
•NBA star Olajuwon	HAKEEM (425-336)
•Tennis ball company	DUNLOP (386-567)
•Web-oriented superhero	SPIDERMAN (774-337-626)

The remaining area codes are 253 and 757, which spell out **CLERKS**. There is mention of shopkeepers and of course this fits into the movie theme.