

Barber celebrates 82nd birthday with humor

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STAFF WRITER

Barber Joe Placido says his customers come back to him for his sense of humor as much as his haircuts.

"He does it good, he does it right and I love his jokes," said John Schertel.

A Farmington Hills resident and fireman, John and his father, Jack, who works for Visteon, always ask for Placido. Along with a sharp new look, they get a story like this one: "A man gets up in the morning killing flies in the kitchen. His wife asks, 'What are you doing?'"

"I'm killing flies," he said.

"How many have you gotten?" she asks.

"I've gotten five already. Three males and two females,"

he said.

"How do you know the sex of those flies?" she asks.

"The three males were on the top of the beer can from last night and the two females were on the phone," he said.

Placido, a Southfield resident, was surprised that his female co-workers called the Farmington Observer to meet him. He was in a jovial mood as he celebrated his 82nd birthday on Sept. 19.

"The family is coming over tonight. We usually dance the jig, the tarantella," he said, referring to a vivacious folk

dance of southern Italy.

Placido and his wife, Bernadine, have three children: Jimmy, Joe Jr. and Patty. The

two also have five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Placido has worked at Salen

Malina located in the Downtown Farmington Center since May, 2001.

Alina Zarnitsky, of Wixom, and Mila Volynets, a Wallied Lake resident, have been in business together since 1996.

Placido previously owned a hair business, then sold to another owner.

A barber/hair stylist for 50

years, he started his career in the Army at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He has also worked in England and France.

Proud of his military service, Placido said, "I belong to the VFW."

Business is picking up, especially since Farmington Road opened recently after construction.

Customers don't come here just for the haircuts, they come to hear the jokes," Placido said. "They come for conversation. They come for the entertainment. They say, 'Joe, do have any new ones?'"



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Joe Placido trims John Schertels hair.

OBITUARIES

Wakako Loomis

Services for Wakako "Mona" Loomis, 69, of Farmington Hills, were held Sept. 21 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Jennifer Saad officiating. Mrs. Loomis was born June 20, 1933 in Japan and died September 18, 2002 in Northville.

She is survived by her son, Robert (Marek); daughters, Tomoe (James) Lombard and Teresa (John) Yee; former husband, James (Donna) Loomis; seven grandchildren; four sisters; and two brothers.

Memorial contributions may be made to Henry Ford Hospice.

Paula Madsen

Services for Paula Madsen, 81, formerly of Farmington Hills, were held Sept. 21 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. John Maki officiating. Burial took place at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Mrs. Madsen was born July 30, 1921 in Detroit and died Sept. 18, 2002 at Canterbury on the Lake Nursing Home in Waterford Township.

She is survived by her son, Mark (Ann); brothers, Nick and Andy Butkevich; sisters, Alexandra Leskevich and Senia Romanov; and grandchildren, Reid and Nicholas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Canterbury on the Lake Nursing Home, 5601 Hatchery Road, Waterford Township, MI 48239.

Geraldine M. Jarackas

Geraldine Mary Jarackas, 79, of Farmington Hills, died Sept. 18, 2002 at Botsford Continuing Health Center in Farmington Hills.

Mrs. Jarackas was a homemaker and lived in Farmington Hills most of her life.

She is survived by her daughter, Jeanette Wolfe; brother, Edward Donovan; and grandchildren, Wendy and William. She is preceded in death by her husband, Anthony, and son, William III.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Avenue, Detroit MI 48201.

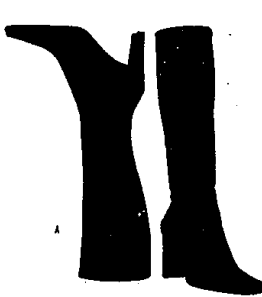
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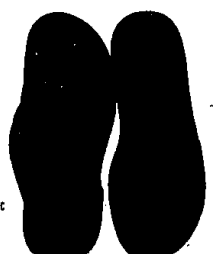
Warren Volker, 79, of Farmington died Sept. 14, 2002.

He was a former resident of Redford. He was a member of the Ashlar Masonic Lodge of Detroit.

Surviving are his wife, Lois; daughter, Shirley (Robert) Bryant; brother, Wilbur (Mary) Volker; and sister, Thelma Gerber.

Memorial tributes may be made to Fifth Covenant Church of Farmington Hills. Arrangements were made by Duzak Funeral Home in Detroit.





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