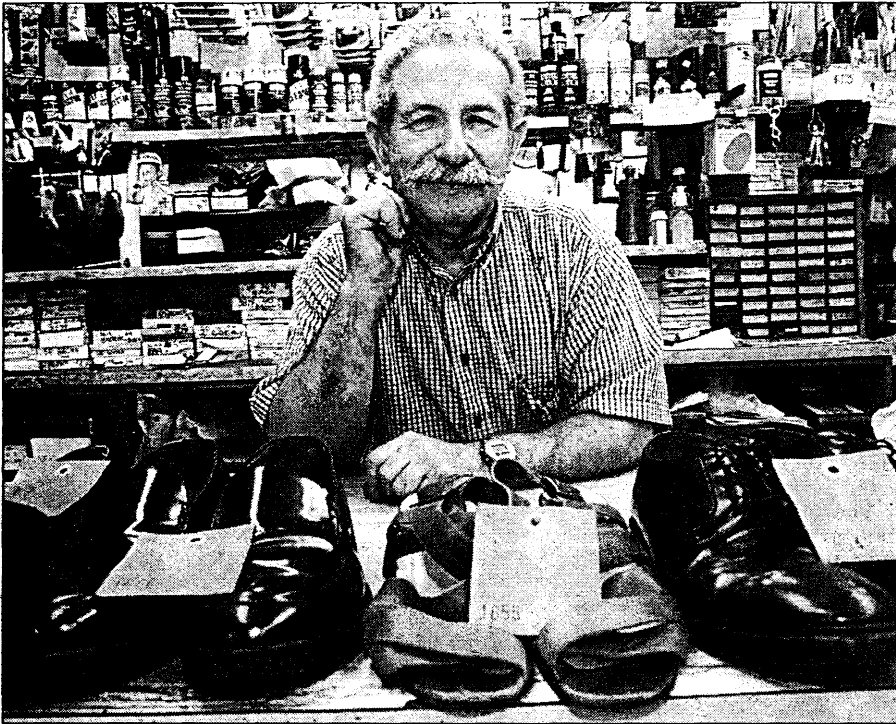


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NEVER RETURNED: Some of shoe repairman Mike Mamoukakis' customers dropped off pairs on or before Sept. 11 — and never came back. Elizabeth Lippman

Shop's unclaimed shoes are forgotten memorial to victims

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For 20 years, people dropped off their shoes at Mike Mamoukakis' little shop on their way to work at the World Trade Center and picked them up later after they'd been shined or repaired.

After Sept. 11, some of the customers didn't come back.

The shoes sit today in plastic bags behind the counter of Mike's Shoes at 3 Dey St., less than a block

from Ground Zero.

Each has a ticket, with a number that matches a stub kept by the shoes' owner.

A number, but no name. Ticket No. 1659 has the date "9/11/01" written in pen. Inside the bag is a pair of black men's dress shoes that needed a seam restitched. The ticket records that whoever left them paid the \$7 repair cost in advance.

Ticket No. 1656 was writ-

ten the same day; also a man's shoes. The owner paid \$4 in advance — and never came back. Now, Mamoukakis, 65, looks at the shoes and wonders.

Did they belong to a customer killed Sept. 11? Or to someone who worked in the Twin Towers and survived but now works somewhere else?

Mamoukakis is closing his shop by the end of July because of a severe downturn in business.

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