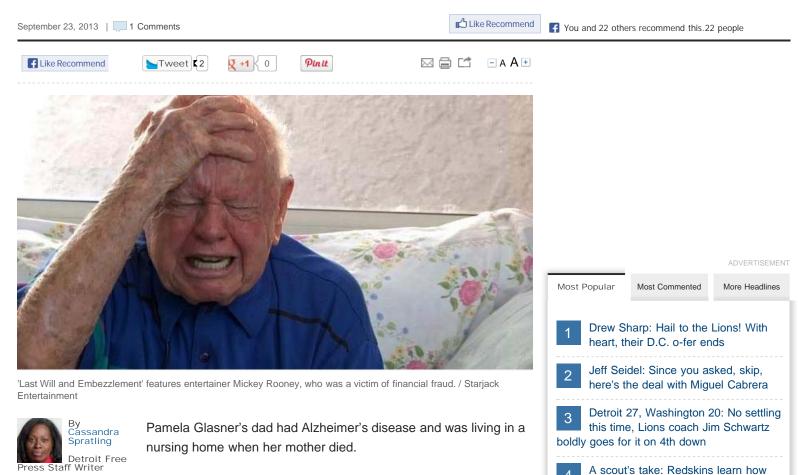


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Protecting seniors and their money is focus of daughter's documentary



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Life Clinton Township Wayne State University Glasner's brother contacted officials at the home to inform them that his dad was widowed and he'd be handling his affairs. The social worker told him another brother was already doing that. Big problem — there was no other brother.

A man neither Glasner or her brother knew had befriended their father, gained access to his financial accounts and stolen his money.

Glasner wants to make sure no other family goes through that.

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To help, she produced a documentary film, "Last Will and Embezzlement," featuring entertainer Mickey Rooney, also a victim of financial fraud. The film, on a national tour, will stop in metro



A scene from 'Last Will and Embezzlement,' which will screen in metro Detroit. / Starjack Entertainment

Detroit this month to raise awareness about financial exploitation of elderly people. Ab

The film is both a call to action and a tribute focGlasner's father.

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We don't want people to be victims," said Glasner, who wrote the film with business partner Deborah Louise Robinson, who also directed it. "The best thing you can do for this Tope of crime is prevent it."

The two women own Connecticut-based broduction company Starjack Entertainment. Glasner came up with the idea for the film as a way to inform seniors and the people who leve them about a problem she says is growing as the population ages.

The film will be shown at two events in Clinton Township and West Bloomfield that also will include opportunities to get questions answered from area prosecutors, clider care attorneys and others familiar with the problem.

fangrowing problem

The out of every 20 older adults in the U.S. will be a victim of financial exploitation, and the rates are rising, said Peter Lichtenberg, where the line of Gerontology at wayne State University and among the speakers at the West Bloomfield event.

help, he is developing an assessment to determine whether a senior citizen is at risk being the victim of financial abuse. He saidhe hopes to be able to pilot the 61-sou guestion assessment by the end of the year.

Fine assessment and a more general 10"diffestion screening exam is aimed at putting will a dent in the number of elderly people who were victims of scams, fraud and other efforts to rob them of their money.

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with seniors, including attorneys, law the enforcement officials and people who work filr at financial institutions and suspect abuse. Scre

For example, a bank worker who notices who suspects a problem would notify a manager trained to do the assessment.

Several instances of elder abuse motivated
Rehtenberg to develop the assessment, but
2010 case stood out the most: A metro
Detroit man who was in advanced stages of
dementia was convinced to take out a
reverse mortgage worth \$250,000.

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"All that man's money was taken by a con artist, and that one really stuck with me," and that one really stuck with me," and that one really stuck with me," are couldn't keep track of his grocery bill account, let alone whow what was going on with a reverse mortgage."

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The man died shortly afterward, broke and Meartbroken about his predicament.

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∰alking a fine line

Protecting senior citizens from financial fraud atton be difficult because often they are embarrassed or private about their finances, so they keep quiet.

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Fürthermore, Lichtenberg said, there's a fine stat line between helping a senior citizen and thereatening their sense of independence, which also is important to their health and suz well-being.

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"Overprotection is equally harmful,"

Stocktenberg said. "When people's
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independence is taken away, it can affect
wheir health and longevity."

Chtenberg's exam seeks to ascertain elde whether the senior citizen has a clear understanding of the decisions he or she is having and is making those decisions Giar without undue influence and without risk of jeopardizing their financial well-being.

H8 declined to share the specifics of the \$29 exam because it has not been properly field-

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tested, and without proper training, the exam
can be misused.
the However, among the questions are:
by Now and over time, how will this decision
callid/or transaction impact you financially?
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How much risk is there that this transaction
could result in a loss of funds?
ବି: අo what extent did you consult with anyone
before making the financial decision?
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at
"Glasner's dad died in February 2012 — just
■ months after his wife's death.
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Glasner dedicated the film to him and hopes
it helps others.
Arts
fathere are 11,000 baby boomers every year
furning 65," Glasner said. "We want
exerybody to be able to protect themselves
blocbe able to protect their parents."
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Pamela Glasner is producer and cowriter of 'Last Will and Embezzlement.' She was inspired to make the documentary after her father, who was living in nursing home, had his money stolen by a man who befriended him. / Starjack Entertainment

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