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## 'Playful' Pooch Bites, Runs 3 Wild, Fear-Filled Days

By W.W. EDGAR  
GARDEN CITY

For years it has been said that dog is man's best friend. Maybe so. But when they are allowed to run loose, they not only are in violation of the law, but often become a menace to a neighborhood. They turn destructive, tearing up flower beds, lawns, shrubs, garbage bags and many times leave their calling cards wherever they have been much to the disgust and resentment of the other neighbors.

More than that. At times they can create serious problems that excite an entire neighborhood and use up untold numbers of man hours before they are corrected.

A case in point happened in Garden City several days ago where an innocent looking little black dog raised enough trouble to call out the police reserves, city officials and even warning calls on a radio station. All told, 6 1/2 man hours by 17 men were spent on a door-to-door canvass before the furor subsided.

According to Police Chief Robert Behrendt, little Robin Wood, a little six-year-old blond, was playing with a girl friend in the vicinity of Donnelly and Radcliff when a little black dog, on the loose, ran up to them, presumably to play.

As Robin turned, the dog leaped at her, scratched her face with its paw and bit her on the lip before running away.

Little Robin ran home with no idea of where the dog had

come from or where it had gone and no idea of the dog's owner.

That was only the start of what proved to be a wild and exciting time for three days. When Robin's parents returned home several hours later, the matter was reported to the police and a report made of the dog bite. The only description was that it was a little black dog—about 15 inches high, wearing a black collar.

Now the questions arose: did the dog have rabies? Should little Robin undergo the painful experience of rabies shots. With the bite in such close proximity to the brain, the parents really became alarmed.

Garden City Patrolman Evina and Dog Warden Smitley made a systematic search of the neighborhood to no avail.

Throughout the following day the search continued and Detective Sgt. Ralph Gohlke joined the hunt. Radio Station WJLD was asked to cooperate.

"In addition," Police Chief Behrendt stated, "I put out a call for the reserves and a house-to-house canvass was made of the entire area—from Ford Road to Rossmann and from Radcliff to Venoy, listing the addresses of every little black dog. At the same time, the regular police officers and patrol cars were keeping a constant look-out for a dog of this description."

Finally, on a Monday afternoon—the fourth day of the search—after the two little girls began a check of all the dogs on the list the dog was recognized at the fifteenth home checked.

Robin's parents were notified immediately and a check of the dog indicated it had received all of its shots and appeared to be healthy and the rabies shots were averted.

But just imagine—four days of searching a stirred up this neighborhood, the man hours spent, the facilities of a radio station and a city's entire police force swinging into action—all because of a dog being allowed to run loose.

"I'd like to publicly thank all those citizens in the involved area for the splendid manner in which they cooperated," Police Chief Behrendt stated after the dog was found to be healthy.

"In fact, I would like to thank the parents of Little Robin, for their faith in our department and to all the officers who had a part of the search, particularly Warden Smitley was worked virtually 24 hours a day until the dog was found."

There is a moral to this story as Chief Behrendt points out: "Many dog owners may truly believe that 'my dog wouldn't hurt anyone.' 'But, unfortunately, the dogs don't know it.'"

## Area Twins Capture Honors At 26th State Convention

By LORRAINE MCCLISH

SOUTHFIELD  
Twins, hundreds of them, met in convention at Southfield's Holiday Inn this weekend and wound up their annual get-together with most look-alike and least look-alike contests on the center stage at Tel-12 Mall Sunday.

Observeland had only one set of winners in the look-alike contests, but scored heavily in the least identical categories.

Coming in for top honors as the most identical twins in the woman's 20-40 age bracket

were Janet Spinner of Livonia and Joyce Hodess of Southfield. They were at the Michigan Twins Convention when it was founded 26 years ago and this year served as the state club's first vice presidents.

LAURIE and Lisa Nicholson, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nicholson of 8635 Holly Drive, in Plymouth, were judged least identical in the category for girls under five years of age.

Both are brown-eyed charmers who will share their

fourth birthday in August and bear a striking physical resemblance, but Laurie's hair is a flaming red and her sister's is a dark brunette.

Sandy and Cindy McKinstry had no trouble winning least-alike honors in the six to 13 year category for girls. They are the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. McKinstry of 19917 Weyker, Livonia, 11 years of age and on their way to the seventh grade in Clarencville Junior High.

In the same age category for boys, David and Dan Mielke from Garden City won least-alike honors. Sons of Mr. and Mrs. David Mielke, of 525 Lytle Place, they are going into the sixth grade at Memorial School.

Another least-alike pair of twin winners from Observeland were Joe and Jill Craig, children of Mr. and Mrs. James Craig, 26241 Kiltartan, of Farmington. They won in the boy-girl twin category, are 12 years old and going into East Junior High School this fall.

The twin club and annual twin convention is a just-for-get-together where

members make new friends and renew old friendships from past conventions. They follow one another's romances and weddings, point out twins who have twin children and twins who married twins. The most serious business at hand is who's in charge of the entertainment, the dinner, or the tours the convention city has to offer.

A diversion to this came to the seventh grade in about this year by way of Dr. M. Paluszny from the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Dr. Paluszny became a mother of twins five years ago and asked the conventioners for help in some research she had started. So some of this year's convention time was spent in answering questions on how they felt about themselves and their twin.

THE OLDEST twins at the convention were Jake and John Oumedian, of Grand Rapids who are 54. The youngest twins were 2 1/2-year-olds, Brian and Randy Brod, of Oak Park, who also took the least-look-alike prize in the boys under five category.

## AREA DEATHS

**ONORIO CATENACCI.** Funeral services were held for Mr. Catenacci, 22812 Plymouth, Redford Township, who died June 19 at the age of 68.

A member of St. Hilary Catholic Church, he was a retired supervisor for the Ford Motor Co. Rouge steel division.

Services at St. Hilary's were followed by interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. The Rev. Father Edmund Wolosch officiated and arrangements were handled by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, a son, Donald of Salina, Kansas; a daughter, Mrs. Gene Canale Miller of Westland; two brothers, Ernest and Fred, both of New Mexico; three sisters, Fernie, Rose and Mary, all of California; and three grandchildren.

**KENNETH J. GENOVA.** Services for Mr. Genova, 19, of South Lyon were conducted by Fr. Nicosi in St. Joseph's Catholic Church with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. He died June 21.

A former Livonia resident, he was employed by the Ad-A-Rin Co. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Genova Jr. of South Lyon; brothers, Thomas and Gregory; and grandmothers, Mrs. Julia Thomas and Mrs. F. B. Genova.

**DIANE KARL.** Funeral services were held at the Covenant Community Church in Redford Township for Diane Karl, 17, of 16614 Lexington, who died unexpectedly June 22 in St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Hastings, Mich.

She is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Hubert Karl. She is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Sandra Wiley and Mrs. Joanne Foley.

A June 1972 graduate of Redford Union High School, she was the recipient of scholarships from the Redford Township Rotary Club and the Buman School Mother's Club and had planned to attend Taylor University in Upland, Ind.

**DONALD KNIGHT.** Funeral services were held for Donald F. Knight, 45, of 14900 Middle Belt, Livonia, who died June 19 in William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Services at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, Redford Township, were followed by interment in Glen Eden Cemetery. The Revs. Roy C. Panchko and

Bernard Kube officiated at the services, arranged by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

A retired Ford Motor Co. power house operator, he is survived by his daughters, Mrs. Anna Trapp of Dearborn Heights, Mrs. Rosa Creadon of Westland, Mrs. Lillian Gira of California, Mrs. Agnes Katsanos of Livonia; sons, Jack of Livonia and Douglas of Livonia; 12 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

**GARY R. LEE.** Funeral services for Mr. Lee, 23, of 28600 Hawthorne, Livonia, were held with the Rev. Wayne Boyd officiating. Interment was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

Lee died June 17 in Garden City Osteopathic Hospital after being ill for several months. A 13-year resident of Livonia, Lee was a graduate of Franklin High School and a senior at Oakland University.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Lee Jr. of Livonia and a brother, Robert of Westland.

**BENIAMINO SCODOLARO.** Services were held for Mr. Scodolaro, 74, 28821 John Hawk, Garden City, in the J. H. Thompson Funeral Home, Allen Park, and the St. Raphael Catholic Church, Garden City. Fr. Frank Polio officiated. Burial was in Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, Brownstown Township.

Mr. Scodolaro died June 12 in Wayne County General Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Rose; two sons, Primo of Allen Park and Bruno of Southgate; two daughters, Mrs. Rita Rinaldi of Lincoln Park, and Mrs. Lillian Rinaldi of Allen Park; two brothers, John of Detroit and Marco, in Italy; a sister, Mrs. Regina Chivelli of Italy; 15 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**GIA M. WOOD.** Funeral services were held at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home for 72-year-old Mrs. Wood, 26641 Dover, Redford Township, who died June 19. Interment was in Evergreen Mausoleum.

A member of Truth Lutheran Church, Detroit, she was also a member of the Grosse Pointe Chapter 432, Order of Eastern Star and the Washington Lodge 332 Rebekahs.

Survivors include a son, Robert Wood of Redford Township, a sister, Mrs. Elvera Degen of Grosse Pointe Farms, Mrs. Herbert (Mabel) Spruance of Warren, a brother, Henry Beach of Detroit and five grandchildren.

## Welcomes Decision

**SOUTHFIELD**  
A recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that privately-owned shopping centers can bar distribution of handbills on its premises was welcomed last week by Bruce Andrews, director of Dayton-Hudson Properties, eastern region.

"Our attorneys will give us guidelines on how to operate under the new ruling," Andrews said Friday at his Northland Center office. "We have permitted various civic groups and sects such as Hari Krishna to use one area of the shopping center. But very often these groups will wander around and harass customers by bombarding them with literature."

"We're not quite sure what the new ruling will involve. But on behalf of our customers, we are happy about it."

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