

SPONTANEOUS
PLAYHOUSE
MAKES DEBUT
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We are very happy to introduce to OM coaches, team members, and supporters, a way to learn and have fun with Spontaneous. Reggie Bunis, OM International Spontaneous Problem Co-Captain, has created an interactive Spontaneous activity entitled the "OM Spontaneous Playhouse." When you come to the Playhouse, just knock (click) on the front door and go poking around the house. You will find places and things that open, make sounds and have pages of Spontaneous problems that have been written for you to use in your meetings, or for kids to explore in school or at home. Currently, there are enough problems for you to download and have a page a week to practice all new problems for the next three months! We even have a library if you want to do a total download of all problems. The pages of problems are written in 'entry level' and 'advanced level' with variations and techniques so that new teams and experienced teams will be able to have fun and learn about Spontaneous.

Every image (except for the Playhouse kitchen) is original and hand drawn by Reggie's best friend, Sharon Himes, a nationally recognized water color artist. The kitchen in the Playhouse was drawn by OM coach and wonderful listperson, Lynette Crain, a gifted artist as you will see. Each problem is original and not published anywhere else. If anyone would like to contribute images or problems to the Playhouse, there are guidelines which can be found if you click on the mailbox on the front page of the Playhouse.

Learning to be comfortable with problem solving is a life skill....a process....that is the essence of OM. Traditionally, some OMers have thought of Spontaneous as some mysterious part of OM. One of the intentions of the Playhouse, besides just having fun, is to acquaint OM participants with a variety of Spontaneous problems so their first experience at solving them



is not at their first tournament. It has always been the intention of OM to have participants encounter a positive experience in the Spontaneous segment of the program. Although as Forrest Gump once said, "You never know what you're going to get," the Spontaneous encounter should reflect the learning Odyssey teams experience and should be a highlight in the process of life-long divergent problem solving.

As you begin your journey through the Playhouse, please feel free to comment, sign the guest book and keep watching for new and exciting additions and changes! Webmasters are invited to link their Association and Regional websites to the Playhouse. Instructions and an icon on how to do so are currently being prepared.

The OM Spontaneous Playhouse will be linked to the main page of the OM website soon, but in the meantime, we know you are all working very hard getting ready for your tournaments, so here is the building site for the Playhouse. You can find it at: <http://www.artcafe.net/playhouse>. Should you find a link is not working properly or something else, please let Reggie know at creativesoul@prodigy.net.

As OMers and OM supporters, let your "fingers do the walking" through the Playhouse. We know that you will most certainly enjoy the effort that Reggie has put into the development of this site. The OM Association would like to take this opportunity to thank Reggie for the time and commitment put forth in the creation of the Spontaneous Playhouse.

See you at the Playhouse!

IN THE OM SPOTLIGHT

Linda Seymour and Diane Rabel Regional Co-Directors from British Columbia

For ten years, Linda Seymour and Dianne Rabel have served as Regional Co-Directors for the Northwest Region of British Columbia, Canada. The Region they serve is quite large — ranging from Queen Charlottes in the west and east to the middle of the province, north to the Yukon border and south to Kitimat. To carry out their jobs as Regional Co-Directors, Linda and Dianne stay physically fit by working out and walking.

They are invincible. It is nothing for them to plan and carry out a daughter's wedding and a Regional Tournament on the same day! Both women coach at least one OM team each year but have been known to coach two teams when necessary. Because of the remote area and great distances they have to travel to the next level of competition, "fund-raising" becomes their middle names once OM has started each year. Their theme, "In the Pink," has been so successful, they use it for all their fund raising events. Not surprisingly, they are known around town as the "Flamingo Ladies."

When not serving BCOM in some capacity, Dianne's three grandchildren (her great pride) provide a stimulating alternative. Say both Directors, "What keeps us going is a great sense of humor and believing in what OM stands for."



Linda Seymour (left) and Dianne Rabel (right)

LuAnn Wheeler Regional Director from Pennsylvania



LuAnn Wheeler

LuAnn Wheeler has been involved in Odyssey of the Mind since 1980. She played an intricate part in bringing the OM program to Pennsylvania, especially in the Northwest Region of the State and served on the original Association Board. She was one of the first Regional Directors in Pennsylvania. As a teacher of special education, she wanted a program that would enrich her students as well as a program that she could bring to her own children.

LuAnn has served Pennsylvania OM as an Association Director, Spontaneous Problem Captain, Score Room Official, Long-Term Judge and Coach (10 years). She has also been a World Finals' judge and official numerous times. She is a teacher for the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit #5 where she specializes in teaching remedial math and reading as well as enrichment to all students at Seton School and French Creek Valley Christian School. She has received a 20-Years Teaching Award for her accomplishments within education.

When she is not busy with OM, LuAnn and her husband, Tim, help with the football and baseball teams at the local high school. They have three sons — all of whom are OMers. The night before the Regional Tournament, you can catch Tim, LuAnn and other OMers busy cooking for the event. That's right!! They cook all the food that is sold at the Tournament and Tim "mans" the concession.

LuAnn's contribution to the Odyssey of the Mind program cannot be measured by the number of hours she puts in but rather by her total dedication to the program.

From the National Dairy Council

Chocolate milk...it's even better than you think!

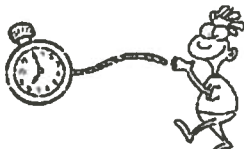
Last issue we talked about the great new way chocolate milk can be packaged. Now let's talk about the nutrition boost chocolate milk provides! Many parents ask if chocolate milk is as nutritious as white milk.

Don't be afraid of chocolate milk. It only has about 60 calories per serving more than unflavored milk. For kids and teens (who need about 2,000-2,700 calories daily), 60 calories can easily fit into their total diet and are burned in regular activity. Don't worry about the caffeine in chocolate milk either — the small amount of caffeine in chocolate milk is about the same as in a cup of *decaffeinated coffee*. There's up to 10 times more caffeine in cola than in chocolate milk.

You already know of course that chocolate milk tastes great. But did you know that it may actually be good for teeth? It's a beverage, so it's less likely to cause cavities than foods. Plus the calcium, phosphorus and cocoa in chocolate milk actually help prevent tooth decay.

Now here's the technical info: Chocolate milk has an excellent nutritional profile. It provides significant amounts of high-quality protein, calcium, riboflavin, potassium, phosphorus, niacin, vitamin B12, vitamin A, vitamin D (when added) and many other essential nutrients.

Time saving tip



Delegate. Impossible? How about letting someone else cook for your kids? Try school lunch! Today's tasty meals are planned according to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Attention on-line OMers!

Check out www.whymilk.com and you'll find details about your favorite milk celebrities and ads, recipes, a personal trainer and a "milk mustache moo-seum."

Hey OMers . . .

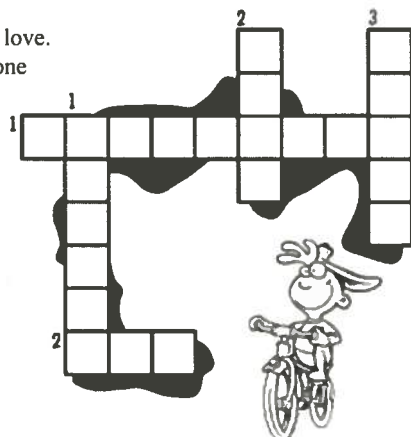
Bet you can do this quick as a wink.

Across:

1. Flavor of milk all kids love.
2. What you say if someone offers you chocolate milk.

Down:

1. The feeling you get when you haven't eaten in a long time.
2. Nutritious drink that comes from cows.
3. Chocolate milk helps build strong _____.



OM Association, Inc. Charters Two New Associations

Alaska . . .



We are very happy to announce Alaska as one of OM's two newest Chartered Associations. The

Alaska Association Director, Marilyn Krause, joined the OM program as a coach in Denver, Colorado in 1991. When her family moved to Alaska, her goal was to continue coaching OM and she started a pilot program in the Fairbanks District. She coached two teams of sixth graders who went to World Finals in Ames, Iowa. In 1998, 140 students from 11 schools were involved in the program.

Alaska is the largest state in the Union and the population is widely scattered. Many cities are connected only by small commuter planes — others only by the ferry system. Some planes make two trips just to get one OM team to a location where they can travel by road. The International Association of Lions Club - Badger Road Group and POLARIS, a science teacher organization, have helped "grow" the OM program in Alaska by funding travel to remote locations and providing awards for team members.

Marilyn lives with her husband, Bob and three children, John, Phillip and Crystal in Fairbanks where she teaches eighth grade science at Ryan Middle School. She has traveled around the world and is currently completing a Masters in Education in Science Technology Communication at Western Oregon University.

. . .and Venezuela



OM Association, Inc. would like to wish a sincere BIENVENIDOS to its newest Chartered Association — Venezuela. This South American country of over 916,445 square kilometers (approximately 1/8th the size of the continental United States) is a land of surprising contrasts. Its population of nearly 20 million inhabitants enjoys Caribbean beaches of white sand and crystal blue waters, the thickest and greenest rain forests of the Amazon region and majestic peaks of eternal snow in the Andes Mountains. Venezuela also boasts the highest waterfall in the world — Angel Falls. The natural and varied splendors of Venezuela are great fuels for the imagination and fodder for the development of creativity OM-style in yet another of a growing list of Latin American countries who have joined OM.

Under the guidance of Association Director, Lucinda Wisner, and a dedicated Board of Directors, Venezuela will hold its first World Finals' qualifying tournament in mid-March. We look forward to a long relationship with our newest South American Association and to meeting many Venezuelan OMers at World Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Get to Know the Other Odyssey of the Mind Co-International Problem Captains

In the Fall issue of the *OM Newsletter*, we introduced you to eight of the fourteen new Co-International Problem Captains. Meet the other six newly-named Co-IPC's.



Sid Brockman, Problem #1
Over the Mountain

Sid Brockman has been active in OM since 1985 when he began coaching his daughter's team. In 1987, the team placed fourth at World Finals. Since 1988, Sid has judged at every tournament level including 9 years at World Finals — 7 years as Head Judge and one year as Assistant Problem Captain. He was the Head Judge of the only judging team to be awarded a Ranatra Fusca. Sid has been Regional Problem Captain, Association PC, member of the Association Board of Directors and the Community Advisory Board, and has trained coaches and judges. Sid lives with his wife Faye in Parker, Colorado. They have two adult daughters, Beth (OMer and OM scholarship recipient) and Mollie (OMer and Regional PC). In "real" life, Sid operates a proposal consulting business.

Clif LaPorte, Problem #2:
EnvirOMental Challenge

Clif has been involved in Massachusetts OM for twelve years in a variety of roles including coach, Board Member, Tournament Director, Regional Director, Association Problem Captain and trainer of coaches. Clif has also been a World Finals' judge for Problem #2 for over five years. Clif is also the spouse of a long-time OM coach and the parent of one former and one current OMer. In his spare time, Clif is the principal of Jefferson School in the Wachusett Regional School District in Central Massachusetts.



Laura Cole, Problem #3:
"O, My Faire Shakespeare"

Like many of the adult volunteers in OM, Laura began her OM "career" as an OM parent. She has been the "guide on the side" for local OM teams that have won numerous awards at the Association and World Finals' levels. While serving as President of Richmond Area Friends of the Gifted, Laura assisted in the formation of the Virginia OM Board of Directors. She has presented OM workshops at conferences across the state. With her husband, Bill, who's also an active OMer, Laura has served as a coach-coordinator, local trainer, Regional Director and judge for VAOM and has been a World Finals' judge since 1987.

Simon Dodd, Problem #4:
RatiOMetric Structure

Simon has been involved in the OM program since 1981 when he competed as a Division I team member. In the ensuing years, Simon and his teammates placed 8 times in the top 10 at World Finals. Over the years he has received 16 Ranatra Fusca Awards (both individual and team) in Long-Term and Spontaneous. Simon was a 1991 OM Association scholarship recipient. When his competition eligibility ended, Simon became an OM coach. Most of the five teams he coached placed in the top 5 at World Finals. This year marks his fourth year as an Oregon OM Association Problem Captain. Simon serves on the Oregon OM Board of Directors as the Alumni Rep. He is currently a Product Engineer in the Ink Jet Division of Hewlett-Packard.



Susan Beth Lindsay,
Problem #5: CustOMer Service

Susan Beth, a life-long Tennessean, has been a volunteer in the Volunteer State's OM program for 11 years. She has been Regional and Association Problem Captain, PC Trainer and a World Finals' judge for 10 years. She designs and draws the TN OM pins and t-shirts. Susan Beth and her husband, Bob, live in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. She is Media and Public Relations Director for Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. She can often be found outside — even in the snow as shown here — hiking and discovering in Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Fred Bradley, Spontaneous

Fred began his OM career in 1981 when he was asked to join the OM program and answer questions about a Long-Term problem called "Earthquake Structure." He served as International and New Jersey Association Problem Captain for Problem #4 until 1993. Fred is excited to be a part of OM again — developing Spontaneous problems and working with some old friends. He is in his 30th year of teaching health and exercise sciences at Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey. Welcome back, Fred!



Getting to Know You . . . the OM Office Staff

In previous issues of the *OM Newsletters*, we've introduced you to various members of the OM staff. We thought it was time you got to meet all the staff members and consultants of OM Association, Inc. In alphabetical order they are:

Kathy Cerino — Kathy is a former Elementary School Teacher who joined the OM staff in August, 1994. Kathy's duties include mailing and shipping of all Association and Regional Directors' requests and product orders..

Maureen Donovan — Maureen was hired as a data entry person in January, 1991. Six months later she was promoted to Bookkeeper/Treasurer and, more recently, to Treasurer. As she puts it, her job is to "keep the ship afloat."

Ellen Eissler — Ellen is the newest addition to the OM staff, having been hired in December, 1998 as a data entry person. Because she is responsible for processing memberships and Directors' requests for the states alphabetically from N to Z, Ellen spends a large part of her day on the telephone — assisting OM members and answering questions.

Linda Foster — Linda began her OM career in 1985 as a coach and facilitator. In June, 1995, she came to OM Headquarters as Assistant Director after having served as NJOM Association Director for two years. Today, Linda oversees all aspects of the OM programs in her new position as Director of Program Development.

Rene Goodwin — Rene is the "veteran" OM staff person and has served in many capacities (as a secretary and then Office Manager) since September, 1983. Rene was recently promoted to Administrative Assistant and now she spends her time on special projects and as a liaison for OM's Association Directors.

Ben King — Ben is OM Association's computer consultant. He works part-time keeping the OM database and other software programs running smoothly and preparing the organization for the new millennium.

Peggy Kuzniasz — Peggy is Ellen's counterpart for the states alphabetically from A to M. In addition to processing memberships and Directors' requests, Peggy serves as OM's Telephone Operator. She has been an OM staff member since August, 1996.

Lisa Cape-Lilienthal — Lisa is a 12-year veteran in the field of public relations and in her third year as OM's National Media Consultant. Based in Atlanta, Georgia, Lisa's responsibilities this year include giving Association Directors and team coaches the tools they need to increase OM exposure at the local level, while also promoting the program to national education and consumer media.



Edith Lloyd — Edith was recently promoted to Office Manager after having held the position of data entry clerk since July, 1991. Her new duties include supervising data entry and shipping personnel, and coordinating the OM office in general.

Kevin McDonough — Kevin has been employed at OM since April, 1994. He is OM's purchasing agent and is responsible for inventory receipt and control.

Bob Purifico — Bob began his OM career as an OM coach in 1978. He has been an OM Association Board member



Pictured from left to right (back row) Robert Purifico, Joanne Quinn, Ben King, Kevin McDonough, Sandy Thompson, Peggy Kuzniasz, Ellen Eissler and Edith Lloyd; (front row) Maureen Donovan, Rene Goodwin, Denise Reinhart, Kathy Cerino and Linda Foster.

since 1986 and its Vice-Chairperson for 10 years. He was a World Finals' Head Judge for 14 years. Prior to being named OM's second Executive Director in 1995, Bob served for eight years as NJOM Association Director. Bob is the driving force of the OM organization.

JoAnne Quinn — JoAnne was hired as a part-time Bookkeeper in March, 1997. She assists Maureen in Accounts Payable and Receivable. One of the most rewarding aspects of her position is the yearly issuance of checks to OM scholarship recipients.

Denise Reinhart — In July, 1990, Denise was recruited to join the OM staff while starring in an OM judges' training videotape. Her initial role was as secretary and data entry person. Recently promoted to Administrative Assistant, she lists among her duties: making the OM forms and publications "look pretty."

Sandy Thompson — Sandy has been an OM staff person since December, 1988, when she was asked if she'd like to come to work for the OM program. Sandy has served in many capacities, however, her most important role is sending out thousands of membership packets every year.

Linda Wayne — Linda has been OM's Director of Marketing for more than two years. Her responsibilities include securing corporate sponsors at several levels. She works from her home in Roswell, Georgia, via phone, fax and e-mail.



World Finals' Buddy Team Coordinator Retires — New Coordinator Named

The role of Buddy Team Coordinator at World Finals is an extremely valuable one and the OM program was very fortunate to have Mabry King, former Association Director for DODDS, serving in that position. Mabry has decided that it is time to retire and OM Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Mimi Bernard, Michigan Regional Director, to that post.

Mimi has been involved in the OM program for 11 years — as a coach, Regional Problem Captain and Regional Director. The Bernard family is equally active in OM. Her husband, Paul, has been an OM coach and her son, Brian, was a 1998 OM scholarship winner. Her other children, Melanie, Jason and Jeffrey are all OM program participants.

Good luck to you both in your new odysseys.

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Contains 12 Long-Term problems, 30 verbal Spontaneous and 15 nonlinguistic Spontaneous problems, with a special chapter on how to build an effective Odyssey of the Mind team.
- _____ Copies of *Odyssey Update* book (@ \$17.75 plus shipping and handling).....\$
Revised versions of the best problems from three favorite books plus new Spontaneous problems. Includes 12 Long-Term, 46 Verbal Spontaneous, and 8 nonlinguistic Spontaneous problems.

Shipping and Handling for above orders: Add \$4.00 for the first book.....\$
 Additional books, add \$2.00 each. Outside of North America add \$15.00 per book.

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- _____ Copies of *Officials' Training Video** (set of 2 videotapes @ \$30.00 includes shipping and handling).....\$
New for this year, this videotape is used by OM Chartered Associations to train judges and officials.
- _____ Copies of the *OM Marketing Video — A Fascinating Journey** (@ \$19.95 which includes shipping and handling).....\$
An eight-minute video that tells the OM story — from its goals to its benefits! This is one more tool to help you secure funds for your local OM program or OM organization.
- _____ Copies of *So Now You're On An OM Team Videotape** (@ \$29.95 which includes shipping and handling).....\$
A 30-minute video for team members, coaches, parents and judges which includes a guide for viewing. Explains what it's like to be part of an OM team.
- _____ Copies of *Advanced Coaches' Training Videotape** (each video comes with one *Advanced Coaches' Training Workbook*)
 (@ \$25 which includes shipping and handling) For experienced coaches.....\$
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- _____ Copies of *OM Experience Videotape** (@ \$19.95 which includes shipping and handling).....\$
Narrated by Bill Moyers, this tape introduces the viewer to the OM Experience.
- _____ Copies of *1998 OM World Finals Video Yearbook** (@ \$50.00 which includes shipping and handling).....\$
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Published five times per year, it contains noteworthy and newsworthy information about the OM program, problems, events and participants.

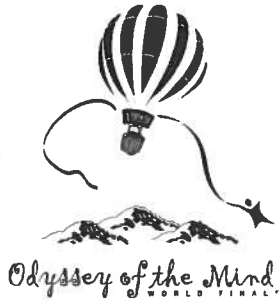
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1999 World Finals Coaches' & Officials' Problem: RACEY RELAY[©]

Purist Division: *Team must solve the problem without outside assistance.*
Poetic License Division: *Team may get help from others.*

A. What is the team's problem?

This year, the Coaches' and Officials' Problem incorporates all the excitement and aspects of a team competition. Included are elements of teamwork, a Long-Term solution, *Style*, and Spontaneous.

This problem requires a team to accurately travel to a finish line in a relay race. It will consist of three stages: construction, driving and flying. During the performance, the team will construct a "flying thing," transport it on a team-made vehicle, and fly it towards a target line.

B. How will the team's solution be evaluated?

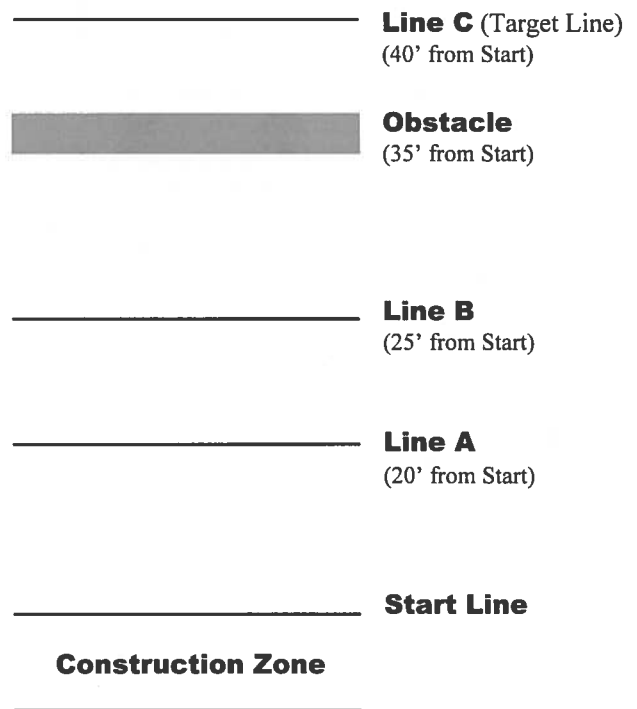
The score will be determined by the distance from the Target Line C, and the Style component. The distance is measured in inches from the Target Line C to the part of the "flying thing" that is closest to Line C. The Style element is evaluated from 1 to 10 points, 1 being the best score. The lowest total score is the winner.

C. What must the team know and do?

1. Teams will consist of 2 or 3 people. These will be either pre-established or developed on site. The team includes a Builder, Driver and Pilot. If only two members, then the role of Builder and Driver will be assumed by one person.
2. Each team is issued a single sheet of paper with team identification number on it.
3. The vehicle must fit within a 12" x 12" x 12" area.
4. Prior to the start, the vehicle will be placed at the Start Line. When time "begins" the teams will proceed to their places in an "Indy" type start. The Builder will construct a "flying thing" from only the sheet of paper. NOTHING else may be used. The "flying thing" must remain as one piece for the entire time. The Pilot will be waiting in the area between Lines A and B to receive the vehicle.
5. The "flying thing" will then be placed on the team-made vehicle, which will be released behind the Start Line, by the Driver. No team member may be in the area between the Start Line and Line A while the vehicle is in motion.
6. The vehicle is to cross Line A, 20 feet away. The Pilot will stop the vehicle, and remove the "flying thing."

7. If the vehicle crosses Line A within a marked 4' lane, then the Pilot will proceed to Line B (five feet away) and launch the "flying thing" towards Line C. If it crosses Line A outside the lane, the launch is from behind Line A. The "flying thing" must cross an Obstacle (3' high) that is 5' in front of Line C. The distance (in inches) from Line C to the "flying thing" will be measured and this will be the distance score (shortest is best).
8. The *Style* score is based on the appearance of the vehicle, the costume and the "performance" of the Pilot. It will be scored on a scale of 1 to 10 where lowest is best and then be combined with the distance score.
9. The lowest total score wins. Total time allowed is 5 minutes.
10. There will be no clarifications for this problem.

D. What will the Competition Site look like?





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SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN to Sponsor Live Audio from '99 World Finals

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN has signed on to sponsor the live audio from the 1999 OM World Finals Awards Ceremony on the Internet on Saturday, May 29, starting at 7:30 p.m. EDT.

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN is the nation's oldest continuously-published magazine, founded in 1845 as "The Advocate of Industry and Enterprise and Journal of Mechanical and Other Improvements." Its focus remains the interdependence of science, technology and business. SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN provides working knowledge for the 21st century.

This broadcast was a great success last year and it is exciting to again be able to offer this opportunity. Here are some comments from listeners and team members from last year: "A fellow judge and I turned into the live broadcast and loved it. It was very exciting to hear the announcement of winners, to root for our teams and to hear one of the teams we sent on to Worlds win a Ranatra Fusca award."

"I, for one, thought it was great! . . . My family gathered around the computer (does this sound like the good old days when families used to gather around the radio) and was able to root on our teams almost like we were present."

"I would like to comment that by the time we returned to Illinois we had a mailbox full of congratulations from people we know from all over and from the team members that didn't get to go. They sat up and listened to the broadcast and knew the results! They LOVED it. Please continue!"

Bob Purifico, OM Executive Director, said: "The World Finals' broadcast is a perfect example of bringing communities closer and linking kids from around the world who are all working toward a common goal." Watch for more details on OM's webpage: <http://www.odyssey.org>.

1999 World Finals' Updates

Coaches' Meeting with Co-IPC's: On Wednesday, May 26 at 3:30 p.m. in the Stokley Athletic Center, there will be a meeting of all coaches with the International Problem Co-Captains.

Opening Ceremonies: On Wednesday evening, May 26 at 8:00 p.m. in the Thompson-Boling Arena, Opening Ceremonies will be held. Each Association or participating state/province/country will parade its flag in an opening parade.

Float & Banner Contest: The Float & Banner Contest will once again be held at World Finals. The events will take place in the Thompson-Boling Arena on Thursday evening, May 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Coaches' & Officials' Competition: World Finals' Coaches and Officials will have the opportunity to demonstrate their solutions to this year's problem: **Racey Relay** (see page 7 of this *Newsletter*) on Friday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Worlds Fair Amphitheater.

Graduation Ceremony: Team members, coaches and officials who will be missing their graduation to attend World Finals, may participate in the Graduation Ceremony to be held in the Clarence Brown Theater on Friday, May 28 at 8:30 p.m. Graduates are asked to bring their caps and gowns.

Primary Performance: On Saturday, May 29 at 10:00 a.m., Primary Team members (OMers 8 years or younger) will showcase their solutions to the problem: **Saving Our IncOMe**.

Division IV Competition:

All Division IV teams will be scheduled for Spontaneous on Thursday, May 27 or Saturday, May 28. Long-Term competition for Division IV will take place at the Radisson Hotel on Friday, May 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.