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## Couple's dream house prize-winning nightmare

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Arlyn and Kristina Alderink thought they had it made when they won a furnished "dream house." Then they realized what they actually had won was a lifetime supply of headaches.

On a whim, Alderink entered a contest sponsored by a local radio station and contracting company.

The couple from suburban Genoa won and were given a \$80,000 house and \$40,000 in furnishings after winning the contest last month — tax not included.

With the home and everything

else, Alderink figures he owes Uncle Sam at least \$35,000 in taxes.

"I'm going to have to pay for it because there's no way to pay for it," he said. "I'd have to pay the tax. If I took out a loan, by the time I paid it off, it'd cost me \$100,000, the (interest) rates are so high."

Alderink said he never in his wildest dreams expected to come up a winner, and never in his most horrible nightmares does he want to be one again.

After lengthy consultations with an attorney, Alderink conceded he probably will profit from the

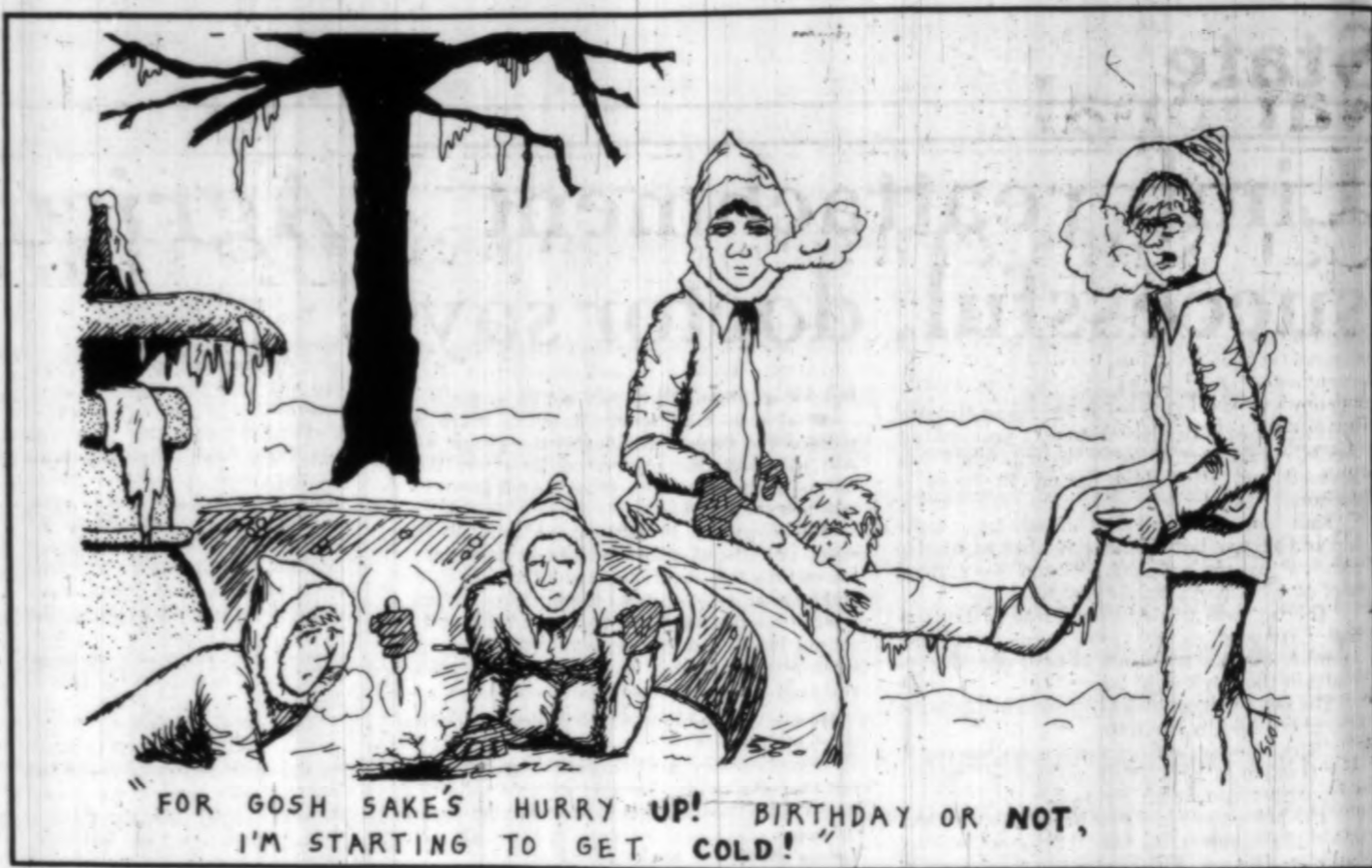
deal but said he entertained the possibility of declining the winnings.

"I thought of that the day after I won because my wife was crying her head off wondering how we were going to come up with \$40,000 to \$45,000 in taxes," he said. "I talked to a lawyer about it and he said no matter how it comes out, I should come out ahead."

"But it's quite an ordeal. If you've never done it before, it's quite a mess."

Mrs. Alderink answered with a flat "no" when asked if she would enter another contest.

"The experience is flabbergasting," she said. "I have mixed feelings — it throws the average person. We never had to face anything like that."



## Injured goose recovering after teen's joy ride through flock

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BELLEVILLE, Ill. — A goose with a tire track across its breast is recovering from a teenager's attempts to run it down.

A witness said the youth intentionally swerved his van into the flock of geese waddling through Bellevue Park, striking one. The local newspaper, the News-Democrat, ran a front-page photo of the unfortunate goose, a tire track across its white breast feathers.

"He's still a little wobbly," said Park Superintendent Gary Hopfinger, who placed the wounded

goose in a makeshift pen in his office.

The goose, owned by the city's Parks and Recreation Department, suffered a damaged wing tip, mangled feathers and a limp neck. One side of its head was noticeably swollen.

Lt. Robert Hurst, chief of detectives, said the driver of the van, Curt Martin, 19, was charged with criminal damage to property and released on \$35 bond.

"The poor duck wasn't hurting anybody," said Hopfinger. "I guess it takes all kinds to make the world turn."

## Aristocat remains calm during jury questioning

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NEWPORT, R.I. — "Have the defendant step forward."

Judge Thomas H. Needham was looking directly at the defendant, who arose with his two attorneys, towering above them; his face sun-browned, his stance militarily erect, his demeanor cool.

The three moved into place before Superior Court Deputy Clerk Charles T. Mellekas, who sat in front of the judge's high bench and began to query the slim man between the two lawyers.

"Your name, please."

"Claus von Bulow." The tone of the reply was even and dry.

"Your address."

"Nine-fifty Fifth Avenue," Von Bulow forgot to add New York.

"Your birth date."

"Eleven August, 1926."

Behind him 101 potential jurors sat watching and listening.

The clerk informed him he was charged twice with the crime of assault with intent to murder and asked him how he pleaded.

"I am not guilty."

That answer was not dry. It emphasized the last two words, and the sentence was uttered with feeling and cadence.

The time was 2:51 p.m. Monday, the opening day of the "Case of the Sleeping Beauty," a high-

society drama in which von Bulow, 55, a Danish aristocrat, stands accused of twice trying to kill his beautiful and enormously wealthy wife, Sunny.

The state will try to prove that von Bulow injected his wife with insulin, knowing it would aggravate her chronic low blood-sugar condition, and will point out he stands to collect a reported \$35 million under her will on her death.

Martha "Sunny" von Bulow, now 50, is comatose but not dying. She has been in a deep-sleep vegetative state for more than a year — since the last alleged assault — and her doctors give her no chance to escape from that living death.

The defense charges that the state's case is purely circumstantial. The defense maintains Sunny put herself into a coma by stuffing herself with alcohol, gooey sweets, aspirin, and barbiturates.

The state charges the crimes took place in the von Bulows' mansion on Millionaires' Row in Newport. Sunny's grown son by a previous marriage last year gave police a black bag he said he found in von Bulow's closet, a syringe and needle — tinged with insulin — he said he found in the bag.

Von Bulow's innocent plea Monday was a repeat, the first being last July in Providence, R.I., after he was indicted.

The judge told potential jurors Monday he held the new arraignment because it was his practice to let jurors hear a defendant reaffirm his plea of not guilty.

The process of examining jury prospects one by one began Tuesday and the judge indicated a panel might not be sworn before the end of next week.

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