Tannah Hirsch, a talent and a friend



There's nothing I enjoy more than a name-dropping bridge columnist whose single intent is to headline exemplary technique, which is the only significant reason for dropping names in the first place.

I have been asked if I know Omar Sharif's colleague from the nationally syndicated newspaper column. The answer is affirmative, and fortunately for me he's afriend. Tannah Hirsch is an energetic, venturesome and extremely able gentleman. He came to America via South Africa and Ierael some 25 years ago and became president of Goren International in 1978. His delily newspaper column with Omar is his pen's able testimony of a wonderful talent. The column envisbly enjoys the largest circulation of any bridge column in the nation. great pleasure for me to visit with central column.

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It's always a great pleasure for me to visit with or write about him, but I must admit today there is an ulterior motive, as I want to pick his intellict. Tannah probably knows more world-class experts, their crumstances and styles than anyone writing about the game. Daily he reviews on endless amount of bridge material and hand that have been sent to him from the four corners of the globe, for use in his

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For some time now, I have wanted to write about the most-heralded play in bridge, if it were possible to find some agreement as to which that might be. Certainly dummy reversals, some of the endings and simple coups are astonishing as are the squeezse by Tim Serse of Australia's extremely complicated three-suit squeeze. That is why I've turned to Tennah teday, for he has seen many if not all. The trump smother play, in his opinion, is a beauty, but the most bowlidering is the "devila coup" sometimes called the "vanishing trump trick play."

First, it is very rare for such a card combination circumstance to be at hand, and more importantly there are only a handful of players who could recognize the opportunity, much less to execute such a lewel.

Tannah actually witnessed Omar Sharif manipulating such a masterplece some years back in a Riviera stake game. As you are about to see, Omar's partner got way too ambitious on the following and left it to God and his marvelous partner to prosper and note how the great one did it.

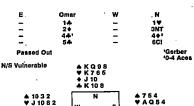
9 to 5 group announces Sex Harassment Panel

The Southeastern Michigan chapter of 9 to 5, the National Association of Working Women, announces its first annual Sex Harassment Speak out Panel at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at Baldwin Public Library in Birningham.

Panel members will address the social, political, economic and spiritual aspects of the litigation process.

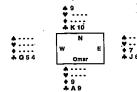
All meetings are free and open to the public. The group 9 to 5 is a 20-year-old national association

for working women, dedicated to educating workers about their rights on the job; informing the public and elected officials about concerns of working women; and taking direct action to improve policies affecting women, such as family leave and child care legislation, as well as providing a Job Problem Holline 1-800-622-0255.
Future meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Baldwin Public Library. For further information call 626-6209.



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The dumny wasn't much, but Omer showed no visible emotion. The heart loser was inevitable, but if the club queen, jack were doubleton or one of these two honors were alone with West, there was a possible miracle play. Finally, Omar discarded that unlikely probability and went about his way, hoping the club honors were divided and he night work out a emother (devil's coup). East won the heart queen and returned a diamond, which declarer captured with his acc, 4t trick (3) South's spade acc; (4) Dumny's spade king; (5) Dumny's heart six ruffed; (6) Omar's spade jack overtaken by dumny's queen; (7) Dumny's heart seven ruffed; (8) The diamond king; (9) A diamond ruffed by dumny's club eight; (10) Dumny's heart king ruffed with declarer's club seven, and here was the most unusual ending.



At trick (11) when Omar led his diamond nine, the defense was fixed. If West ruffs the nine high, dummy over-ruffs and plays the trump 10 and finesses East's jack successfully. If West ruffs low dummy's trump 10 wins. At trick (12) dummy's club king wins and at (13) the trump

aco.

Astounding! It certainly is when a known loser disappears, but that
is why the "devil's coup" exceptionally executed is so profound. Thank
you, Tannah, for givir's me the opportunity to display such a marvelous play.

Woody Boyd teaches local bridge classes and is a life master. He lives in Bloomfield Township. To leave a message for Boyd, from a tauch-tone phone, call 953-2047, Ext. 1853.

Time for organizations to submit holiday cards

We're already getting calls at the Observer & Eccentic's five of-fices from charitable organiza-tions asking when and how to submit Christmas cards for the books with sample cards we will have on display at our local offic-

A special story about the cards runs annually on the front page of Suburban Life. This year the story will appear Thursday, Nov. 4. On that date, each of the five O&E offices also will have a book available, filled with samples of cards that have been alumited, including details on how to order them. them.
To have your charity or nonpro-

fit agency included in the sample books, send five copies of each card offered, to the following adverse: Ethel Simmons, Oakland County Suburban Life Editor, The Observe & Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009. Cards and ordering details must be submitted by Thursday, Oct. 14. Readers who want to buy Christmas cards that benefit their table organizations can stop into an O&E office — in Birmingham, Rochester, Farmington, Livonle or Plymouth — after Nov. 4 to look at the holiday books.

For more information, call Simmons at 901-2576.

Sonya Friedman headlines program for mature women

Dr. Sonya Friedman, host of CNN's "Sonya Live in NY" will highlight the "For Women Only: Locking Forward with Confidence" program 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Birmingham Theatre.

For reservations to the free program eall 952-1744. The event is presented by Lifetime Planning, which is a registered investment adviser in Troy specializing in

CLARIFICATION

Anyone who wants to make a contribution to the Dells for Bosnia campaign should make the check out to: Dolls for Bosnis, P.O. Box 302, Birmingham 48012. Checks made out to the Bosnia Foundation will not be accepted

by the bank, according to Kath-leen Sheridan of Troy, who orga-nized the campaign. A story about the effort, to raise funds to send little dolls to children in Bosnis, appeared on the front of Subur-ban Life on Thursday, Sept. 9.

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