

## Odyssey of the Mind



Gregory Amos, senior at Mt. Tabor High School, gets his teams project ready for the "Delayed Reaction" competition at the North Carolina OM Association "1992 Odyssey of the Mind" northern regional tournament. Students from Asheville, Greenville, Boone, Raleigh, Charlotte, and Winston-Salem participated in the competition.

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### Winners Last Week

Monday, March 9 — 2 p.m. —  
Carl Russell Recreation Center  
First Place: Rudolph and Sarah

parted in a national bridge tournament with a number of events that will be different from what those experienced on the local level.

— Winston-Salem Duplicate Bridge Club

First Place: Bessie Allen and Delores "Dee" Smith

Second Place: Mavis Lloyd and Billie Matthews

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The Thursday, March 12 game scheduled for the Rupert Bell Recreation Center was canceled. A number of players left town to participate in the Cherry Blossom Festival Grade "A" Tournament. This annual event is sponsored by the Washington D.C. Bridge Unit. More information will be published as it becomes available to the writer of this column.

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As of this date, we are one month away from the 1992 Spring Nationals! Certainly, a number of people are excited about this big event coming to Winston-Salem for

the first time in the history of the American Bridge Association. The host group, the Triad Bridge Unit, in its latest meeting of the planning committee was very pleased with the progress made in many areas. There is a feeling of exuberance and elation emanating from the positive reports from various committees. Efforts to get others involved will continue right up to the tournament and through that entire week. April 19-25 is the week!

Help us to welcome bridge and bridge players to Winston-Salem in a spirited manner. Volunteers may contact players to Winston-Salem in a spirited manner. Volunteers may contact any of the local officers and find out how you might contribute your particular talent, skill or interest. "Carolina Is Calling You!"

## BRIDGE NEWS



By RUDOLPH V. BOONE SR.

### Boone

Second Place: Lillie Cuthrell and Floyd Neal

Ruth G. Washington, director for the month led a discussion on "Things to expect during the 1992 Spring Nationals." This particular discussion was aimed at familiarizing those who have never partici-

Another purpose of the discussion was to build up confidence and cast out some of the inherent fears of first-time participants. Our leader was quite effective in her presentation and handling of questions.

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Tuesday, March 10 — 7 p.m. —  
Winston Lake Family YMCA

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viding recreational therapy by helping the children practice their physical assignments, raising their self-esteem through art, using the viola or keyboard to calm or teach the kids, teaching them computer games, and changing diapers. He also helps to feed the children and prepare them for their daily activities, in addition to helping to adapt the computer equipment and programs for the children's use.

Chisholm said he enjoys working with the children at the Center. "I like the atmosphere and I like playing with the kids and the idea of helping people," he said.

He added that although he feels honored to be the recipient of the award, he is a little surprised that his work at the Center merits such prestigious recognition.

"I never thought I would be recognized so greatly for just spending and sacrificing a little time to help out those who need help," said the North Forsyth sophomore. "I really didn't think it would go this far, but I'm kind of glad that it did."

Even though he is somewhat modest about his contributions to the Center, Chisholm's work there speaks for itself.

Soon after starting his volunteer work there, Chisholm expanded his responsibilities by starting the Children's Center Weekly Newsletter which allowed the children to act as reporters and write their own stories. This not only helped them to improve their motor skills, but it also motivated those children who were hesitant or unable to work with computers to generate an interest in computers.

Both of Chisholm's parents, Pamela and Dennis Sr., are very proud of their son and his accomplishments. "We are very proud that DJ has always been his own person," said Mrs. Chisholm. "He has marched to his own beat. He makes assessments of the world as he sees it, and he is self-directed and motivated."

Mrs. Chisholm also credited her husband in Dennis' success for being a strong role model for him. She also gave credit to another person whom

some might consider an unlikely source. "I think Dennis is extremely blessed and very lucky because he had a white female in this community who looked at him and said 'Here's a black child that I believe in,'" said Mrs. Chisholm.

She referred to Ms. Gay Weatherman who was instrumental in Dennis becoming a volunteer at the Center. "It was she who came to DJ and said, 'I find you to be a very responsible and a very mature young man and I would like for you to consider volunteering here next year,' which he did," said Mrs. Chisholm.

"And the first week after volunteering, he came home and he said, 'Mom, Ms. Weatherman has given me real responsibilities, and I'm in charge, and I've got real things to do.' And now here he was 12 years old, and she made him feel like he was somebody; that he was worthy."

The plans for the ceremony in which Chisholm will be presented his medal by President Bush are still being finalized, and a date has not yet been determined.



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It is not THEM who are mis-managing the federal government. WE are. We are the true hypocrites. We are the ones who are responsible for the sad and sorry state of affairs we find our country and its government in.

### WE ASK TOO MUCH!

We are acting as if the check bouncers are scoundrels and now they deserve to be thrown out. This is the straw that broke the camel's back. Now that they've bounced checks, they no longer deserve our support and should be summarily booted out of Congress. "If you can't manage your own affairs, how can you manage mine?" we love to say.

But my question is, what if this check mess had never happened? Would they still deserve to be there? Do they deserve your support? These are questions worth asking.

Underneath this whole check scandal is the reality that we as citizens are asking our representatives to do too much for us. We don't want

them to just be our congressmen, we want them to literally manage our daily affairs — to be our preachers, deacons, and psychologists. We want them to solve every problem that we lack the courage and will to solve for ourselves.

Our elected officials are a reflection of us and our tendency to want the federal government to do everything.

How in the world can you expect a man or woman to solve every problem in the world for us and not let some of their own personal details get by?

Sure it looks bad, but have you taken a look at what we are asking Congress to do?

We want them to do something about AIDS. We are concerned that there is not enough research being done and we want a cure now. We want something to be done about racial discrimination in employment and in housing. We want new laws, and we want new powers to enforce them. We are dreadfully afraid of the

violence that is happening in our schools, which everyday seems to be getting worse.

We are frustrated with the enormous impact drug abuse is having on our families and our institutions. Crime is out of control and we want something done about that too.

We are also upset about the fact that millions in America do not have health care and we want something done about that too. And while you are at it, fix the economy because there are too many people out of work and there isn't enough growth in the GNP. The list just goes on, and on, and on.

And what makes it worse is that each congressman/woman is responsible to each of us individually. We all feel as though when we call, they ought to be in the office and if not, why not, and when are they going to get back so that I can get my special interest heard.

Yes sir, if I were working for you, I would bounce as many checks as I could. You guys are nuts.