

backgammon
Michael Kiolan
 of the American Backgammon Club

THE POWERLESS DOUBLING CUBE Open backgammon tournament. Having reached the finals and a score of 12-11 in a 13-point match, I arrived at this

HOME TABLE **BLACK** **OUTER TABLE**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

HOME TABLE **WHITE** **OUTER TABLE**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

position playing white. With one point needed to win the match, the Crawford Rule applied, preventing either player from using the cube for this game only. Once the cube loses its power, it is important that each move be executed with caution. With the cube in play in this position, I could have easily forced my opponent out of the game. White rolls a 5-1. What is your suggested move? I moved a checker off the 5 point and moved up to the 4 point, leaving the 5 point open — in almost every position a correct play. Having moved too fast, however, I did not contemplate the repercussions should my opponent remain on the bar and should I roll a 5-1, 6-1, 6-6, 5-5 or 4-4 (seven out of 36 possibilities). Needless to say, he stayed on the bar and I rolled double fives, leaving a checker exposed on the 4 point. Naturally, he rolled a four and continued to roll perfectly until the game was won.

Having lost the game and the match, I placed second. Analyzing this position, there was a definite error. Moving a checker to the 1 and 5 point from the 6 point would have been best for one reason. By leaving the 6 point open, you allow black to escape behind you, thus getting him out of your hair. If black does not roll a six, white would be hard-pressed to roll perfectly to avoid leaving a shot. Since black had only one checker on the bar, this would have been a wise play. With two checkers on the bar, the first move would then have been proper. Also, it is important to note that while moving to the 5 and 1 point gives white several more bad rolls — 6-6, 5-5, 4-4, 6-3, 5-3, 6-5, 5-4, 6-4, or 13 out of 36 rather than 7 out of 36 combinations — it is theoretically correct with one checker on the bar.

MID-MICHIGAN CAT FANCIERS
30th CHAMPIONSHIP

CAT SHOW  **HOURS:**
 Saturday 10-5
 Sunday 10-4

FAMILY COUPON (Limit one per family)
 ©1977 UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE INC.
MARCH 14-15, 1981
 SOUTHFIELD CIVIC CENTER



Festival
 The annual Yeats Festival at the University of Michigan will be held Monday and Wednesday through March 21. Four works by the Irish playwright have been chosen for this year's tribute. For ticket information call 761-4311 in Ann Arbor.

HURLEY'S

BRISLISTS

Jazz with WAVELENGTH

for your listening and dancing pleasure.
 Monday - Thursday from 8:30 p.m.
 Friday and Saturday from 9 p.m.

NORTHFIELD HILTON
 5500 Crooks Rd. at I-75
 Troy, Michigan 48098
 (313) 879-2100

FRIDAY & SATURDAY ONLY!

SEE IT!

- ★ 1980 Drama Desk Award
- ★ 1980 Outer Critics' Circle Award
- ★ 1981 Grammy Award

MARCH 13 & 14*

PAT CARROLL
in her award winning New York triumph
GERTRUDE STEIN
 GERTRUDE STEIN GERTRUDE STEIN

"One of the ten best theatrical events of the year. I got more than I bargained for. Four star anywhere."
New York Times

"Hilarious, entertaining, exhilarating... among the best solo theatre pieces offered over the last decade."
Variety

Fri, 8:30 pm, Sat, 2 & 8:30 pm • Tickets \$4.50 to \$12.50
ORDER BY PHONE CALL 963-7680
 VISA or MC • CTC Outlets • Groups call 963-7622

MUSIC HALL CENTER
 350 Madison Avenue at Brush, Detroit

Gyorgy SANDOR
 PIANIST

Bartok Centennial Pianist
 Tuesday, March 17, 8:00 P.M.
Orchestra Hall
 Box Office Open 11-6 Mon. thru Sat.
 833-3700

3711 WOODWARD • ALL SEATS RESERVED

PASTA FEAST
 All Pasta Dinners include antipasta, salad. \$5.95 complete
SPECIAL VEAL DINNERS FOR TWO
 (Includes wine \$17 per couple)

The Roman Terrace
 Fine Dining at yesterday's prices.
 27822 Orchard Ln. Rd at 12 Mile
 FRUITBURGH, MI 48134
 851-4094

Axle's

Axle's also offers exquisite steaks, chops & seafoods.

Have your meals expertly prepared by our Chefs at your table (by request)

Super Happy Hour!
 Mon.-Fri. 3 P.M.-7 P.M.
 2 for 1

Continuous Entertainment from Noon til 2 A.M.
 Businessmen Lunches during the week.
 Professional Catering for your Private Parties and Banquets.
Ample Valet Parking.
 20401 W. 8 Mile (3 blks. West of Evergreen)
 FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 538-1970

Something is striking with deadly accuracy at our foundations...



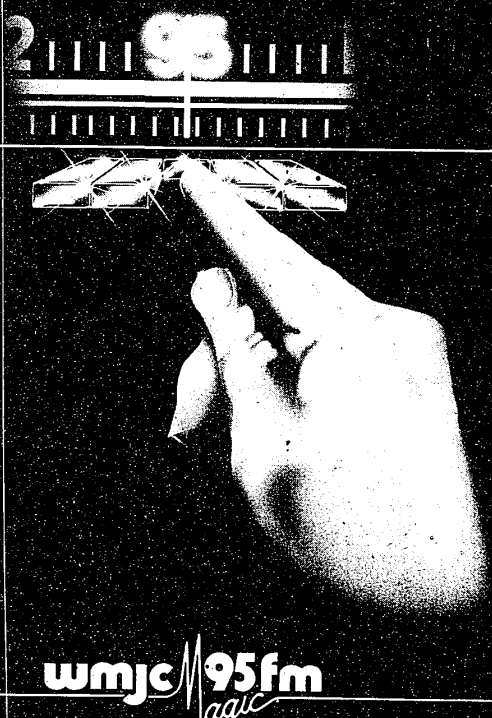
A dramatic, penetrating, yet hopeful look, deep inside the pain and tragedy of the American family.



STARRING JOHNNY AND JUNE CASH
 BOB HOPE • RICH LITTLE • DIANNE WARWICK
 ROY CLARK • CHERYL LADD • STEVE ALLEN • B.J. THOMAS
 ANDY GRIFFITH • DENNIS WEAVER • HOWARD K. SMITH
 BILLY GRAHAM • WILLIAM SHATNER • EDDIE ALBERT
 DEBBY BOONE • GEORGE KENNEDY

SATURDAY MARCH 14 8-11p.m. WJBK TV-2

Move Down Your Dial to 95 FM for Detroit's Best Music



wmjc 95fm
magic