

backgammon

Michael Kiolan

of the American Backgammon Club

LOOKING AHEAD

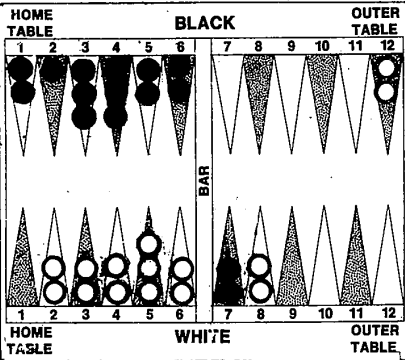
Whenever I have a difficult backgammon move, I now stop and think before making my play. What would a pro do in this spot? I'm not really sure if I always make the best play, but at least I'm beginning to rationalize my moves.

The other day I was playing a game (naturally more like 20) when this position popped up. I'm white and I roll 6-1. I moved one man from the 8 to the 1 point. Also, I was thinking about doubling before that roll. What do you think?

Larry S. Canton

I think you're beginning to read my mind, but there are so many subtleties to backgammon that you need to be aware of. Moving a checker off the 8 point with the six is absolutely the best play. Moving to the 1 point is not. The reason you didn't split the 12 point is that you knew black soon would be leaving you a direct shot.

Suppose black after you play, rolls the 2-6, 3-6, 4-6 or 5-6 and you now



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Tom Panzenhagen

You'll never see Gene Tierney more beautiful, nor more vulnerable, than in this Joseph L. Mankiewicz picture. Tierney was something of the Farrah Fawcett of her day — she made all the magazine covers but rarely a good film. Yet she's delightful in this light comedy in which Rex Harrison plays the ghost of a sea captain who has the run of Tierney's house. A young Natalie Wood also stars, and there's an ending that could bring tears to the crustiest of sailors. Rating: \$3.10.

"The Night of the Iguana" (1964), 110 minutes. Sunday on Ch. 7. Originally 125 minutes. Richard Burton, who has made more

'Jazz at the Institute' stars Stanley Cowell

Pianist Stanley Cowell will be the guest artist for the "Jazz at the Institute" cabaret concerts in performances at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Thursday in the Crystal Gallery of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Tickets at \$6 for each one-hour set may be bought in advance through the art institute ticket office (832-2730), and at the door.

Wine, beer, soft drinks and snacks will be available during the concerts.

In the 1960s, Cowell was a member of the Detroit Contemporary Four and later helped found the Piano Choir in New York. Since 1975, he has been a member of the Heath Brothers quintet.

These concerts are part of a 15-week "Jazz at the Institute" series, which features both well-known area artists and former Detroiters on the national jazz scene.

THE CRYSTAL Gallery, described as "acoustically perfect," requires no amplification of concerts held there. Crystal Gallery is also the site of the museum's "Brunch with Bach" and "Sunday Afternoon" programs.

The George Benson Quartet will give three evenings of concerts in the "Jazz at the Institute" series June 18-20. Two concerts will be given at 7 and 9:30 each evening.

Tickets are \$6 in advance and at the door on an availability basis.

Tenor saxophonist Benson recorded extensively with numerous Motown artists in the 1960s. Since then, he has led one of the most popular groups in the Detroit area.

For information about other "Jazz at the Institute" attractions, call the art institute ticket office.

Area artists participating in Dearborn fine arts fair

A number of area residents are participating in Dearborn's Art-in-the-Park Fine Arts Fair from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 13-14 at the Commandants Quarters, corner of Michigan and Monroe.

Artists exhibiting and demonstrating include Irving Tasco of Livonia, caricature artist; Mary Jane Prichard of Canton, oil, mixed media and sculpture;

Lena Massara of Farmington Hills, oil and pastel; Sandra L. Weed of Westland, watercolor, oil, acrylics; Dawid Kerchert of Livonia, china painting; and Lara Morin of Plymouth, patchwork, fabric and needle art.

The art fair is sponsored by the Dearborn Community Arts Council and the Museum Guild of Dearborn.

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