

backgammon

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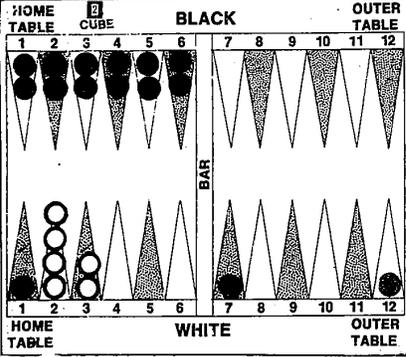
AVOID THE INEVITABLE

This situation occurred during a 15-point match at the 1981 Boston Symphony Orchestra Black and White Classic backgammon tournament.

White is trailing in the match, 14-13. Having won one point in the previous game (under the Crawford Rule), white doubled the cube the first chance this game to put himself within match victory should he win. Since black needs one point to win, gammons, backgammons and the doubling cube are irrelevant.

White rolls a 3-2 in this position. Since the 3 is a forced move, what is your suggested move for the 2 roll?

Many players would bear off a checker from the 2 point. Leaving four remaining checkers and a 2 shot is not altogether bad. If black rolls a 2, the extra checker off could make a difference for white in a close bear-off. Also, if hit, white will not be able to leave any exposed blots since black has a closed board. By leaving black this two shot, there are 11 out of 36 ways to hit. The only option is to hit black on the 1 point. This may seem rash at first, but overall it is best. White is still leaving black 11 out of 36 ways to hit. Also, if white is hit, he will not expose any



Prince Street Players appearing at Youtheatre

Television's, Prince Street Players have returned to Detroit Youtheatre's "Something Every Saturday" series to present "Jack and the Beanstalk" live on stage at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. (two shows) on Saturday and May 16 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

General admission tickets at \$2 each (\$1.50 each in groups of 10 or more) are available at the art institute ticket office (932-2730) and at the door.

Adapting a favorite childhood classic, Prince Street's "Jack" serves up a humor-sized, tap-dancing, golden-egg-yo-yo-twirling goose; a magical singing harp; a disco-waltzing cow and a menacing but heart-of-gold giant in this hour-long musical.

For more than a decade, the Emmy-Award-winning company has returned to perform its original musical productions for Youtheatre audiences, while

second runs Tom Panzenhagen

"Harper" (1966), 1 p.m. Saturday on Ch. 50. Originally 121 minutes. Think of Paul Newman and you conjure blue eyes, good looks and sex appeal. Newman's versatility as an actor (and director), however, usually goes overlooked. From "Somebody Up There Likes Me" (1958) to "Buffalo Bill and the Indians" (1976), Newman has consistently displayed a knack for drama, satire, adventure and suspense. "Harper" is a detective story based on Ross MacDonal's Lew Archer character. Newman makes the most of a lousy script; Laurin Bacall also stars. Rating: \$2.75.

"Soylent Green" (1973), 11:45 p.m. Saturday on Ch. 7. Originally 100 minutes. This movie is an embarrassment to

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A ratings guide to the movies

Bad	\$1
Fair	\$2
Good	\$3
Excellent	\$4

theater

maintaining a full schedule of playdates in communities across the country and on television.

THE TROUPE'S Detroit performances follow another tour of Michigan school locations as part of the institute's "Show on the Road" touring program.

"Jack and the Beanstalk" is designed for families with young people 5 years and older. Children younger than 5 years will not be admitted.

For ticket information and a complete Detroit Youtheatre "Something Every Saturday" brochure, call the Detroit Institute of Arts ticket office.

Rural fair planned at village

The traditions of a 19th century rural American fair will be recreated at Greenfield Village's annual Country Fair from May 14-17 in Dearborn.

The Country Fair is four days of celebration with music, craft demonstrations, animal exhibits and steam engine operations. Each day will be highlighted with a parade through the village.

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