

backgammon

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KEEPING CONTROL OF THE OUTER BOARD

During a recent tournament, this position was observed in a seven-point semifinal match. Black is trailing 4-2. After several bludgeoning exchanges, white managed to escape to the black 7 point. Black has a 6-2 to play. With the doubling cube neutral, what is your move?

The actual move black chose was to run the checker from the 11 to the 6 point. This proved fatal for Black. An option would be to move a 5-point checker to the 11 and break a home board point with the 2, however, should black get a shot at white, breaking the home board would reduce his ability to hit and contain white.

The best possible move for black would be to run a checker from the 2 to the 10 point. Since white has killed several useful builders, leaving the 2 point blot is not as dangerous as it seems. Moving out to the 10 point fortifies the outer board; black now has two checkers bearing on the black outer board. Unless white rolls an immediate 7 or 8, white will have great difficulty moving both checkers from the black 7 point to the white home board (unless, of course, large doubles are rolled).

HOME TABLE						BLACK						OUTER TABLE					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6
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'Roast' fetes Sonny Eliot

A "Roast and Salute" to Channel 2 weathercaster Sonny Eliot will be presented at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the Sheraton Southfield.

Participating will be Detroit-area celebrities. Proceeds will be used by Camp Fire Detroit Area Council to send needy boys and girls to camp this summer.

For the last 25 years, Eliot has been

making Detroit-area TV viewers smile about the weather. His reports have been named the nation's best by the National Association of TV Program Executives.

The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$25 per person and tables of 10 may be reserved. Ticket price includes luncheon. For further information or tickets, call the Camp Fire office at 833-2670.

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Clark Gable at his gruffest confronts

Loretta Young at her tenderest and Reginald Owen at his most villainous in the cold, cold Klondike. Jack Oakie also stars in this take off on Jack London stories. Rating: \$2.75.

"Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House" (1948), 4 p.m. Sunday on Ch. 50. Originally 94 minutes.
By 1949 Cary Grant had become expert at playing Cary Grant. Behind him

were the ill-fated serious efforts of "Mr. Lucky" (1943) and "None But the Lonely Heart" (1944). He'd still do the occasional Hitchcock role, but even then Grant would be portraying Grant, as in "North by Northwest." In "Dream House" Cary recreates the brand of screwball comedy which he invented in the late-1930s. Myrna Loy, cool as ever, adds another dimension to scheming-wife parts, and Melvyn Douglas also stars. Rating: \$3.10.

table talk

A PHOTOGRAPH in color of Dad and his family will be offered to Father's Day diners at Victoria Station restaurants. Troy and Southfield are among the area locations for the recovered railroad cars.

The free pictures will be taken by a roving photographer. The photos will be mounted and presented in a souvenir folder to be taken home.

Besides dinners for Dad and grown-ups (prime rib and BBQ ribs are specialties), there's a children's menu with smaller portions and prices.

Benson gives concert series

Three evenings of concerts will be presented by the George Benson Quartet at the "Jazz at the Institute" cabaret concerts at 7 and 9 tonight through Saturday in the Crystal Gallery at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Tickets at \$6 may be purchased in advance through the art institute ticket office (832-2730) and on an availability basis at the door. During the concerts, wine, beer, soft drinks and snacks will be sold.

Tenor saxophonist Benson recorded extensively with numerous Motown artists in the 1960s.

FRESH SUMMER Sole Show is the event of the season at Meriwether's Restaurant on Telegraph Road north of 10 Mile Road in Southfield. The six-week festival will offer fresh sole dishes, among them Summer Sole Sausalito and Sole Teriyaki at lunch and dinner.

The festival begins Monday and continues through Aug. 2. Strawberry drinks, as well as desserts such as Fresh Strawberry Burrito and Fresh Strawberry Yogurt Pie are more

summertime treats.

Nautical blue-and-white will set the theme and the color scheme during the Fresh Summer Sole Show. Fresh sole will be brought by truck from Boston three-four times each week. More than 2,000 pounds of sole per week is expected to be served show-goers.

Luncheon entrees are \$5.95, a complete dinner (excluding dessert) \$7.95.

POOLSIDE CAFE is open for summer lunches and cocktails at the Michigan Inn in Southfield. From 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., service will be provided on the patio. From noon to 6 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, sandwiches will be served poolside.

The Michigan Inn is at 16400 J.L. Hudson Drive, next to the Northland Theatre.

— Ethel Simmons

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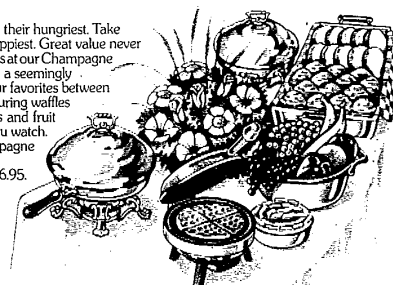
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