

table talk

HARRIS MACHUS' face will soon be as familiar as his name to people who have heard of the metropolitan-area restaurateur but may not have met him. He is among some 70 restaurateurs being featured in local and national American Express ads beginning this summer.

Machus, who started with his first pastry shop and restaurant in Birmingham, has expanded his restaurant group throughout the Detroit area. The Machus Red Fox in Bloomfield Township is the flagship of his operation.

An ad campaign "Do You Know

Me?" boosting the restaurant industry will include radio commercials featuring Machus' Red Fox. Magazine ads will present Machus among "Gourmets, Epicureans, Bon Vivants and Businessmen."

THE GREAT Chili Cook-Off honors have gone to Robert Vargo, manager of Beau Jack's restaurant in Bloomfield Township. "Vargo's Great Chili," hot stuff with 27 ingredients, beat out 42 other entries at the recent competition in Saline.

Vargo now is eligible for the In-

ternational Chili Society World Championship Chili Cook-Off this fall in California. He will vie for a top prize of \$20,000.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the Northfield Hilton Inn in Troy was celebrated, in part, with a contest offering prizes for the best answers to questions about the hotel.

Area residents among the 11 winners were Joan Miller of Bloomfield Hills, Austin Waligora of Troy and Jeff Elwood of Farmington Hills. All were awarded Unwinder Weekend Packages for two.

The questions included: How many square yards of carpeting in the hotel? How many pieces of silverware? How many full-time employees still working at the hotel since its opening five years ago? How many miles used to transport guests in courtesy vans?

Before you read on, make your own guesses.

Here are the answers: 13,707 square yards of carpeting, 46,047 pieces of silverware, 16 employees in their fifth year and 95,512 miles transport miles.

— Ethel Simmons



Having a 'Picnic'

Timothy Hall and Anita Barone, both of Birmingham, play the jilted Alan Seymour and Millie Owens, Madge's sister, in the Will-O-Way Repertory Theatre production of "Picnic."

upcoming
things to do

● COMMUNITY BAND

The Birmingham Community Band will give a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday at Seaborn High School in Birmingham. Grant Hoemke and Robert Kutscher will share the conducting honors in a program of American music. Tickets are available at Lake Jewelers, Birmingham Cleaners or at the door at concert time.

● JAZZ ARTISTRY

Larry Nozoro and His Quartet perform from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays at The Excubitor, 28875 Franklin, Southfield. Saxophonist and flutist Nozoro recently released a new LP, "Island Fever." Nozoro performed for several seasons at Mackinac Island as a featured jazz artist. He also has been starred with the Johnny Trudell Big Band.

● "NO-NO" NIPOTE

From The Comedy Stores in Los Angeles and Las Vegas, Joe "No-No" Nipote from Detroit is back, performing tonight through Saturday at the Comedy Castle in West Bloomfield. For additional information, including show times and cost, call 545-2576 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

● JUNE SHOW

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook will present "Mack and Mabel," a musical comedy based on the life of Mack Sennett, at 9 p.m. May 29-31 and June 4-6 at Cranbrook Greek Theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are available by mail order only. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to St. Dunstan's, Box 59, Birmingham 48012. For ticket information, phone 644-6527. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for students.

● PEPPERMINT PUPPETS

The Drop-In Storytime will feature the Peppermint Puppet Show 4:15-5:15 today at the Bloomfield Township Library, Lone Pine and Telegraph. The program is designed for children in grades K-3. There is no charge or preregistration for this program. For further information call the library at 642-5800.

● RETURN ENGAGEMENT

Strider is appearing from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through May at Jimmy's in the Farmington Holiday Inn, 35123 W. 10 Mile Road. Strider turns out ballads, light rock and evergreens in four-part harmony. The Charles Greene Jazz Trio entertains from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Mondays.

● MUSICAL VARIETY

Sounder is the group playing through Sunday at the Wagon Wheel Saloon, 2950 Rochester, Troy. Cliff Gracey is featured Monday-Tuesday and Radio City opens Wednesday through May 24.

● PIANO STYLINGS

Entertainer Kathleen Landis makes her first appearance at Somerset Mall in a free jazz concert 2-4 p.m. Sunday in Troy. Ms. Landis' stylized piano has been a regular feature at the Caucus Club in Detroit, where she plays nights.

● DOUG BROWN

The group Doug Brown and the Ones will appear Friday-Saturday and May 22-23, 29-30 at Angie's in Farmington Hills. Brown's first album, "Say You Will," is scheduled for release Friday.

● PLAY EXTENDED

"Picnic," the Pulitzer Prize-winning drama by William Inge, has been extended through May 22-23 at Will-O-Way Apprentice Theatre, 775 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Township. Tickets to the Will-O-Way production may be reserved by calling 644-4418.

● PINE KNOB

Tickets went on sale Sunday for the Michelob Concert Series at Pine Knob this summer. Tickets will be available

at the Pine Knob box office in Clarkston, at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit and at all other CTC ticket outlets. The 10th season at Pine Knob will officially begin June 1 with a concert by Paul Anka. The season's schedule will include many popular favorites returning as well as some new acts such as Anne Murray, Dinah Shore, Christopher Cross, Blue Oyster Cult, Journey, and Roberta Flack and Peabo Bryson.

● MOLLY PICON

A concert by Molly Picon will be presented at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. The synagogue's Adult Study Commission is offering the program. Ms. Picon has appeared on Broadway in "Morningstar," "For Heaven's Sake," "Milk and Honey" and "How to Be a Jewish Mother." She is known particularly for her extensive work with the Yiddish theater. For ticket information call the synagogue office at 668-1910.

● CHAMPAGNE OPENING

Detroit Repertory Theatre is offering a champagne opening for its production of John Guare's "Booms & Neglect" at 8:30 tonight at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. Free champagne is available after the show. All tickets are \$5. For ticket information call 668-1947.

● ETHNIC FESTIVALS

The ethnic festivals continue week-ends at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit. During May, the Slovak Festival will be presented Friday-Sunday; the Greek Festival on May 22-25; and the Arab World Ethnic Festival, May 29-31.

● CAGNEY NIGHT

The Detroit Film Society will celebrate James Cagney Night at 7 p.m. Saturday in Friends Auditorium at the Main Library, 5201 Woodward, Detroit. Film historian John McCabe will be present to share his personal recollections of Cagney and his long film career. The 1942 film "Yankee Doodle Dandy" will be screened. Admission at the door is \$2.50.

● CAR FESTIVAL

The third annual Detroit '81 Collector Car Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday in Hall of Cobs Hall. Doors open at 9 a.m. both days. An auction will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$1 for children 6-12; children under 5 are admitted free.

● LUNCH MUSIC

Bess Bonnier will perform during lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and at 6-11 p.m. Sundays-Tuesdays, at the Summit Restaurant, Top of the Plaza Hotel, Detroit. Detroit's "First Lady of Jazz" will present improvisational and classical solo piano.

● BLACK CLASSICS

BAT Theatre Company will return to the Pontiac Art Center for two performances of "Black Classics" at 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 47 Williams, Pontiac. The production features a medley of compiled literary works, interpretively presented, in readings, poetry and dance. For further information call the art center at 333-7848.

● COUNTRY DANCE

The Detroit Country Dance Society will present old-time squares and country dances 8-11 p.m. Saturday at St. Timothy's Church, 15888 Archdale at Puritan, Detroit. Music will be by the Ruffwater String Band. Admission charge is \$2.50. All dances will be taught and called. For information call 837-0320.

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