

Mt. Bachelor ski area Resort provides mountains of fun

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The coming of winter brings many changes to both the Oregon landscape and residents. In Eugene the seasonal rains send everyone scurrying for shelter with umbrella in hand. Along the Oregon Cascades the rain changes to snow and blankets the countryside with the deep, white cover that is to provide unlimited pleasure for skiing buffs for months to come.

Central Oregon's Mt. Bachelor provides a variety of wintertime fun. Twenty-two miles west of Bend, Mt. Bachelor is the largest ski area in the Northwest. From its base at 6,000 feet to the top of the chairlifts at 7,700 feet, Mt. Bachelor's high altitude suggests a good share of powdered snow.

Over the last 20 years, Mt. Bachelor has tried to be responsive to its customers and according to marketing director Kathy Propp, its facilities are in tune to the desires of practically any skier, young or old, expert or beginner, downhill or cross-country.

Mt. Bachelor's maintenance crews worked last summer on a grass planting and stump removal program. One area that personnel has tried to up-grade is the resort's cross-country facility.

For the first time in its history, Mt. Bachelor will be charging a fee for three cross-country trails. The cross-country system includes touring loops of three and



Photo by Dennis Hickok

Mt. Bachelor ski resort, 22 miles from Bend is the largest ski area in the Northwest with seven chairlifts and three cross country ski trails. Besides the skiing runs, facilities include formal and cafeteria dining areas and several lounges.

eight kilometers.

There is also a five kilometer racing and race training course. The three courses will be marked, machine packed and patrolled daily. "Up to now we've been grooming the cross-country trails on a limited basis, but the fees will enable us to do a much better job," Bob Matthews, director of the Nordic Sports Program explains.

Mt. Bachelor's cross-country courses

are in addition to its downhill ski runs. The seven chairlifts stretching up the sides of Bachelor Butte lead to runs of varying difficulty.

The black and the red chairs drops one off at Mt. Bachelor's "Outback." "The Outback was designed to be a new skiing experience. It challenges the skier with some wide open runs and a chance to get away to often untracked powder," Propp says. A tree thinning program this sum-

mer should make the popular "Outback's" deep powder and steep chutes even more appealing to the avid skiers, she adds.

Another new offering for competitive skiers is the Recreational Race program. The program will give racing clinics with individual coaching and is designed for skiers who wish to develop their skills. Mt. Bachelor will sponsor competitive racing this year for skiers of all abilities, from the novice to the expert.

Hollins leads Portland win

PORTLAND (AP) — For the second game in a row, Lionel Hollins went on a second-half scoring binge and paced the Portland Trail Blazers to a 112-96 National Basketball Association victory Tuesday night.

Hollins blew open a close game with 13 points in the fourth quarter. He finished with 19 points, high for the Blazers. Mychal Thompson added 18 and T.R. Dunn and Bob Gross 14 each as Portland raised its record to 4-4.

Bob Lanier led all scorers with 33 points for the losing Pistons who fell to 2-7.

The Blazers led by only 85-80 with 8:53 to go when Hollins went on his tear. He scored 13 of the team's next 15 points in a three-minute span to give Portland a 100-84 lead.

Portland had led by as many as 15 points in the third quarter before Lanier's shooting and some pressure defense put the Pistons back in the game.

But Hollins, who scored nine straight points in a Trail Blazer victory Saturday against Milwaukee, took control of the game at that point.

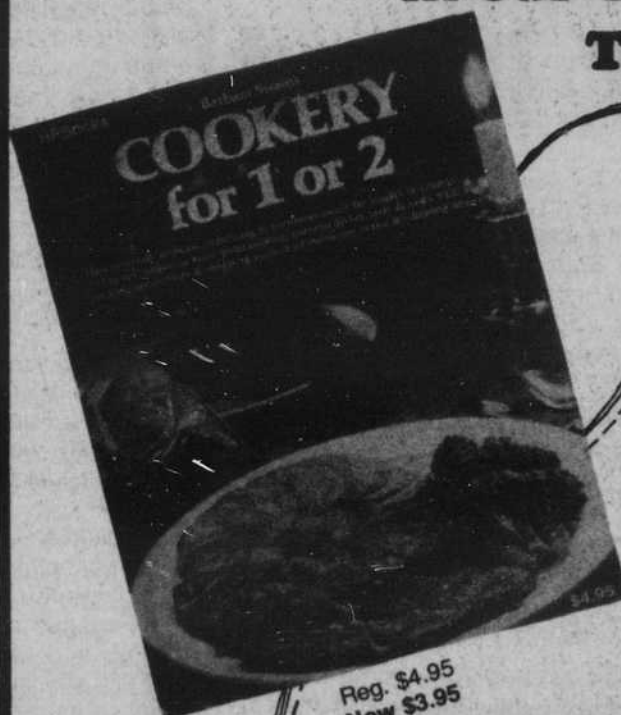
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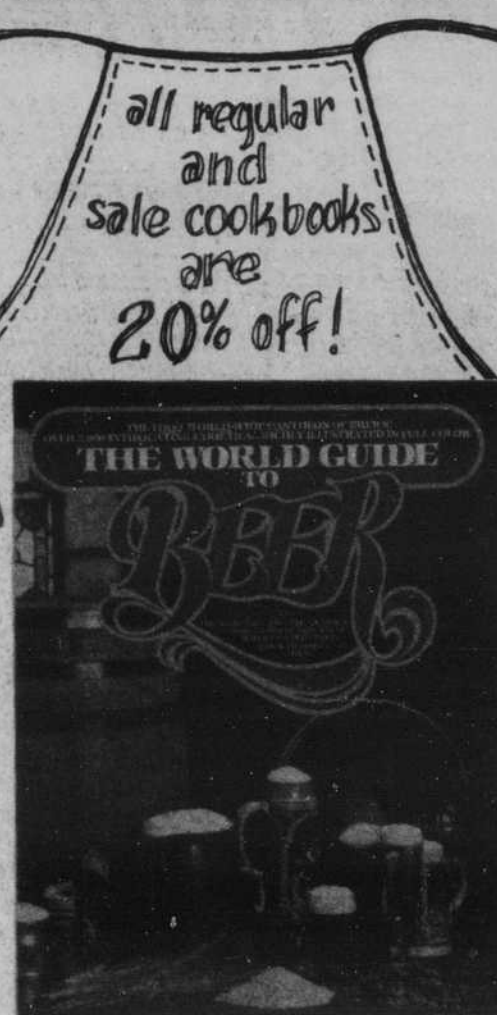
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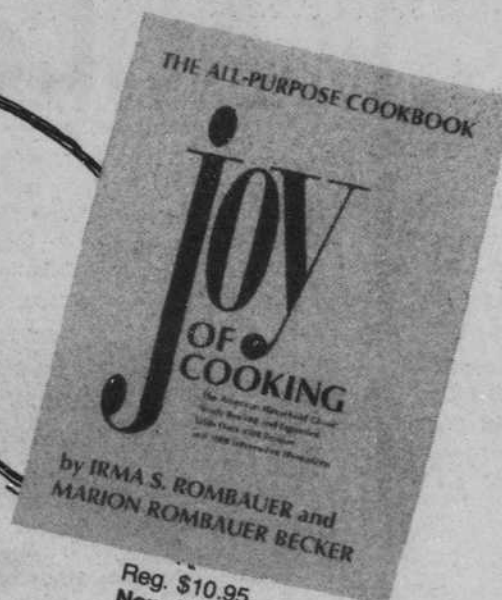
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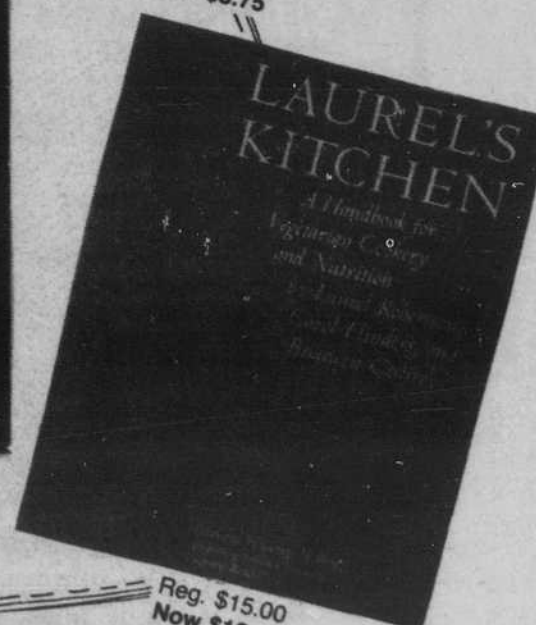
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