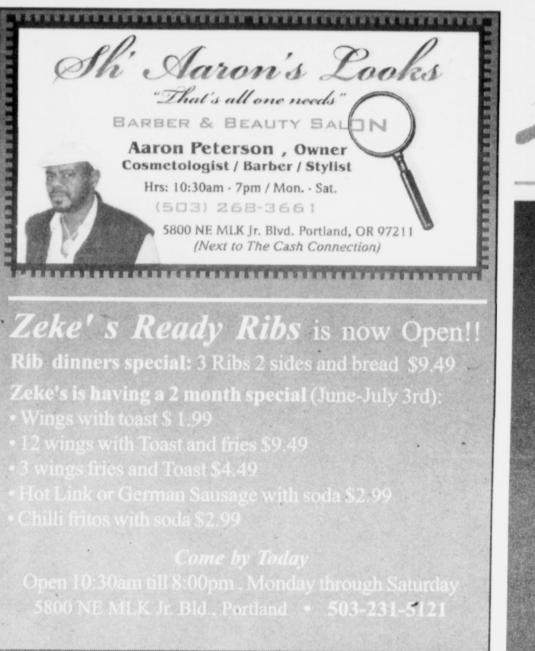
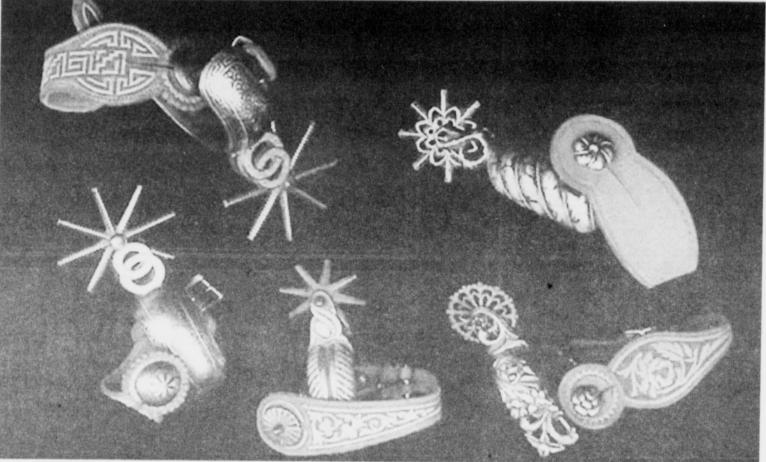
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Silver inlaid Amozoc-style spurs are among the 300 stunning objects from an exhibit surrounding the charro, or Mexican cowboy and the artisans who created their costumes, silver and iron work.

Mexican Equestrian Culture

This summer, the Oregon His- wear. tory Museum presents its newest exhibit Arte en la Charrería: The tarian purpose, these artifacts merit Artisanship of the Mexican Equestrian Culture.

Although crafted to serve a utiliconsideration as art objects due to the exceptional craftsmanship of the charrería artisan, who takes pleasure in making each object with the

During the 19th century, charros began to organize celebrations to showcase their skills and compete

against one another. Charrería thrives today as the national sport of Mexico.

The articles and costumes on display through Oct. 24 are more than simple vestiges of a nation's folk tradition; they are reminders of a rich heritage that continues to this day.

Visit ohs.org for more details about this exhibit and related events.

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