

Doggie Bag, Please—

Indian Smoked Salmon Enamors Sen. Montoya

Ralph and Dorothy Perdue, owners of Ralph Perdue Jewelry in Fairbanks, gave a sparkling buffet dinner for Senators Joseph Montoya, D-N.M., and Mike Gravel D-Alaska, last Friday at their home. The dinner was attended by some 40 or 50 people.

The buffet dinner became the scene of an amusing incident involving none other than Sen. Montoya who had become completely enamored with the Athabascan Indian cured smoked salmon strips. So much so that he asked for a "doggie bag" so he could stuff it with some strips so he could "treat some friends" in Washington, D.C. This he did saying, "These are so delicious."

The main entree for the dinner was broiled salmon executed with finesse by Chef Ralph Perdue. He enhanced this by baking a large Arctic char. Dinner was served with jellied Alaskan cranberry sauce, salads, and topped with cheese cake.

Sen. Montoya, Sen. Gravel and Sen. Howard Baker, R-Tenn., had been in Fairbanks holding hearings on Senate Public Works subcommittee on economic development.