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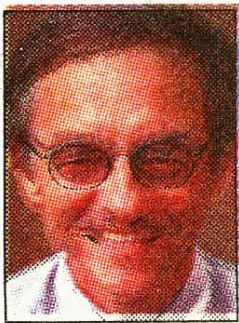
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## Yoga center to replace buffet plans

One Chinese buffet apparently won't open in Santa Fe after all, but two others are moving ahead.

The buffet set to open in the Custom Hardware building (the former Alfalfa's natural food store) is no longer in the works, said **Regina Baughman** of Custom Hardware.

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Instead, the New Mexico Academy of Healing Arts is planning to locate a yoga studio, restaurant and retail store in the space, Baughman said.

**Jason Aufrichtig**, owner of Counter Culture restaurant on Baca Street, said he will help put the restaurant together. The eatery is expected to feature raw food, panini and elixir drinks, he added.

Custom Hardware, which is relocating to the new site from a store in Solana Center, is expected to complete its move by October, a month later than expected.

Out at Villa Linda Mall, in the meanwhile, the China Palace buffet is preparing to open in about three weeks.

"We're doing some construction," said Tong Loo, the manager of the business, which will serve Chinese and American food, sushi and other items.

Loo said he wasn't concerned about the China Star buffet, which is under construction in Piazza Fiorina, at Vegas Verdes and Cerrillos Road. China Star will be Santa Fe's largest buffet when it opens later this year.

"Every business has competition," Loo said. "We're not worried that much. It depends on the quality of the food — if the food is good, people will come."