



**Ramon and Margarita Franco, most recently owners of the Coffee Pot restaurant, have taken over ownership of the Bel Shore cafe on E. Spruce Street. Photo by Michael Tunison.**

## *Francos back in business at cafe*

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Ramon and Margarita Franco may be new to the Bel Shore Cafe, but chances are you've been enjoying their cooking for years.

Since the early 70's, the Francos have been running kitchens at many of Deming's favorite restaurants — the old Triangle restaurant, the Ramada Inn (now the Grand Motor Inn), the Holiday Inn and several years at La Fonda.

In 1989, they purchased the Coffee Pot on Pine Street and

their own restaurant. Their menu of Mexican specialties and the intimate atmosphere of the little cafe helped to build a large regular clientele there.

When the opportunity to buy the Bel Shore came up, the Francos couldn't resist the chance to see if their traditional menu work in a larger setting.

"More tables, a lot more business," Ramon said. "We wanted to try it."

Coffee Pot regulars will recognize most of the menu. Traditional Mexican dishes,

steak, pork chops and roast beef are available for lunch or dinner.

The house specialty — the Francos' special menudo recipe — has been brought to the Bel Shore. Bowls range from \$3.50 for a large to \$1.75 for a small.

For lovers of huevos rancheros or huevos a la Mexicana, breakfasts are served all day.

There are daily specials for \$4-5, as well as reasonably-priced combination plates and other bargains.

The Bel Shore Cafe is located