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# FOOTPRINTS

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## River Trail group given positive signs from Council

By Jeff Arnold

At the August 31 work session of City Council, our fearless leader Kathy Duran gave a forceful, but not antagonistic, presentation of the Friends of the River Trail maintenance proposal. In spite of a well-timed and well-slanted article in *The Chieftain* a week before the work session, as well as a negative editorial, Kathy's presentation was well received by several council members. Mike Occhiato spoke about the history of the river trail and the importance of maintenance and of beginning construction of a soft surface trail. Chris Weaver deflected petty objections to the plan made by City Attorney Tom Jagger and City Manager Lew Quigley with common sense observations. Bud Whitlock was also a friendly voice. For those of you counting votes, Joyce Lawrence, who is the chairperson of the work session meetings, made no comments there but is a strong supporter of putting city operations on a more businesslike footing, and is said to look favorably on the maintenance proposal.

All is not smooth sailing yet, however. When the bureaucrats couldn't derail the proposal, they found ways to delay it. They asked for details that they had or should have had for months. At this writing, the next milepost seems to be the September 21 work session

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*Friends of the River Trail want to make sure the trail system remains usable for runners and walkers.*

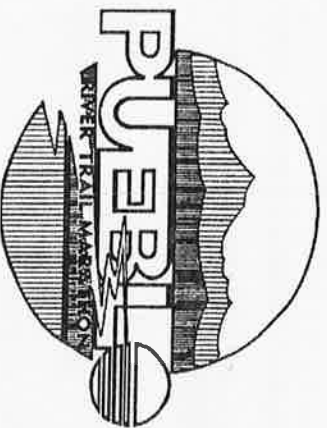
## Help make our marathon/half-marathon a showcase day

If you don't plan to run in the Pueblo River Trail Marathon on Sunday, October 11, please consider giving the club a hand as a volunteer. It appears that we already have commitments to man two aid stations, but we certainly could use some course marshalls, and we're trying to get two waves of workers to man the finish line so no one has to be around all day. If you can help, call Race Coordinator Ben

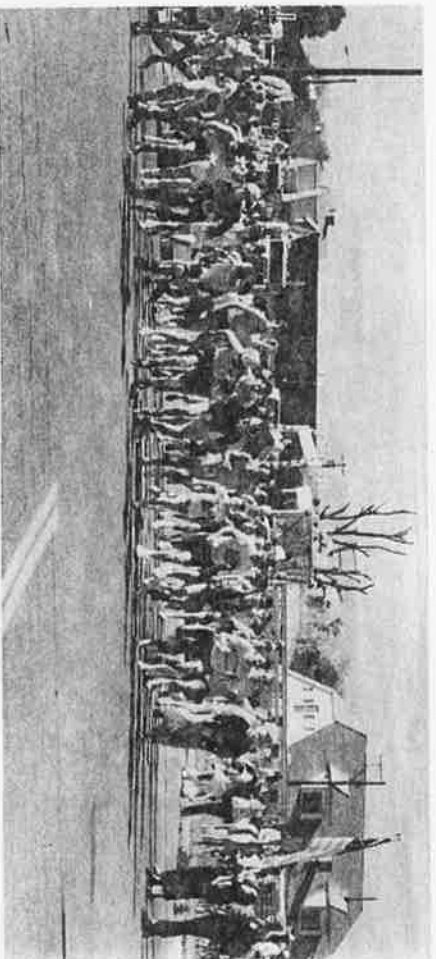
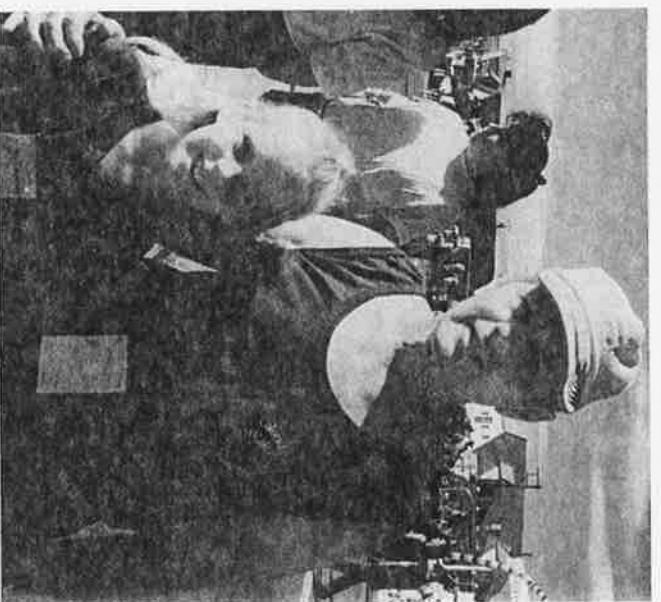
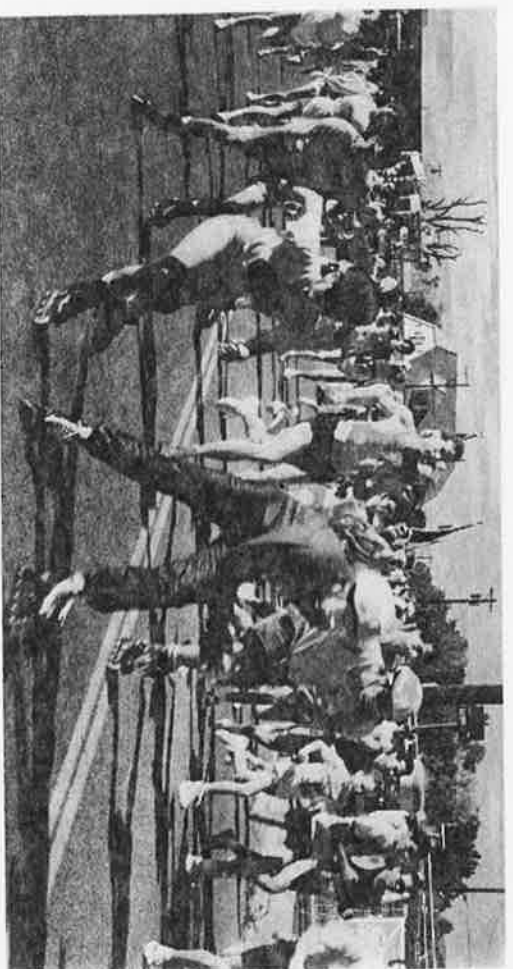
Valdez at the YMCA (543-5151).

Ben says entries are already starting to come in. Last year, there were 560 runners, the bulk from outside of Pueblo (52 from Pueblo, 32 of whom ran the marathon).

KVUU Radio and the Hampton Inn have been added as sponsors for the event this year. The Hampton gives runners a special rate.



# Scenes from a festive Fiesta Dash



## RACE CALENDAR



### PUEBLO AREA

**October**  
11 Sun 7:30 AM River Trail Marathon & Half-Marathon, (Half-Marathon starts at 8 a.m.)  
Pueblo West to Arts Center

**Note:** Look for information on the annual Harvest Handicap Run next month.

### ELSEWHERE

**September**  
12 Sat 8:00 AM Run the Ridge at Peregrine, 5K  
Colorado Springs  
12 Sat 8:30 AM Imogene Pass Run, 18M (walkers start at 6:30 a.m.)  
Colorado Springs  
12 Sat 8:00 AM Riverdale Half-Marathon  
Adams County Fairgrounds  
12 Sat 7:30 AM Lory-Horsetooth Trail Series, 9M, 16M and 21M loops  
Colorado Springs  
13 Sun 9:00 AM Pony Express Run, 13.2M  
Bear Creek Park, Colorado Springs  
19 Sat 10:00 AM Gold Run, 10K (walkers at 9 a.m.)  
Cripple Creek  
19 Sat 9:00 AM No O<sub>2</sub> 10K  
Leadville  
20 Sun Heart and Sole Classic, 5K  
Washington Park in Denver  
20 Sun 8:00 AM Run for the Muffins, 5M & 3M walk  
Colorado Springs  
26 Sat 8:00 AM Autumn Color Run, 20K  
Buena Vista  
27 Sun 8:00 AM Riverdale Half-Marathon  
Adams County Fairgrounds

**October**  
4 Sun 9:00 AM Fountain Valley Fun Run, 5K & 10K  
Metcalf Park - Colorado Springs  
4 Sun 8:00 AM Colorado Governor's Cup, 5K & 10K  
Civic Center - Denver  
10 Sat 9:00 AM Mayor's Cup, 5K  
Manitou Springs  
11 Sun 10:00 AM Fall Series #2, 4.4M  
Garden of the Gods - Colorado Springs  
17 Sat 9:00 AM Shavano Valley Half-Marathon  
Montrose  
18 Sun Run for the Zoo, 5K & 10K  
City Park in Denver  
25 Sun 10:00 AM Fall Series #3, 6M  
Digital Equipment Corp. - Colorado Springs  
31 Sat 6:15 PM Halloween Hustle, 5K  
Washington Park - Denver

### MARATHONS

**Sept.** 19 USAFA Marathon, Air Force Academy  
27 Duke City, Albuquerque, NM  
**October** 4 Twin Cities (Minneapolis)  
11 Columbus (Ohio)  
11 Pueblo River Trail  
25 Chicago  
**November** 1 New York City  
6 California International (Sacramento)  
Dallas White Rock  
13 Honolulu  
**February** 6 Las Vegas (& Half-Marathon)  
7 Long Beach

## RACING NOTES

### Dam Run

Let it be known that the Colorado Mental Health Institute's Dam Run is NOT dead ... just resting. Now it's time once again for us to get ready for this year's Dam Run, which will be held on Saturday, November 7, beginning at 9 a.m. The event will consist of a 12K run beginning near the Pueblo Dam, and a 4-mile walk/run beginning simultaneously at the Nature Center, with both distances finishing at the Mental Health Institute. (How da do dat?)

Also, instead of race packets containing the usual T-shirt, this year's race will feature a Tyvek graphic jacket for all participants. Applications with complete details will be available sometime this month.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer your time, call Paul Barela at 544-8645 or 546-4448.

### Run for Home

Area runners are invited to participate in this second annual Trans-Colorado 500-kilometer run that will benefit the Posada Homeless Shelter, the Pueblo YWCA, and other state agencies.

Six ultra-marathoners from Colorado, Florida, Indiana and Oklahoma will be running in this six-day endurance test that begins Sept. 16 at the top of Raton Pass. As runners pass through Pueblo on Sept. 18, local runners are encouraged to participate by running from mile marker 102 to mile marker 156 along I-25. Local participants are required to raise pledges of at least \$100 per individual or \$500 per team.

For more information, call Anne Stattelmann at Posada (545-8776) or Terri Atkins at the YWCA (545-8195).



### Could it be magic?

For the first - and probably last - time, a race has been held in which the number of entries equalled the exact number of T-shirts ordered. Pulling off this gem was Jeff Arnold, who directed the Moonlight Madness race in August. Jeff ordered 54 shirts, and that's the exact number of competitors who showed up to race. Even the sizes ordered were right on target. Wheres that crystal ball? I could use it the next time I pick my lotto numbers.

### StateFair Run recap

I'm told the numbers were down for this race this year. I guess that's to be expected when you go up against the Pikes Peak Ascent. They had a bunch of tank tops left over, and the club decided at the SCR's monthly meeting for September to donate those extra tank tops to the Boys Ranch and to the Pueblo Boys & Girls Club.

### Miles for Meals

The SRDA is recruiting walkers and pledges for this inaugural event designed to raise funds for the SRDA Senior Nutrition Program. The event will be held at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, October 18, at the Pueblo Mall. All pledges collected by participants will be used to assist the SRDA in maintaining the current level of its Meals on Wheels program that provides hot meals to needy homebound persons.

If you'd like to participate in this worthy event, call Lila Gradisar, the event chairperson, at 561-3655.