

RUNNING SHORTS

Local runners compete in Houston Marathon

By Ken Johnson

Course records fell at the Chevron Houston Marathon on Sunday, January 18. Deriba Merga, 28, of Ethiopia won the men's division with a record time of 2:07:52. The previous course record of 2:10:04 was set in 1989. The women's course record also fell. Teyba Erkesso, 26, of Ethiopia ran the course in 2:24:18, 22 seconds faster than the course record set last year.

In addition to the marathon (26.2 miles), there was a half marathon (13.1 miles) and a 5K (3.1 miles). There were nearly 17,000 total finishers for all three races.

Huntsville's Adrienne Langelier finished the marathon in 3:05:24. She was in 16th place in a field of nearly 1,900 female finishers and 5th place in her age group. This was only Langelier's second marathon. She was the female winner at her first marathon in Surfside Beach, Texas last February, with a time of 3:36:01.

The oldest runner in the marathon and half marathon was Huntsville's 82 year old Wendell Londeen. He finished the half marathon course in 3:35:36. This earned him 2nd place in the 80 & Over age group, behind Zeno Boehmer, 80, of Nacogdoches. Londeen finished the event in 2007 in a time of 3:07:51.

Congratulations to Langelier and Londeen and all other local runners, who participated in these races.

Chevron Houston Marathon

Adrienne Langelier, 26	3:05:24
J. C. Guzman, 37	3:38:58
Nathan Winkelmann, 26	3:39:34
Jody Slaughter, 45	3:58:43
Melvin Neely, 52	4:04:45
Willard Oliver, 41	4:10:36
Darryl Shreves, 48	4:25:55
Norman Langwell, Jr., 37	5:20:51

Aramco Half Marathon

Tamra Webb, 34	1:59:17
Jessica Marie Payne, 31	2:19:37
Marty Reeder, 32	2:24:36
Garrett Craddock, 30	2:24:37
Leslee Jo Cade, 38	2:27:46
Lee Williams, 68	2:38:37
Stacy Ulbig, 38	2:55:11
Anna Shreves, 49	2:54:59
Wendell Londeen, 82	3:35:36
Lindsay Justice, 27	4:01:04

EP 5K

Armando Juarez, 50	22:02
Cherish Spencer, 26	28:22
David Pollis, 34	31:42

Susan Lowery, 41	31:43
Colleen Spencer, 56	34:28
Juan Garcia, 32	34:41

Upcoming races:

January 31, 9 a.m., **Frost Your Fanny 10K, 5K and 1-Mile**, Health & Kinesiology Center, SHSU, Huntsville. For more information on this race and other races, visit the Seven Hills Running Club web site at <http://www.7hills.us>. Click on Race Schedule.