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Beautiful sunny skies helped bring out the best in the 80th running of The Examiner Bay to Breakers on Sunday. More than 80,000 people from all over California and the United States and abroad – from serious runners to casual walkers to costumed characters – turned out for the world's largest foot race. This year, the race saw records set in both the men's and women's divisions.

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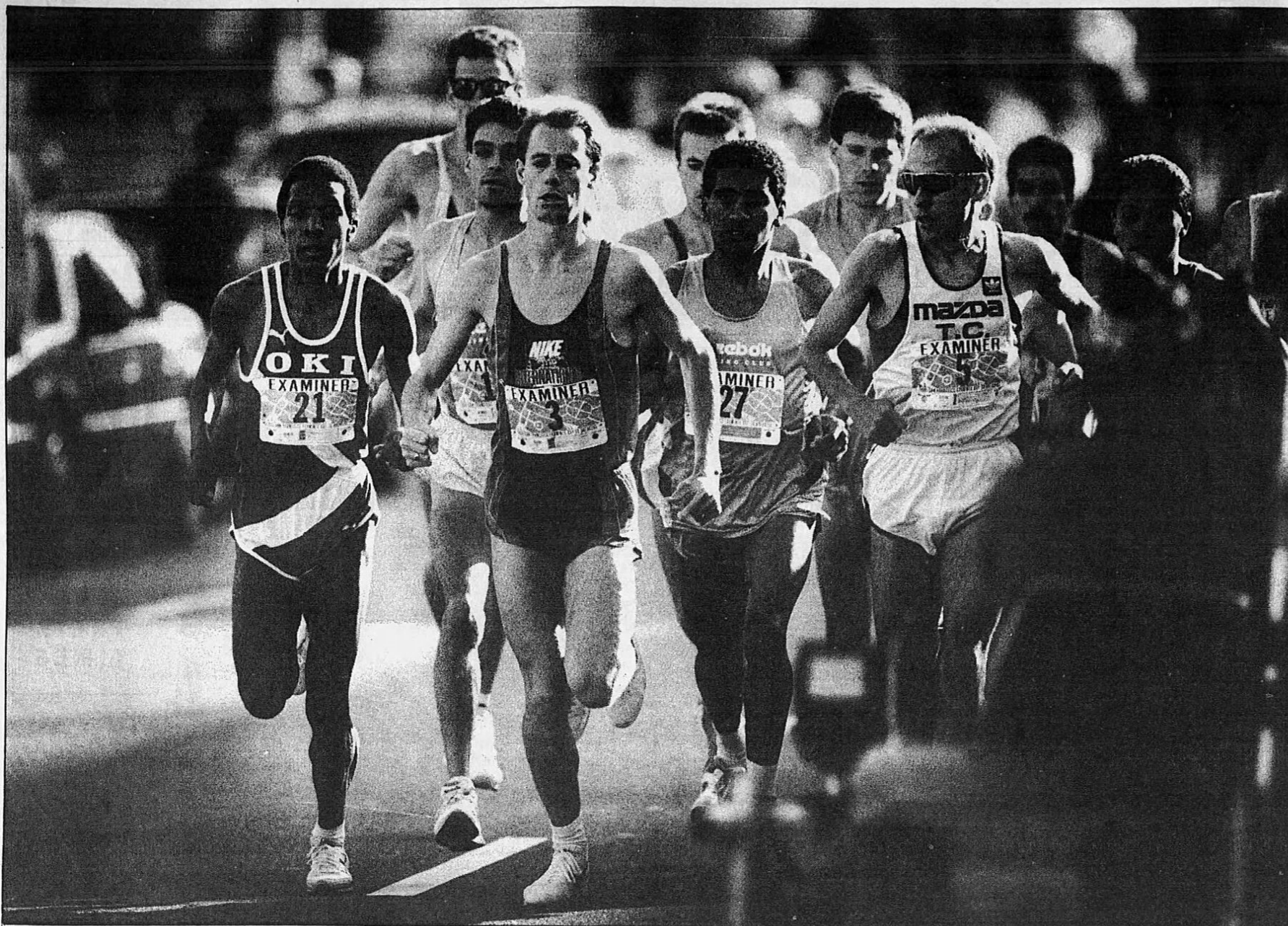
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John Halvorsen (5) checks out the position of Thomas Osano (21) early in the race. The two battled for the lead until mile six, when Osano pulled away for a nine-second victory.

Osano proves everyone wrong

Unheralded Kenyan holds off Halvorsen, breaks Barrios' mark

By Dwight Chapin
EXAMINER SENIOR WRITER

THOMAS OSANO fooled them all.

He fooled the experts, fooled the crowd, and, most notably, he fooled the guys he was running against in The Examiner Bay to Breakers Sunday.

Nobody thought this unheralded, 21-year-old African runner could keep up his early pace against one of the best elite men's fields in the 80-year history of the world's largest footrace. Everybody thought he'd fade well before the finish of his first road race in the United States.

But Osano didn't fade. When Norwegian John Halvorsen, a famed fast finisher, tried to turn it on during the stretch drive in Golden Gate Park, Osano, a small, wiry Kisii tribesman from the Rift Valley of Kenya, just said to himself, "No, you don't," and proceeded to grind Halvorsen under.

Not only did Osano win in style, he won in amazing time, a race-record 33 minutes, 54.5 seconds for the 7.5-mile course, smashing the mark of 34:31 set by four-time Breakers champion Arturo Barrios last year.

Barrios was around Sunday to watch, and marvel.

"It was an incredible time, 35 seconds faster than I ran it," said Barrios, who had to withdraw from this year's competition because of an Achilles' tendon injury, and worked the race as a radio commentator. "We're talking about 150 to 200 meters in distance. I thought he would have to pay for the fast early pace. I was sure he was going to come back to the field, but he

just never did."

Osano seemed somewhat surprised about his performance, too (his time was close to the listed 12K world road best of 33:46, set by fellow Kenyan Simeon Kigen in 1985).

"I never expected to win this easily," he conceded.

So what happened? If Osano had a complete answer, it got lost somewhere in a language gap.

His native tongue is Kisii, and, having trained in Japan for the last 18 months (where one of his idols, Kenyan marathoner Douglas Wakiihuri, trains), he speaks some Japanese. But his English comes in sentences that are not only wanting for words but not easily decipherable.

He seemed to say, in effect, that he won primarily because he was in great shape.

"I have a long time training on the road in Japan, sometimes mornings and evenings both, 15 hours a day, six days a week," he said, sipping a post-race light beer.

But 33:54.5, and a nine-second victory over Halvorsen, whose 34:03.4 obliterated Barrios' old record, too?

"The weather was a big factor," Barrios said. "It was a beautiful day, the best for the Bay to Breakers in the last 15 years, I'm told by people who have been around that long. The temperature was nice, but even more important, there was no headwind like I had to battle last year — no wind at all, in fact. And there was good competition."

No arguing that. It looked for a long time as if any one of a dozen or more runners might win on this nearly perfect day for racing.

It had figured to be competitive with Barrios out. Australian Steve Moneghetti, one of the world's top road racers, was a slight favorite, but Halvorsen, Steve Spence, German Silva, Martin Pitayo and Jon Sinclair looked to be in the picture, too.

Along Howard Street and



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Thomas Osano hits the tape at 33:54.5, breaking the course record of 34:31 set last year.

through the first race turn, there was no reason to disbelieve that scenario. This was pack racing at its best, with 13 runners only heads apart.

Moving up Hayes Street hill, there were still 10 men close enough to shake hands.

One of them, surprisingly at that point, was Osano. The Kenyan churned up the treacherous hill in traffic and then sprinted down it in front. Halvorsen caught him turning onto Fell Street, and the two-man race was on.

It was to be Osano and Halvorsen for awhile now, stride for stride and shoulder to shoulder through the Panhandle. Behind them was a group that had shriv-

eled to half a dozen or so, striving but failing to keep up with the leading duo.

At about the five-mile mark, Halvorsen, a 24-year-old who now lives in Canada and is working on an MBA at the University of Ottawa, summoned his strength for one of his characteristic charges.

"We were sort of at an incline," Halvorsen said. "I thought maybe he was in trouble because he had been running so fast for so long. I thought I could get away from him. But then he went right past me. Obviously, he wasn't in trouble."

But Halvorsen was — major trouble.

"About the best I could do from then on was to just try to hold on

and beat him at the finish," Halvorsen said. "At about the six-mile mark he drifted away from me and I never could catch up."

"I had a great race, and I'm pleased with myself, but how could I have beaten that guy?"

Despite the duel, Halvorsen almost needed an introduction to Osano after the race.

"I knew his name going in," Halvorsen said, "and I thought he could be a factor, but I didn't think he'd be that kind of factor."

Third-place finisher Silva, whose time of 34:16.5 also bettered the previous race record (as did fourth-place Pitayo's 34:17 and fifth-place Spence's 34:19) was

suitably impressed with Osano's performance, too.

"Like everyone, I kept thinking he had to come back to the pack," said Silva, "but with about three miles left, I said to myself, 'This guy's for real.'"

Moneghetti, who wound up sixth, said he had raced against Osano in Japan recently. "He ran pretty tough there," Moneghetti said. "He has that good Kenyan rhythm for hill running. But I'm sure he's still a bit of an unknown in most of the world."

Given his skill at this age, though, Osano may turn out to be a worthy successor to Kenyan running greats like Kip Keino, Henry Rono, Wakiihuri, Paul Ereng, Naf-tali Temu, Peter Koech and Ibrahim Hussein, a two-time Breakers champion.

Other stars Sunday were Manuel Vera of Mexico, a late entrant who was the top men's masters finisher in 36:22 (favorite John Campbell did not place) and Danny Grimes of Santa Rosa, who took over Jay Marden's mantle as best California finisher, with a 35:24 time.

But, without doubt, this was Osano's day, and he had to share the winners' stage only with another Kenyan, Susan Sirma, who won the women's portion of the Breakers in record time, too.

After receiving their accolades, they stopped for a private chat with Delillah Asiago, another Kenyan who was third in the women's field.

They were a long way from home with a lot to celebrate.

Both Osano and Sirma won a new red BMW 325i, which may pose a problem for Osano, at least.

Not only does he have to figure out a way to get the car halfway around the world, he has to learn to drive it.

"I don't have a license," he said. "I will have to go to driving school."

If he learns as fast as he did in blistering a course he had never laid eyes on, he should be tooling around Kenya in no time.

Kenyan women at the forefront

Sirma dominates in first Breakers; Asiago is third

By John Crumacker
OF THE EXAMINER STAFF

IF THERE are icebergs in Kenya, this is the tip of it.

The East African nation has a proud and continuing history of producing some of the world's finest distance runners — all of them men.

But in the 1990s, Kenyan women are starting to develop as the men did in the 1960s. The day is fast approaching when Kenyan schoolgirls will have role models of their own, and two of the first will be Susan Sirma and Deillah Asiago.

"It only makes sense, based on the history of their men, that the women would have similar talent," said Joan Samuelson, who won the 1984 Olympic marathon.

Added Francie Larrieu Smith, a competitive distance runner for 25 years, "It's a sign of things to come. We've always known there was talent in Kenya, but we've never seen the women in full force. It's going to be interesting."

Sirma and Asiago were in full force Sunday for the 80th running of The Examiner Bay to Breakers, the world's largest and oldest continuously run footrace. Sirma won the 7½-mile race in a course-record 38 minutes, 26.5 seconds, and Asiago was third in 38:38.5.

Larrieu Smith, long ago a Sunnysvale prep star, ran a time (38:37.3) that would have been a course record had Sirma not been 11 seconds ahead of her. All three women bettered the 1986 course record of 38:46 by Norway's Grete Waitz.

Furthermore, Sirma's time is better than the listed world best for a 12-kilometer road race, 38:35 by Norway's Ingrid Kristiansen in 1985. That race was in Illinois, a state which does not have a Hayes Street hill to tax legs and lungs.

Samuelson, a month after an impressive fourth-place showing at the Boston Marathon (2:26:54), was sixth in an even 40 minutes. Woodside's Nancy Ditz, in her 10th straight Breakers, was eighth overall and the first California woman to cross the line, in 40:34. "I hope to run 10 more," Ditz said.

Oakland's Laurie Binder, meanwhile, ran her age. The 43-year-old Breakers veteran ran 43:25 to win the women's masters division for the fourth straight year.

Sirma required no such familiarity with the course. She set a withering early pace and was content to have others challenge her. None did, at least not seriously.

"This is my first time in San Francisco," Sirma, 24, said. "I enjoyed my run. There were so many people on the course cheering us. Along with my teammate, we were very happy."

Sirma has particular reason to be happy with her fifth road race in the United States. But finding a regular parking space for her new BMW automobile may be a bit of a problem. She's from Eldoret in the Rift Valley region of Kenya, but this is no homebody. Sirma has been a globetrotting runner. Besides, is Kenya ready for yuppies?

"I don't know what I'll do with it," she said of the car.

If she drives like she runs, Sirma may run afoul of traffic laws. Hers was a dominating, get-out-of-my-way performance on a gorgeous Sunday morning. She established early whose race this would be, just as her countryman, Thomas Osano, did in the men's race.

"I didn't know what to expect from Joan (Samuelson) and Cathy (O'Brien)," Larrieu Smith said. "When I heard Susan was here, I knew she was hot. I was hoping she'd be tired. She's been running so well."

Asiago, a precocious talent at 19, had no thoughts of challenging Sirma after she and Larrieu Smith established a lead pack of three. "After one kilometer, she went by me," Asiago said. "She was too strong."

Sirma and Asiago cut diminutive figures as they dashed across The City with apparent ease. Sirma goes 5-foot-3 and 108 pounds, while her younger compatriot is just 5-2¼ and 99 pounds. Efficient running machines both.

"That's a little deceiving for people watching elite athletes run," Larrieu Smith said. "In general, that's the name of the game, to stay relaxed. Everybody says, 'You make it look so easy.' That's what our training is all about — to maintain relaxation. It may look easy on the outside, but believe me, that girl (Sirma) was running hard."

Sirma, Larrieu Smith and Asiago could meet again in a 10K race on the track at the World Championships in Tokyo at the end of August. That would be fine with Asiago, who lives and trains in Japan while carrying the banner for Kenya.

Asiago is from Keroka, northwest of Nairobi and between Lake Victoria on the west and the Rift Valley on the east. Both Asiago and Sirma ran barefoot several miles to school as children, unintentionally building a high altitude training base that is serving them well as international runners.

For her part, Larrieu Smith has

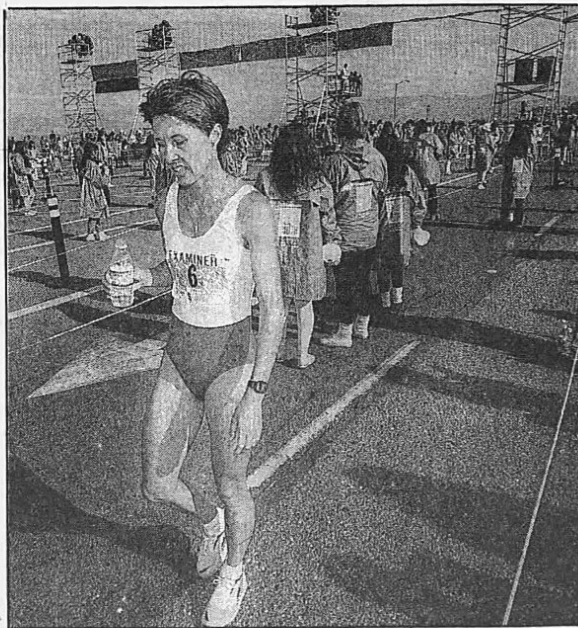
never run better than she has at 38. Her first national ranking came in 1969, but 22 years later, she broke the American record for 10,000 meters on the track (31:28.92) and finished second in the London Marathon (2:27:35). She's been living in Dallas the last four years.

"I'm very pleased with my race," she said. "It was a personal victory for me. It was the first time I came back and raced so soon after a marathon. That's what I'm going to have to do next year, run the marathon trials and then train for the Olympics if I want to make the team."

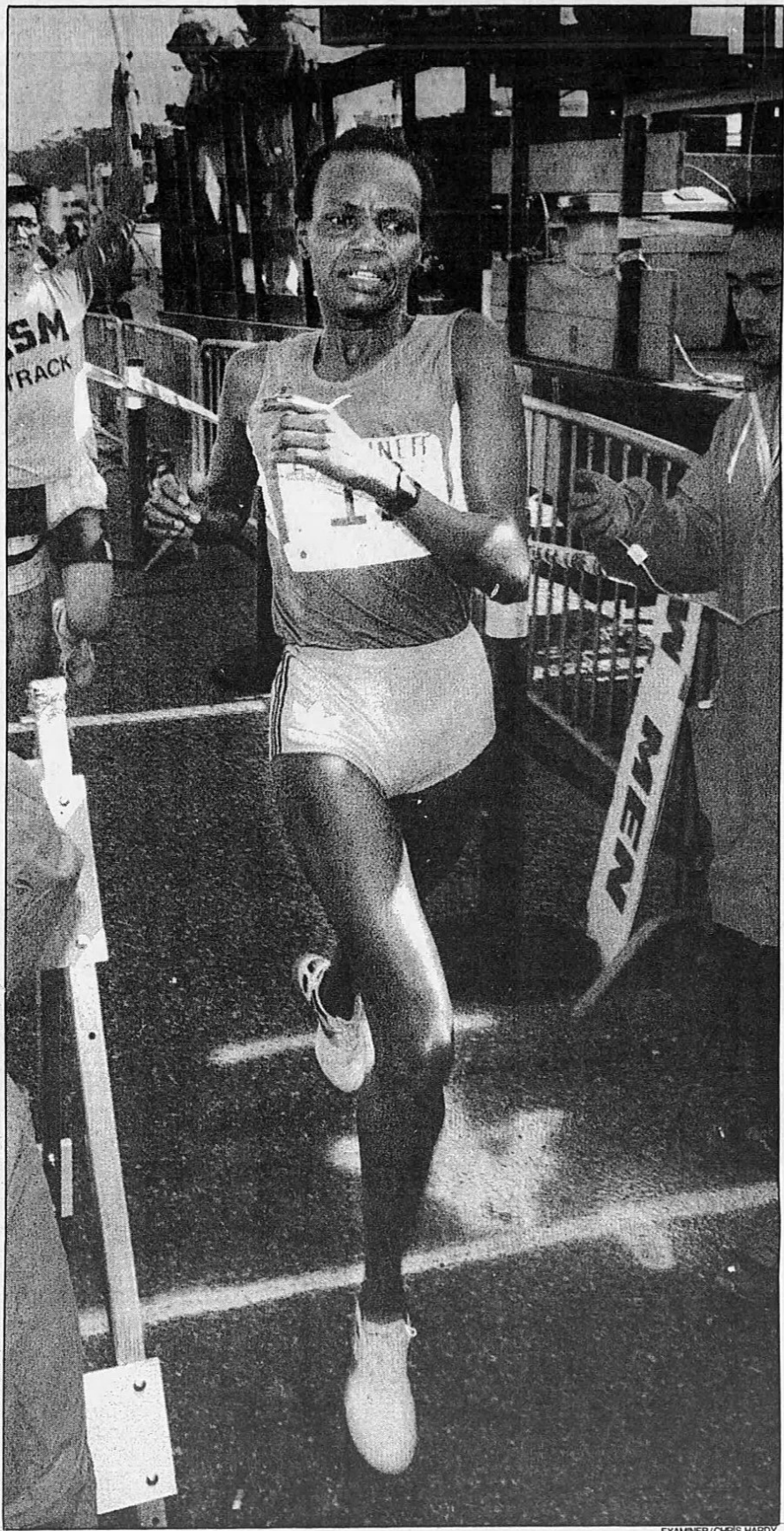
"It was great to be here in the Bay Area. I spent the first 20 years of my life here and it's great to be back. My family is here. I love the climate. My hair doesn't frizz so much. It's wonderful."

In addition to confirming Larrieu Smith's continuing excellence, the 80th Breakers also gave a likely vision of the future of women's long-distance running.

"We're starting to come up," Asiago said. "Now we are starting to get facilities for training. They (the Kenyan government) want the women to do well against other countries."



Nancy Ditz walks away with an eighth-place finish, in 40:34.



Susan Sirma of Kenya is clocked in 38:26.5 in setting a Bay to Breakers women's record.



Winners Thomas Osano and Susan Sirma, center, and runners-up Francie Larrieu Smith and John Halvorsen hoist their plates at the Footstock stage.

It's the World Series of weird

Running naked doesn't even rate a look at the Breakers

By John Flinn and Jane Ganahl
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WHAT DOES A person have to do to get noticed in this town?

On Sunday, the answer was a lot. A lot. Would wearing a propeller beany do it? Not hardly. Dressing up as a can of Spam? Get serious. Running through the streets stark naked? Sorry, not good enough.

To merit even a passing glance, you needed to round up a dozen friends and dress up as the partially demolished Embarcadero Freeway. Or as a platoon of padded-bra Dolly Parton wannabes. Or as the Richard Gere Fan Club, the details of which are best left to one's imagination.

Such was the competition at the 80th annual Examiner Bay to Breakers race. As usual, it consisted of a small group of the world's fastest runners followed by about 70,000 people gussied up like contestants on "Let's Make a Deal."

The temperature at 8 a.m. at the starting line was a pleasant 51 degrees, and things warmed up considerably by the time the last entrants sauntered across the finish line at the Great Highway 4½ hours later.

In fact, the weather may have been too nice. Red Cross medical teams sent seven people to the hospital, including a 58-year-old woman who suffered an apparent heart attack at the finish line. The woman, who was not immediately identified, was listed in stable condition at UC Medical Center.

"It might have been a bit warm out there for some people," said Dr. Ellen Weber, the race's medical adviser. "Plus, the nice weather brings out lots of people who maybe aren't in the best of shape."

Officially, 62,000 people entered the race, and about 8,000 more ran unofficially. BART carried more than 13,000 to the starting line — the most in five years, a spokesman said.

Although construction of the new addition to Moscone Center narrowed Howard Street from four lanes to two, the race pace was only about 10 minutes behind schedule early on, an official said. It took a little less than an hour for all runners to reach that point. It usually takes 45 minutes.

Fearing the narrowing could cause serious injury if a runner fell and was trampled, race officials stationed paramedics and the Fire Department's emergency truck on Third and Howard streets. But the crowd got through that bottleneck without trouble.

For those who preferred to get their exercise vicariously, the Breakers was The City's top spectator sport. What could be more San Francisco? Throw on your bathrobe, mix yourself a Bloody Mary and head out to the balcony to watch what looked like the casting call for a Village People reunion.

"It's like watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade," said Mike Conti as he sat, chocolate doughnut in hand, with family and friends at the foot of the Hayes Street hill.

"Yeah, but do you think we'll see any naked people this year?" asked Conti's 10-year-old son, Chris.

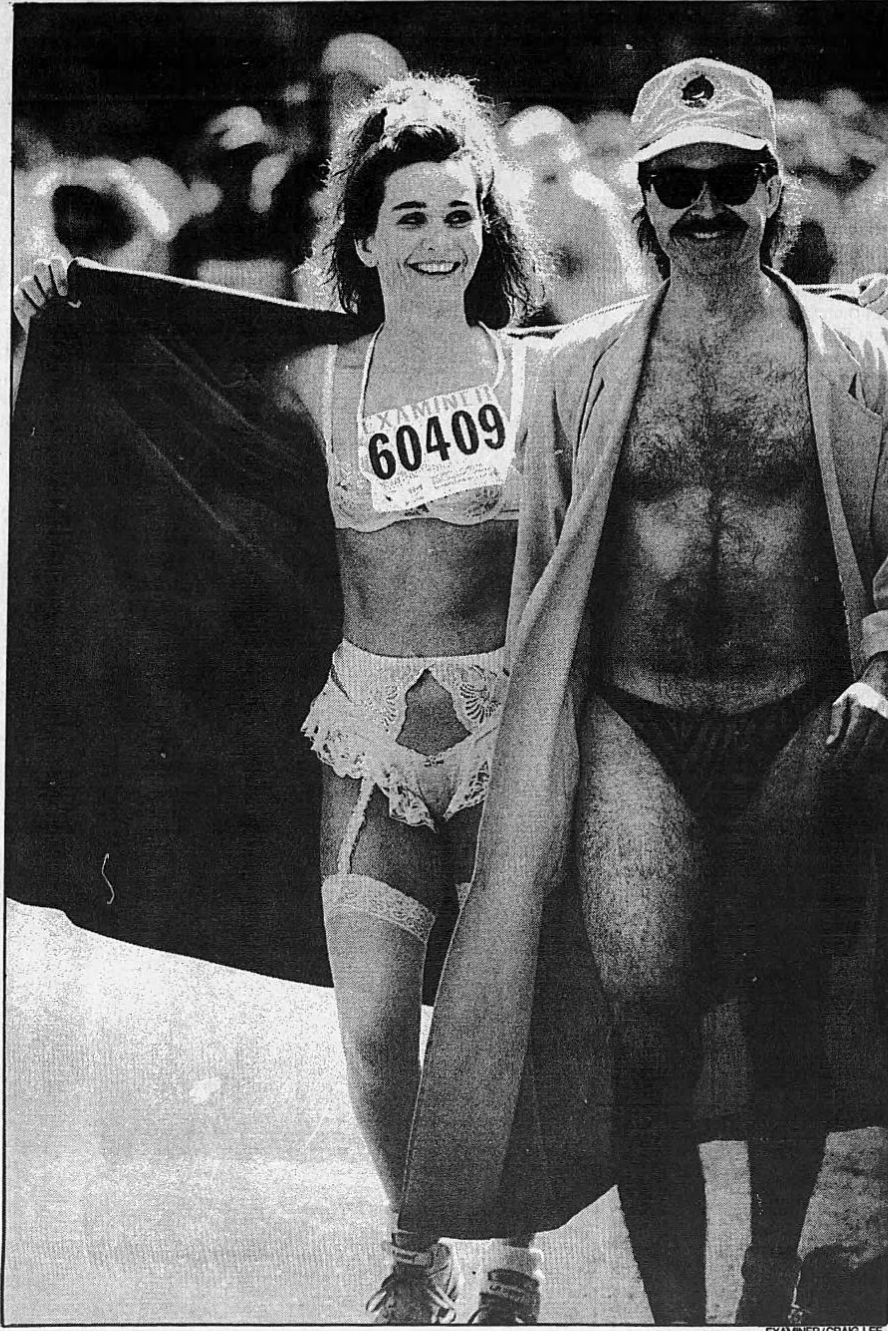
"You just have to keep your eyes open," said Catherine Conti, the boy's grandmother.

They were there, all right, perhaps a half dozen in all. But the streakers hardly stood out amid all there was to see.

Attracting more attention were the dozen students from the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry, who carried a 20-foot-long toothbrush and a giant, helium-filled tube of Crest toothpaste.

Zippering smartly up the hill was a papier-mache Scud missile, pursued closely by a gaggle of Patriot missiles. Then came a guy dressed as a dollar-bill-festooned Rickey Henderson, hands holding aloft a stolen base and an I'm No. 1 finger.

Halfway up Hayes Street, the champagne was flowing nicely as a group of partiers turned their ste-



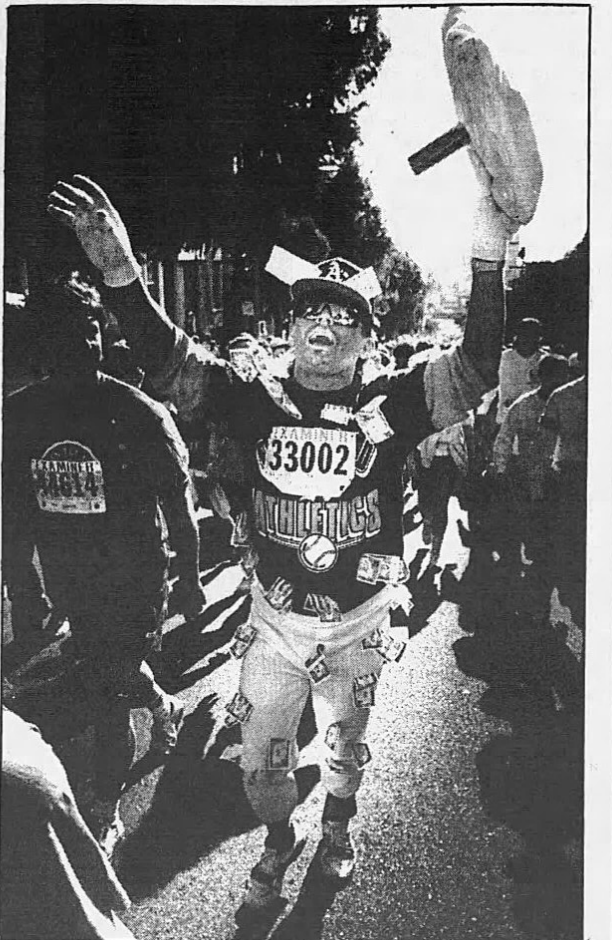
It wasn't too hot for these flashers, Dena Chiabola and Roger Elle of Concord.



Henry Clement realizes that looking good is a chief concern.



Linda Hanson, Kelly Nelson and Kay Nelson of Fairfield are blue and white and red all over.



Lots of money, a stolen base, an attitude. Anyone we know?

reo up to maximum volume to inspire runners with some thoughtfully chosen disco hits of the '70s.

"You can't sleep during the race, so you might as well watch it," yelled Larz Dameron above the sound of Donna Summer's "Hot Stuff." "It's basically just a bunch of good people walking up the street."

For inspiration, many runners looked no further than their panties. A pair dressed as giant packages of Velveeta and Spam. Someone else plodded along as a loaf of Wonder Bread. One entrant was done up as Kraft Macaroni and Cheese and another as Stouffer's Macaroni and Cheese. Take your pick.

By the time the first runners charged down the chutes at the finish line and claimed their place in history, the excitement was palpable.

This year, the finish-line chutes had been set up to separate the costumed runners from the rest, so the ocean side was the place for people-watching. There were grapes, chickens, feet, hula dancers, ostrich riders and the usual assortment of body parts.

"It's a grape day!" shouted one young man covered with purple

balloons as he streaked toward the line.

"I'm just glad I got here without exploding," said his friend.

Then it was on to Footstock, where runners could pick up their coveted race T-shirt, grab some free food and beer and hear some good music.

And sleep. The lawn of the enormous Polo Field was littered with bodies of those who couldn't wait long enough to get home to the couch for a nap to soothe aching feet.

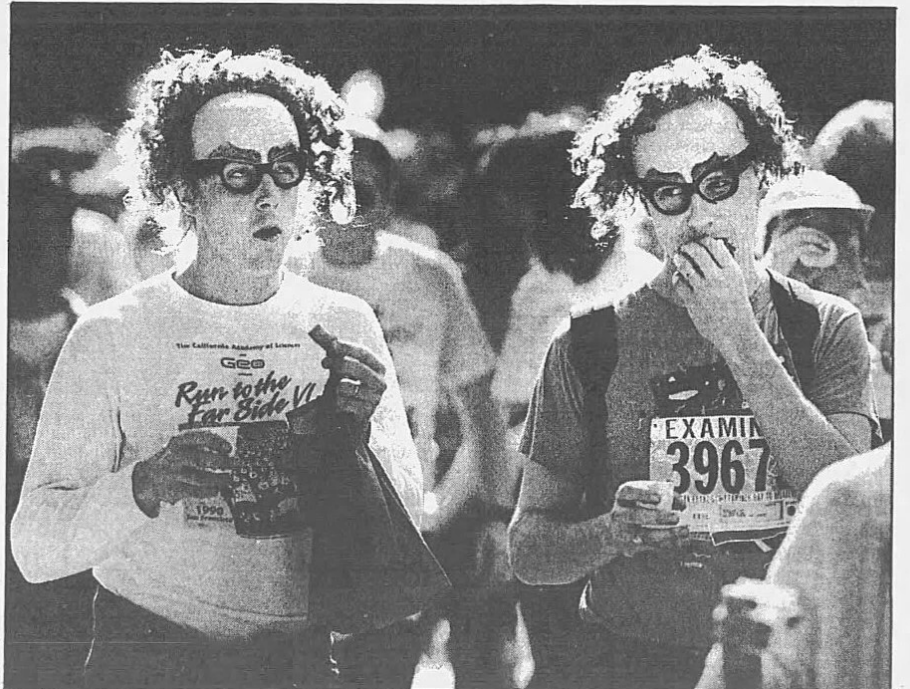
"I have never seen so many people," said Ann Wenzell, 13, surveying from a hill atop the festival.

And despite their numbers and close proximity, they were a good-natured bunch. Love — and sweat — was in the air.

"Hey, you're a 'C'? I'm a 'C' too!" called a young man to a woman he apparently did not know, trying to remedy that situation under one alphabet sign.

"This is a very romantic race," said Eve Williams of San Francisco, running with her husband, Bob. "We met here five years ago and come back every year."

Dennis Opatrny of The Examiner staff contributed to this report.



What can we say? Even a cool race like the Examiner Bay to Breakers attracts some bozos.



EXAMINER/KURT ROGERS

These folks had the right idea — why run in the race and actually exert yourself when you can sit back and relax in your bathrobe and watch it on television in your own front yard?

It's another up-and-down year

ART SPANDER



Agony and ecstasy all over again

MADONNA wasn't there. Jose Canseco wasn't there. Elvis wasn't there. But 70,000 others were there, including yours truly, the foot-sore eyesore, No. 141 on the entry list, No. 1,100 or thereabouts in the results.

The road gets rougher, it's... well, not lonelier, not in The Examiner Bay to Breakers. But tougher, yes. I mean, try coming up upon six guys dressed as, er, non-dressers. A half-dozen gentlemen wearing not a stitch of clothing? Who said no nudes was good nudes? The lady next to me, that's who.

"Hmm," she panted somewhere through Golden Gate Park, "that first guy didn't have much to show off."

Which obviously was why Madonna didn't show up.

BAY TO Bonkers we've called it, 7½ miles of perspiring humanity and unrelenting insanity, Sunday morning coming down, elite runners going up Hayes Street hill, life in the fast lanes, absurdity in the slow ones.

Oh, somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout but not near the Panhandle, when the pain grips your gut and you wonder why in heaven's name you simply didn't sleep late.

This was No. 80 for old B-

to-B, and the geezer seems to be losing something. In lunacy. Where were the Cal frat men carrying the model of the Golden Gate Bridge? Or the males dressed in pink tutus?

Sure the UOP School of Dentistry ran carrying a huge vinyl tube of Crest, and one centipede included people dressed as giant cloves of garlic. But the former yuppies have grown older and, sadly, wiser, not that anyone in the Breakers is terribly smart. Or mature.

WHAT DO you think Saddam Hussein's reaction was when he saw the highlights on CNN? Probably something like, "People running naked through San Francisco, and I still can't whip America?"

A couple of runners from Kenya can. Thomas Osano won the men's division in record time, 33:54.5; Susan Sirma did the same in the women's division, 38:26.5. I won The Examiner sports columnist division, a category I created and for which I was the only entrant.

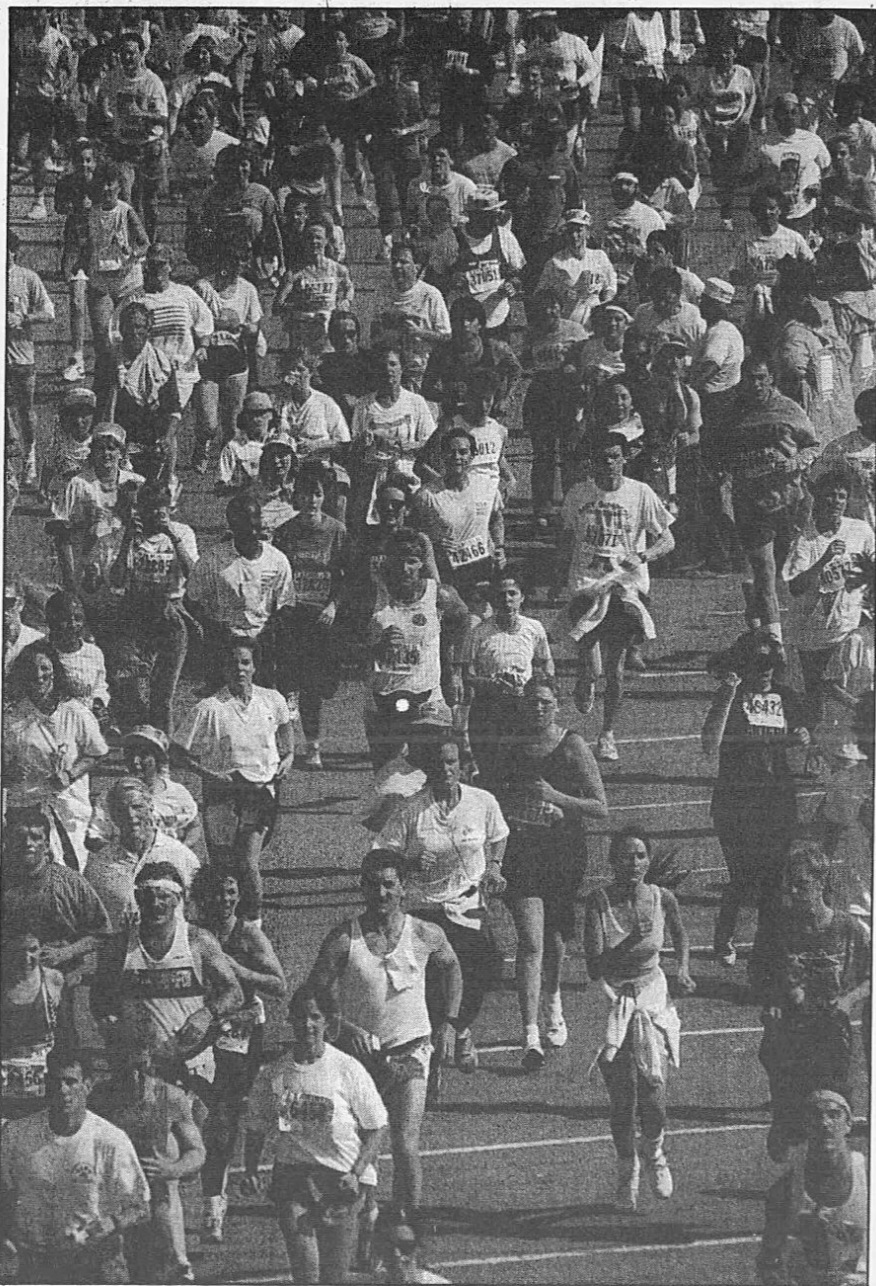
My time? If you've got the money, honey, I've got, well, aching knees, that's what. Yes, I get to start up front, but that doesn't do much good with all those idiots pouring in from the cross streets the first few blocks.

And why were all those people walking before the race had gone a mile? Take a hike! But not in front of the runners.

IT HAPPENS almost every year. I'm feeling satisfied after passing the halfway point, at which the Breakers is all downhill, sort of like my career, when Joe Starkey's voice can be heard blaring from some radio clutched by a spectator. "Here's the winner's time," Starkey told the KGO audience. Just what you want to hear when there are still three miles to go.

In fact, when Osano finished I was between the four- and five-mile mark. And when I finished, Osano had showered, picked up his new BMW and driven to Nairobi. My time was 57:02. That's a joke. Not my time, Osano driving to Nairobi. He actually lives in Tokyo.

Yes, the winner is a Kenyan



EXAMINER/CHRIS HARDY

After 7½ miles, it's smooth sailing along the Great Highway with the finish just up ahead.

who trains in Japan. And the second-place man was John Halvorsen, a Norwegian who trains in Canada. Some people will go anywhere to avoid listening to the Giants this season.

WHERE THE 70,000 runners were going is a hell of a question. Snoopy said jogging makes the ground feel needed. What you need you don't always get.

Consider the billboard along the race route, the one on Hayes Street just before Divisadero, the one that reads, "If you slowed down to read this you saved gas." Slowed down? I was dragging.



EXAMINER/CHRIS HARDY

William May-Enfajian of San Francisco catches his breath.

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But at least I stayed on my feet the entire distance, not like 1987 when somebody tackled me at the start and I was splattered on the cement while others used my back as a starting block.

There was a Red Cross Disaster Service truck just past the finish line this year, which was a bit of a surprise. I thought it would be stationed at Candlestick Park. Not that any amount of ointment or bandages would help the Giants.

What helped many of the runners were the handmade signs held along the way, such as "Tired Yet?" or in the Panhandle, "Porch Potatoes."

At the starting line, there was a runner carrying a mannequin wearing a hula skirt of green tinsel. He was Chris Davis, a cab driver from Cape Elizabeth, Maine, who was running the Breakers for the seventh time.

Hey, Chris. We have our own crazies. We don't need you. Unless next time you bring out fresh lobsters.

The Breakers is tradition going someplace, competitors going no place. Another year, another 12 kilometers of the agony of da feet and the ecstasy of the finish.

Praise the Lord and pass the Crystal Geyser water. There's a year to rest our bodies and heal our psyches. We can all drink to that.

Good witch Glinda waves his and/or her magic wand as the Yellow Brick Road centipede makes its journey. And speaking of roads, the Embarcadero Freeway looks ready to run the entire race without falling down.

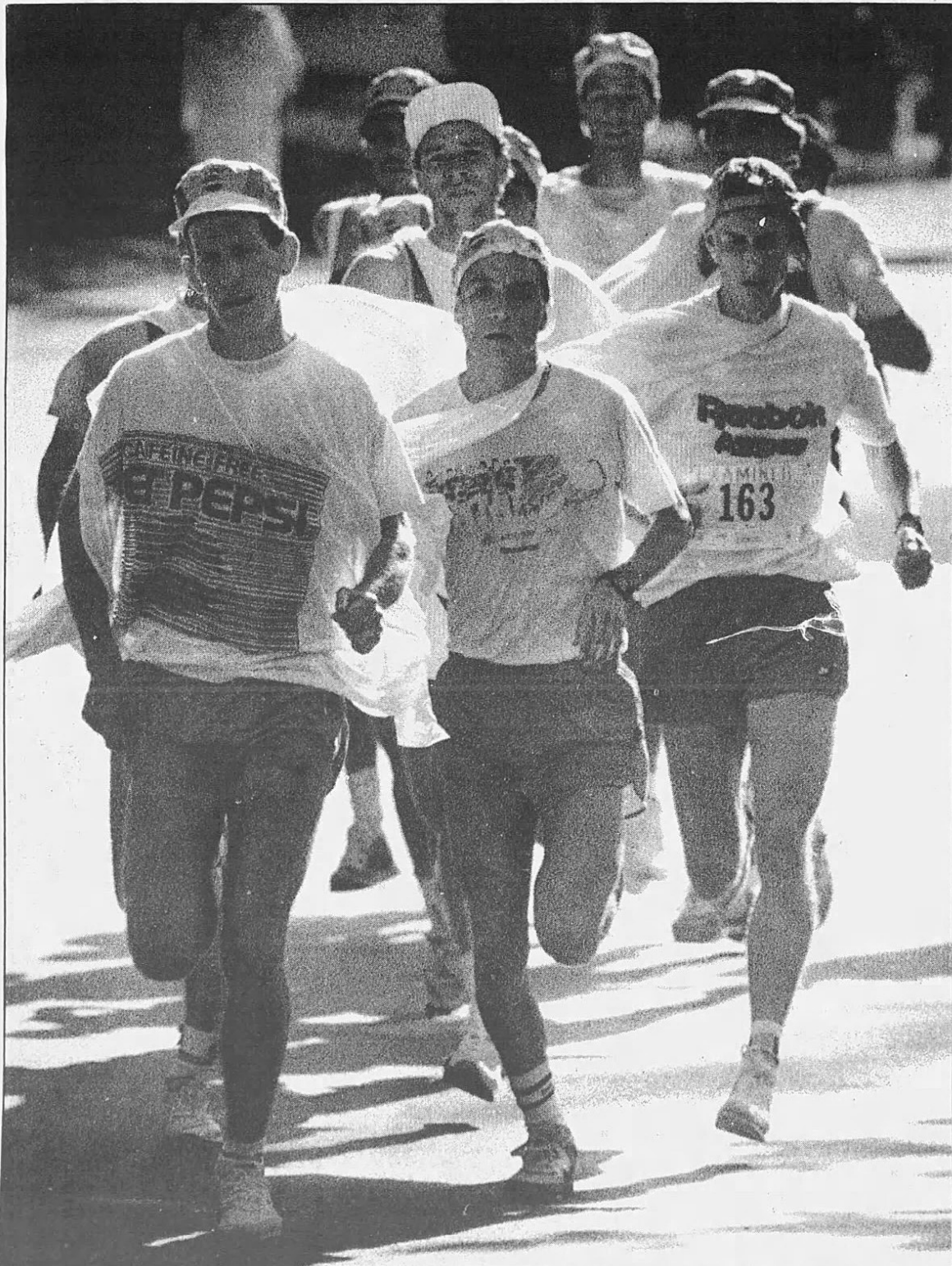


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EXAMINER/PAUL CHINN

Aggies power to 'pede heaven



EXAMINER/ELIZABETH MANGELSDORF

The Reebok Aggies didn't party all night Saturday, like they usually do. That's why they looked so fresh in Golden Gate Park.

Winners turn in record time after partying only until the bars close

By Frank Cooney
OF THE EXAMINER STAFF

WHAT HAS 26 legs and, once a year, guzzles beer all night before scurrying across San Francisco so fast that thousands of people can't catch it?

Anybody who answered Reebok Aggies Centipede may apply for, but not expect, a new pair of shoes.

Anybody who watched The Examiner Bay to Breakers footrace Sunday surely saw the Aggies pitter-pat across the finish line in only 37 minutes, 39.6 seconds.

That's an interplanetary record for a human centipede, which means it obviously broke the Bay to Breakers mark. That shouldn't be surprising to those who are familiar with the history of 'pedes, as they are known.

This year's Aggies, as in UC-Davis, are direct descendants of the first human 'pede, sighted back in 1978. That's when Gary Harms bound together 13 people with garbage bags and masking tape to form a mutant form of Breakers runner — the centipede.

Since then, 'pedes of every description have shown up annually at the Breakers, helping make it the most curious footrace in history. There have been many Golden Gate Bridgepedes, animalpedes, and even insectpedes, complete with antennae, spiracles and other anatomical parts that only an entomologist could recognize.

Still, direct descendants of the original Aggies centipede — newly named after their sponsors — continued to be the Breakers' best bug until 1987. That was when a hybrid of parts from all over the country beat the Aggies amid some controversy. The Powerpede, as it was called, won again last year.

This really bugged the Aggies. They believed the insipid intruders violated the light-hearted spirit of the event by gathering stars from all over the country.

So Harms and his fun-loving, beer-guzzling friends decided to take this year's race more seriously. They only stayed out until last call the night before the race.

"We just wanted to put the whole controversy out of reach about who was the best centipede," said Harms, who coaches but no longer runs with his Aggies group.

Alas, vengeance was not theirs. The Powerpede was a no-show.

The Reebok Aggies' closest competition came from a 'pede named Boho, which is made up of members from the same Aggies running club that won the race. They finished almost two minutes behind at 39:53.08. Cal-Podiatry was a distant third at 68:48.08.

In female centipede competition, the Reebok Aggies were first in 48:37.02, but were pushed hard by the Crystal Geysers group, which finished in 49:07.

Rob Annex, lead runner for the men's Aggies, explained their serious approach this year.

"Normally we stay out all night the night before, but this year we decided to knock off by 2 a.m.," Annex said. "Some of us stayed at a dance club, then checked in. Before, it was a tradition that we all close down the bar, then to Zim's for a hamburger and shakes."

"Many of us often were still awake when the sun came up," said Harms, who wasn't surprised that the Powerpede didn't make it this year.

"They were a bunch of all-stars from all over the country who were paid by a candy bar company to get together for this one day," Harms said. "I knew eventually they wouldn't get it together. We all live around here and run together all the time. We're competitive, but we do it mainly for fun."

But the Aggies teams are always difficult to beat because they do have several world-class and former world-class runners.

Behind Annex on this year's winning team were Dan Gonzales, Dan Gruber, Steve Schadler, Joe Rubio, Jose Aispiro, Carmello Rios, Pat Johnson, Dave Frank, Charles Alexander, Mark Olesen, Jeff Shaver and Kevin Osterberg.

"As far as I'm concerned, we've only lost once because the Powerpede last year was not legal," Harms said. "They only had a little string holding them together, and it wasn't long enough so they were disqualified."

"Hey, we can make up the rules because I invented centipedes to begin with."

Harms concedes the other loss, in 1987, was legit, even if it was controversial.

"We would have won that, but we tripped over Examiner columnist Art Spander when he fell in front of us at the start," Harms said. "He claims he was tripped by somebody else first."

Nevertheless, since then, by request of the Aggies, Spander has been allowed to enter the Breakers in a special centipede category — the impede.

"Once we lost him at the start this year we knew it was clear sailing," said Harms. "Some people will do anything to get their name in the paper."



EXAMINER/KAREN TENENBAUM

What a grape costume! A couple from — where else? — Concord.



EXAMINER/CRAIG LEE

Whee! It's all downhill once you make it into Golden Gate Park.



EXAMINER/CHRIS HARDY

What are friends for if they won't carry you across the finish line?



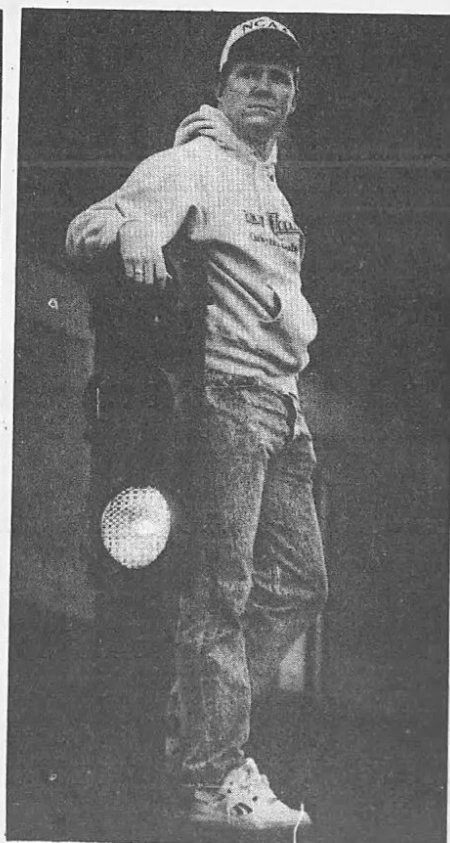
EXAMINER/MARK COSTANTINI

This young runner shows he's not chicken to tackle the mighty Hayes Street hill, but who's that pushing him?



EXAMINER/KATY RADDATZ

Race volunteer Valerie Kiskin handles the coat check at the starting line. With the warm weather, there was no need for a jacket.



EXAMINER/PAUL CHINN

All signals were go as a spectator watches at the starting line.

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Happiness was good Breakers weather, good friends and good times.

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BAY TO BREAKERS COURSE

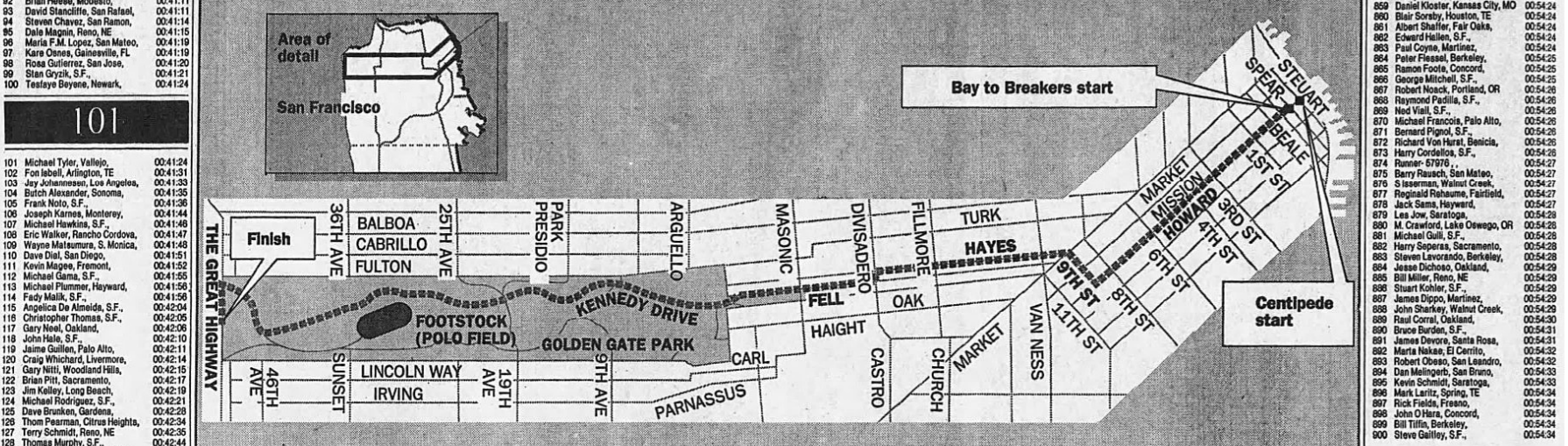


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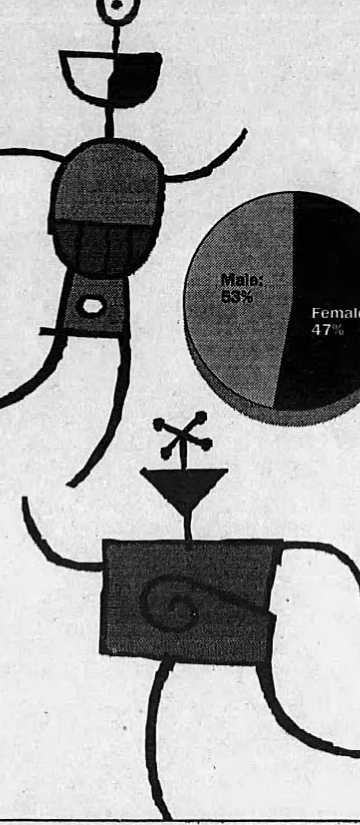
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The sponsors of the 1991 Examiner Bay to Breakers Congratulate the finishers of this year's world's largest footrace!



BMW, the official pace car of the race and top prize for the first place finishers.

Hyatt Regency San Francisco, host hotel for runners and party headquarters throughout race weekend.

KGO 810 KGO Newstalk Radio, providing complete coverage of the 1991 race.

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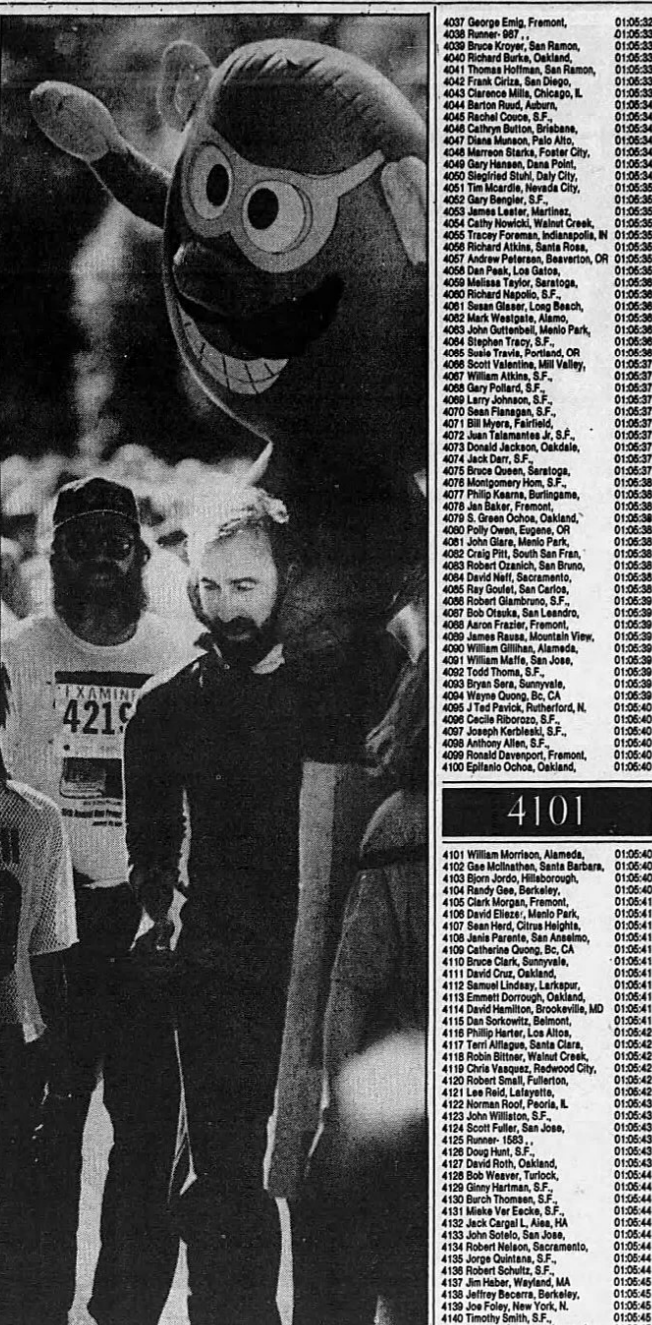
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EXAMINER BAY TO BREAKERS
Let's Give a Hand to the Bands
The Examiner Bay to Breakers and race sponsors applaud the cast of musicians, dancers, comedians and singers who entertained the thousands of runners as they ran from the bay to the breakers.
In order of appearance:
DANCERS:
Jaime Martinez & the Latin American Work Out
Bonnie Sita & Move Dance Theatre
Magna Baptistae San Francisco Royal Academy of Belly Dancers
Patricia Kennedy
Louise Sims & Dancers of the Desert Troupe
Dana Dohrm & Demons of the Mind
Mieko Merrill & The Okinawa Club
Performance Arts
COARSE JESTERS:
David Cohen
Woody La Bounty
Bravo to:
California Academy of Sciences
Amy Glin On Target Productions
City Celebrations
Carla Winter Productions
Linda Roselli
SONGBIRDERS:
M.J. Lallo
Linda Bencangay Goldstein
Nick Ciampi
Peggy Kane
Steven Kritzer
Bettie Blunt
Clinton 'Socks' Sockwell II
Margaret Ch
Leslie Carrara
MUSICIANS:
Bob Culbertson
Double L Band
The Strangers
The Manufacturing of Humidifiers
Sun Vibes Steel Band
The Ultras
Deacon Jones & The Bucket of Blues
Jumpeest
George T. Gregory Band
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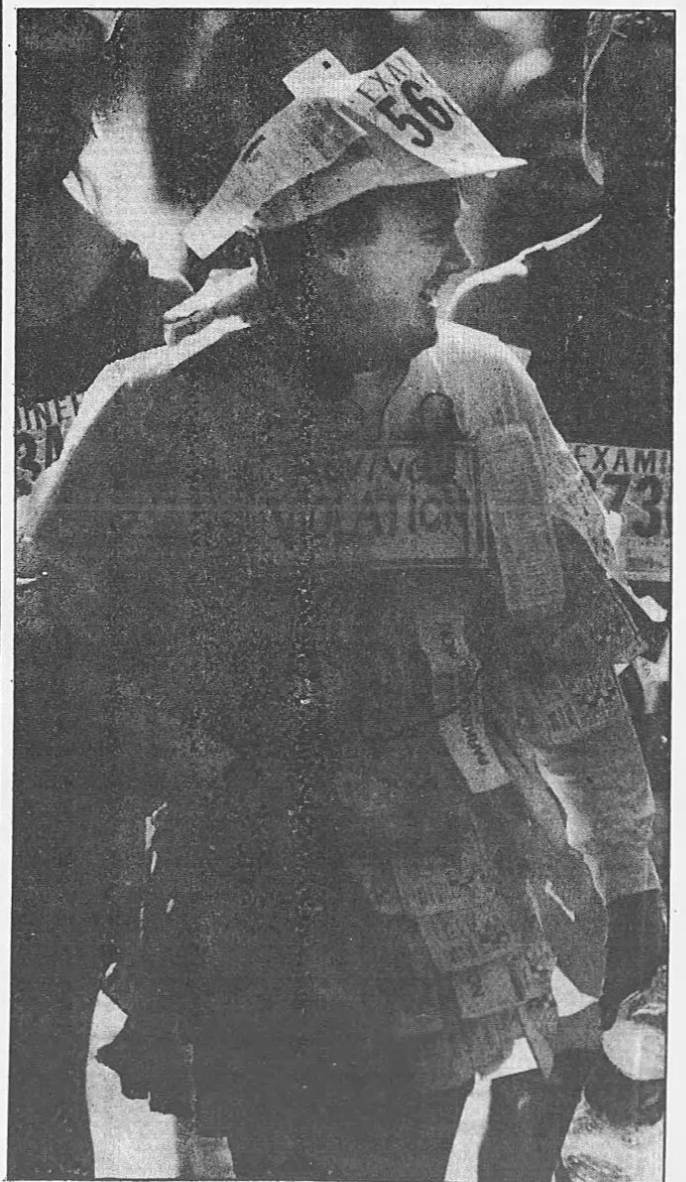
EXAMINER/KATY RADDATZ

Congratulations to Karen Mathre of Cotati, the race's first casualty. One hundred yards from the starting line, she sprained her ankle, and got it attended to by Eric Elliot.



EXAMINER/CRAIG LEE

While most people ran or walked, those associated with this giant airplane were able to fly first class through Golden Gate Park.



EXAMINER/KURT ROGERS

Yeah, that's the ticket! Don't bother parking, buddy, just keep on moving.

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Table of names and addresses, organized in columns. Includes names like 4778 Jason West, 4779 Walter Soopy, 4780 Randy Wood, etc.

Table of names and addresses, organized in columns. Includes names like 4801 Billy Vay, 4802 Ned Bessville, 4803 Al Espelita, etc.

Table of names and addresses, organized in columns. Includes names like 4850 Mike Mitchell, 4851 David Bredon, 4852 Bruce Henderson, etc.

Table of names and addresses, organized in columns. Includes names like 4901 Rick Tapala, 4902 Gilberto Gonzalez, 4903 William Moore, etc.

Table of names and addresses, organized in columns. Includes names like 4950 Heather Morris, 4951 Joe Bonachini, 4952 Sharon Chin, etc.

Table of names and addresses, organized in columns. Includes names like 5001 Jeffrey Todd, 5002 Tom Ameling, 5003 Jim Massey, etc.

TOP OCCUPATIONS

Table showing top 25 occupations of Bay to Breakers runners. 1. Student: 6,875; 2. Management: 3,573; 3. Engineer: 2,905; 4. Teacher: 2,412; 5. Salesperson: 1,699; 6. Accountant: 1,699; 7. Attorney/lawyer: 1,461; 8. Nurse: 1,228; 9. Programmer: 1,078; 10. Administrator: 1,044; 11. Secretary: 1,016; 12. Consultant: 843; 13. Homemaker: 842; 14. Physician/doctor: 798; 15. U.S. military: 773; 16. Banker: 661; 17. Clerical: 604; 18. Marketing: 601; 19. Retired: 561; 20. Construction: 523; 21. Real estate: 503; 22. Business owner: 482; 23. Scientist: 422; 24. Health related: 414; 25. Architect: 406.



Table listing names and addresses for the 6501-6600 range.

Table listing names and addresses for the 6601-6700 range.

Table listing names and addresses for the 6701-6800 range.

Table listing names and addresses for the 6801-6900 range.

Table listing names and addresses for the 6901-7000 range.



Claude Perassa, front, does the hot thing, soaking up the sun at Footstock after the run.

Table listing names and addresses for the 7001-7100 range.

Table listing names and addresses for the 7101-7200 range.

Table listing names and addresses for the 7201-7300 range.

Table listing names and addresses for the 7301-7400 range.

Table listing names and addresses for the 7401-7500 range.

Table listing names and addresses for the 7501-7600 range.

Table listing names and addresses for the 7601-7700 range.

Table listing names and addresses for the 7701-7800 range.

Table listing names and addresses for the 7801-7900 range.

Table listing names and addresses for the 7901-8000 range.

Table listing names and addresses for the 8001-8100 range.

Table listing names and addresses for the 8101-8200 range.

Table listing names and addresses for the 8201-8300 range.

Table listing names and addresses for the 8301-8400 range.

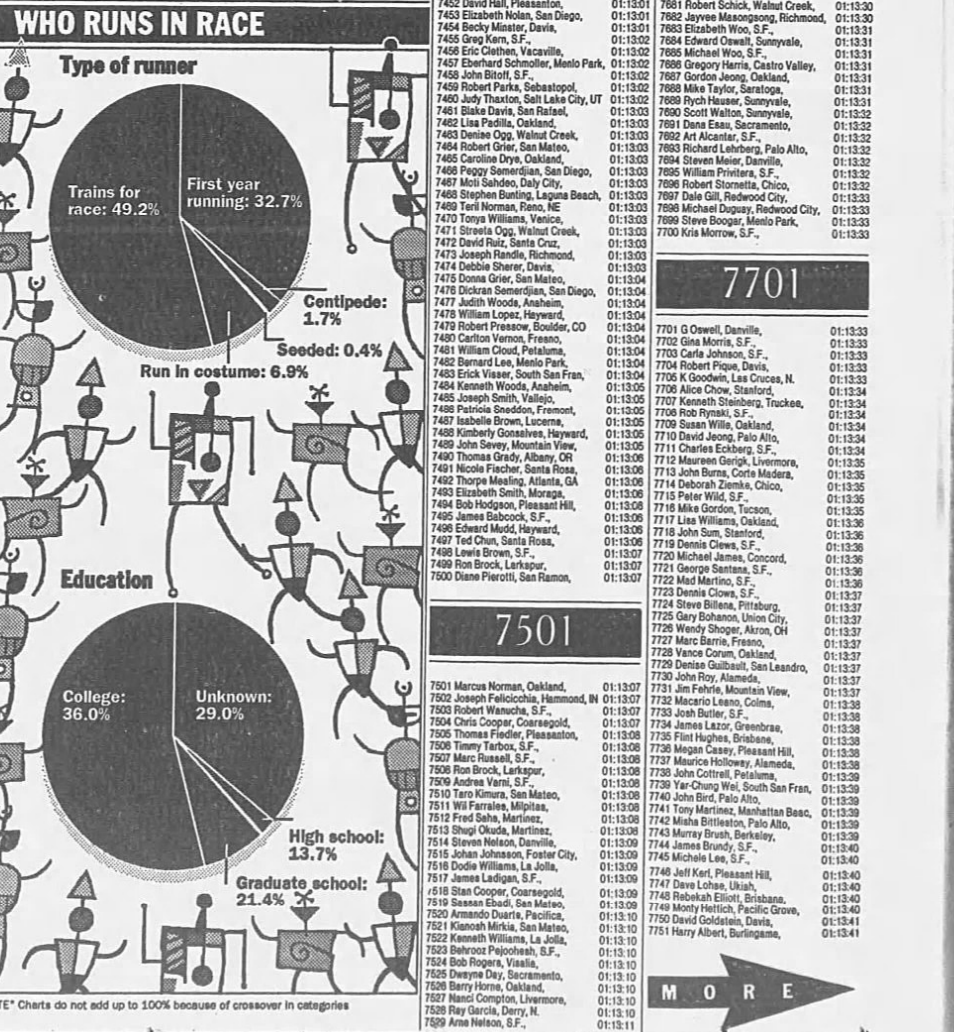
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NOTE: Charts do not add up to 100% because of crossover in categories

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