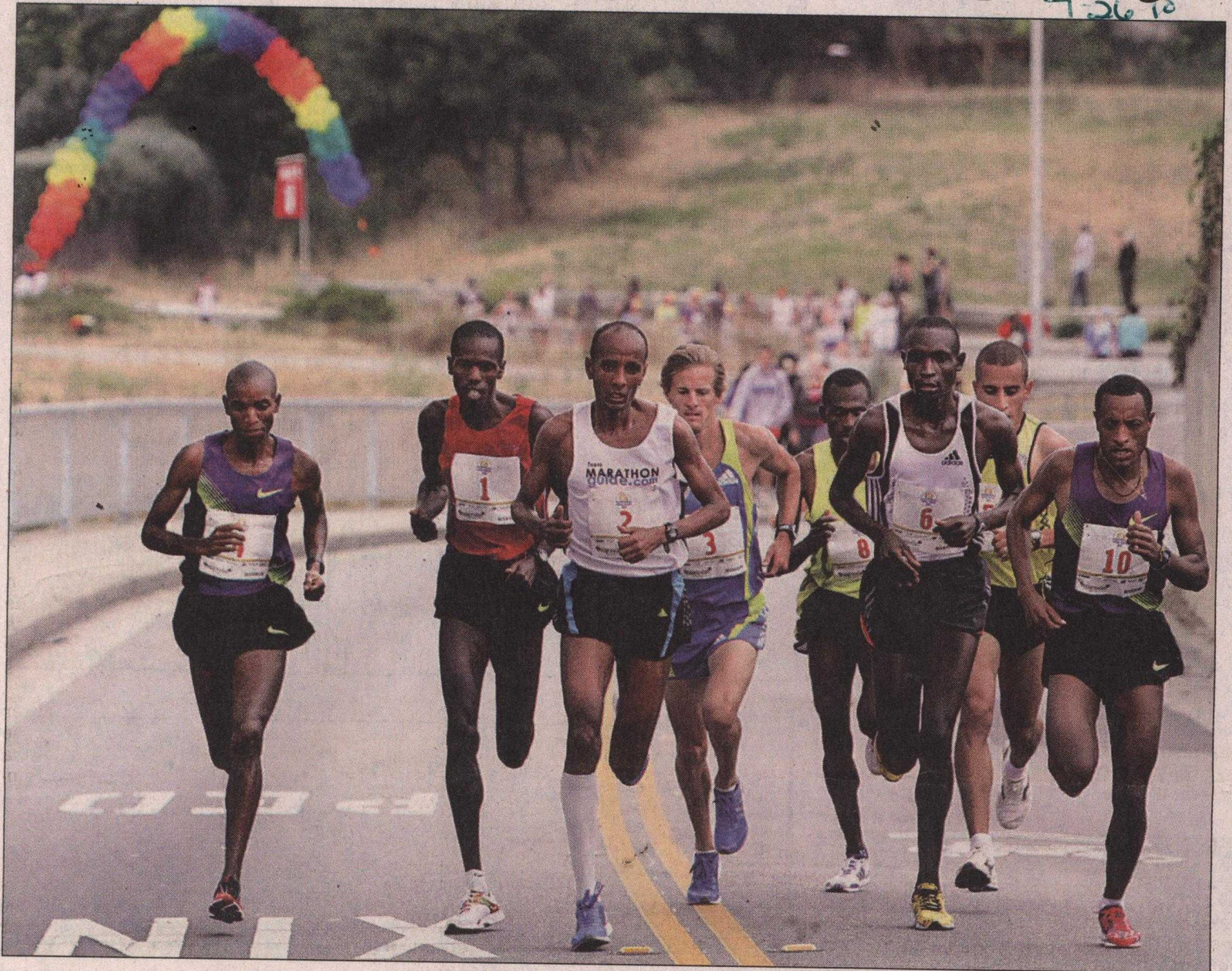


Wharf to Wharf

38TH WHARF TO WHARF

# RUNNING AWAY WITH IT

Kenya's Kosgei takes win to make Reta runner-up once again



The early leaders, including men's winner Shadrack Kosgei of Kenya, far left, climb East Cliff just past the 1-mile mark of the Wharf to Wharf race on Sunday. SHMUEL THALER/SENTINEL PHOTOS

## Ethiopia's Gebre easily fastest woman

By ISIS ROBERTS

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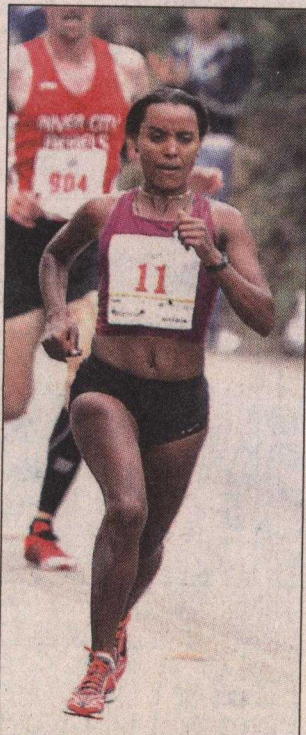
CAPITOLA — Belainesh Gebre — did you catch that name, or did it run by too fast?

Gebre, 23, of Ethiopia couldn't be caught Sunday. She completed the 38th Wharf to Wharf so fast that she finished 48 seconds ahead of the next woman. She easily took the women's title, crossing the finish line in 30 minutes, 45 seconds, just 3 seconds off the women's record set by Esther Kiplagat in 2002.

Ethiopian Alemtsehay Misganaw, who placed second in 2007, was runner-up again in 32:56. Stephanie Rothstein, of Flagstaff, Ariz., was the first American to cross the finish line, taking third in 33:08.

Gebre, who finished third last year, completed the race at the same time as many male runners, even finishing 2 seconds before the top local male finisher, Beau Gradone-Rogers.

Gebre said she ran with one of the male Ethiopian runners to



Ethiopian Belainesh Gebre sprints to the finish line to win the women's race.

## TOP RUNNERS

### MEN

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12. Brookie Determan, Santa Cruz, 36:47 (Top local 2010)

## MORE COVERAGE

Top 100 men's and women's finishers, notes and photos on B8-9.

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## Gotcher runs PR to take 6th

By JULIE JAG

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CAPITOLA — Of the thousands of people who have watched or run the Wharf to Wharf over the past five years, none could better recount the path of the winners to the finish line than Alene Reta.

In both 2007 and 2009, the elite Ethiopian runner finished second, within seconds of the leader. He added a third silver medal to his cache Sunday in the 38th running of the 6-mile footrace after 2004 champion Shadrack Kosgei of Kenya broke away from Reta with a half-mile to go to win in 27 minutes, 1 second.

"I want to win, I try every time," said Reta, 28. "I am the frontrunner but I don't get a chance to win. I want to move up."

Morocco's Ridouane Harroufi, the 2006 champion, placed third in 27:30. He received \$1,000 for his efforts, while Reta got \$2,000 and Kosgei took home \$3,000.

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SEE MEN ON B8



## NOTES

# Tsega goes to hospital



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Wharf to Wharf participants fill East Cliff Drive on Sunday.

## Elite runner treated, released after groin strain

By JULIE JAG

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CAPITOLA — Elite runner Demessew Tsega of Ethiopia was taken by ambulance to Dominican Hospital after suffering what appeared to be a groin strain early in Sunday's 38th annual Wharf to Wharf race, according to race director Kirby Nicol.

Tsega, 22, was one of 12 elite runners competing in the race won by Shadrack Kosgei of Kenya in 27:01. Tsega had not raced much in the past year while recovering from an injury, possibly to the same area. He was treated and released, safely meeting his Sunday afternoon flight from San Jose to Philadelphia.

### RACE IS LIFE'S CONSTANT

Danette Webb's life has changed quite a bit over the past 20 years, but the one constant has been the Wharf to Wharf.

Webb, 43, estimates she began running the annual 6-mile footrace between the Municipal Wharf in Santa Cruz and the Capitola Wharf 17 years ago. In the nearly two decades since, she met her husband, got married and gave birth to her three children and became a stay-at-home mom.

"It's been like a life constant," Webb said. "My running has changed with my life."

Webb remembers running the Wharf to Wharf the year she gave birth to her second daughter, who nearly died as an infant of a heart defect. She listened to an MP3 mix her husband made her and cried the whole way, she said. When she crossed the finish line, she felt renewed, just as she does every year after the race.

"It's a place for me to come back and just be me," she said.

and a lot of training."

### STILT SUPPORT CREW

Amy Hatfield may have hit upon the best way to find loved ones after the race — look for them from above.

Hatfield, a former Santa Cruz resident, and her husband, Chad Derosier, strapped on stilts and brightly colored tutus and teetered around the racer-packed Capitola Esplanade on Sunday, greeting racers and looking for members of Hatfield's family.

This is the second year the couple from Portland, Ore., — both of whom are members of the MarchFourth Marching Band — brought their stilts to the race.

"Last year we were farther up, and the race passed us by," Hatfield said. "This turned out much better than last year."

### ELITE INSPIRATION

Soquel High cross country and track coach Javier Naranjo didn't feel very confident about his chances of placing among the top 100 and receiving special recognition — as well as a jacket — in the 38th Wharf to Wharf. But the arrival of Belainesh Gebre — the eventual winner of the women's race — quickly changed that.

Naranjo's family is hosting Gebre for the race through a Santa Cruz Track Club program. On Saturday, he and the elite Ethiopian runner stretched and went on a short jog. On Sunday, they both exceeded expectations.

Gebre won in 30:45 — 3 seconds off the women's record for the 6-mile race. Naranjo, meanwhile, placed 67th overall [33:44].

"I put in the training, but having an elite runner with you just pumps you up," said Naranjo, 51. "I don't know if many people 50-51 place in the top 100."

## TOP 100 MEN'S FINISHERS

Place.	Name	Location	Time			
1.	Shadrack Kosgei	Kenya	27:01	51.	Steven Moreno	Oakland 32:53
2.	Alene Reta	Ethiopia	27:11	52.	Tyler Thiele	Turlock 32:55
3.	Ridouane Harroufi	Morocco	27:30	53.	Clayton Graham	Calabasas 32:56
4.	Simon Cheprot	Kenya	27:31	54.	Manny Lopez	Turlock 32:58
5.	Kiprotich Kirui	Kenya	27:32	55.	Devon Walton	Oakland 32:58
6.	Brett Gotcher	Flagstaff, Ariz.	27:58	56.	Rhodes Walton	Los Altos Hills 33:02
7.	Girma Tolla	Ethiopia	28:01	57.	Tyler Hoyt	Santa Cruz 33:04
8.	Daniel Tapia	Castroville	29:31	58.	Rigo Vazquez	Hollister 33:14
9.	Michael Coe	Berkeley	29:39	59.	Steven Garza	San Francisco 33:18
10.	Jimmy Elam	Mammoth Lakes	29:41	60.	Ian Blair	Billings, Mont. 33:21
11.	Jacob Evans Petralia	Palo Alto	30:06	61.	Grant Foster	San Jose 33:23
12.	Keith Hankins	San Francisco	30:06	62.	Charles Deanda	San Jose 33:23
13.	Mario Mendoza	Bend, Ore.	30:12	63.	Palmer Thiele	Manteca 33:25
14.	Harlan Lopez	Walnut Creek	30:14	64.	Rusty Parker	Dana Point 33:31
15.	Jeff Gardina	Santa Clara	30:18	65.	James Hayes	Moraga 33:31
16.	Nate Beach	Lafayette	30:21	66.	Allan Hetke	Felton 33:41
17.	Nohe Lerma	San Jose	30:25	67.	Javier Naranjo	Soquel 33:44
18.	Roman Acosta	Salida	30:37	68.	Andrew Lavallee	Fairfield 33:45
19.	Alan Jackson	Sacramento	30:43	69.	Steven Chavez	San Ramon 33:51
20.	Beau Rogers	Watsonville	30:47	70.	Julian Sunn	Santa Cruz 33:52
21.	Dayne Gradone	Watsonville	30:48	71.	Shane Brookshire	Stockton 33:58
22.	Jose Morales	Turlock	30:51	72.	Spencer Berry	Menlo Park 34:06
23.	Brendan Scanlon	Concord	30:53	73.	Scott Bolin	Coarsegold 34:07
24.	Robb Van Wyck	Clayton	30:58	74.	Jt Service	San Jose 34:08
25.	Jesus Cabrera	Salinas	31:01	75.	Jonathan Rihel	Danville 34:08
26.	Daniel Filipcik	Redwood City	31:11	76.	Ryan Hoffman	Santa Cruz 34:09
27.	Mitch Moriarty	Aptos	31:12	77.	David Gonzales	Boulder Creek 34:11
28.	Jeff Lease	Menlo Park	31:16	78.	Bruce Reisenfeld	Los Angeles 34:18
29.	Jordan Fairley	Redding	31:23	79.	Steve Zirkelbach	Piedmont 34:19
30.	Justin Coburn	Clovis	31:27	80.	Francisco Pulido	Hayward 34:20
31.	Joey Nunes	Livermore	31:31	81.	Craig Lee	San Jose 34:27
32.	Manny Mejia	Chico	31:32	82.	Jerry Francis	Santa Cruz 34:29
33.	Enrique Lopez	Chico	31:38	83.	Michael Mann II	Turlock 34:30
34.	David Monico	Santa Barbara	31:40	84.	Carlos Castelo	Santa Rosa 34:33
35.	Michael Young	Watsonville	31:49	85.	Greg Hales	Aptos 34:34
36.	Zach Klapholz-Brown	Stanford	31:54	86.	Martin Mumenthaler	Redwood City 34:35
37.	Salvador Garcia	Los Banos	31:56	87.	Christopher Ratliff	Santa Cruz 34:36
38.	Sean Marzolf	Lodi	31:59	88.	Clifford Crum	Milpitas 34:48
39.	Brett Carter	Palo Alto	32:01	89.	Antonio Arreola	San Jose 34:49
40.	Andrew Dixon	Goleta	32:05	90.	Victor Camacho	Salt Lake City, Utah 34:54
41.	Julio Jimenez	Chico	32:06	91.	Calvin Do	Cupertino 34:57
42.	Zachary Zadrozna	Rocklin	32:15	92.	Alex Shore	Monterey 35:00
43.	Eric Palmer	Monterey	32:16	93.	Tony Roberts	El Sobrante 35:03
44.	Alex Johann	Palo Alto	32:29	94.	Jesus Camacho	King City 35:04
45.	Joey Kochlacs	Chico	32:30	95.	Sheldon Ah Sing	Campbell 35:07
46.	Tyler Deniston	Concord	32:31	96.	Michael McNamara	Aptos 35:11
47.	Liam Jones	Santa Cruz	32:32	97.	Angelo Pietroforte	Milpitas 35:16
48.	Bradley Alban	Thousand Oaks	32:42	98.	Michael Connors	San Clemente 35:18
49.	Clinton Hayes	Chico	32:45	99.	Trent Avilla	Hilmar 35:22
50.	Dane Sawyer	Los Gatos	32:49	100.	Chance Carothers	Watsonville 35:23

**MEN'S RECORD:** Lameck Aguta, 1992, 26:42





## MEMENTOS

Eva Mosegaard of Capitola won't need wallpaper if she keeps running Wharf to Wharf races.

Mosegaard has kept her race bib for each of the 15 straight Wharf to Wharf races she has run and her daughter, who occasionally runs with her, has added to the collection.

"I'm really committed to this," Mosegaard said. Over the past five years, Mosegaard has also made it a habit of having the winners sign the bibs.

"I'm proud of them," Mosegaard said. "I admire them. This takes a lot of commitment

inspire his Knights athletes.

"I want to do the same for them as an elite runner did for me," he said.

## FAST FAMILY

The Young family of Watsonville now have matching jackets.

Ramona Young, St. Francis' cross country and track coach, and her two children placed among the top 100 for their sexes, all winning coveted light blue top-finisher jackets.

Michael Young placed 35th among the men [31:49], while Alexandra Young was 79th [42:19] and Ramona was 85th [42:43] among women.

## MEN

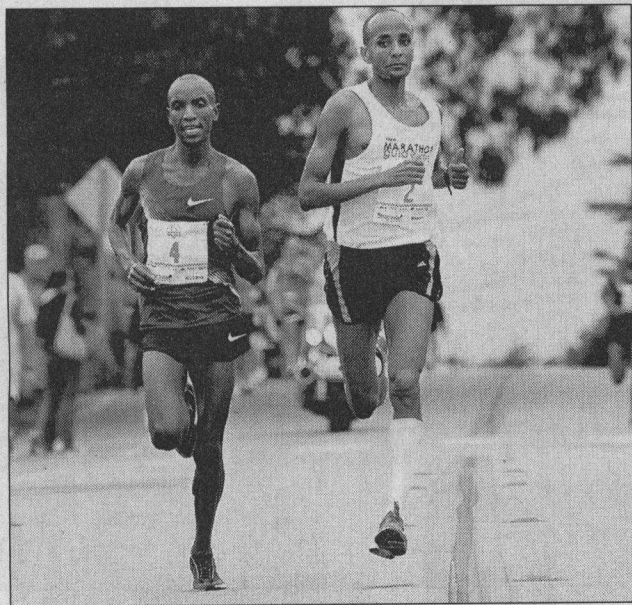
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Race-specific training helped Brett Gotcher, a former Aptos High and Stanford track and cross country standout, turn in a personal-record time. Still, his 27:55 was only fast enough for sixth place. Gotcher, the winner of eight straight Top Local Finisher awards from 2001-08, didn't even get to reclaim that accolade, nor did former Mariner and last year's top local Jacob Petralia Evans, who placed 11th. Because both of those runners registered under their current addresses [in Flagstaff, Ariz., and Palo Alto, respectively] the honor went to Watsonville High graduate and Chico State steeple-chaser Beau Gradone-Rogers. He took 20th in 30:47, just edging stepbrother and current Aptos High standout Dayne Gradone for the \$1,000 prize.

"Both congratulated me and said 'It's your turn,'" Gradone-Rogers said of Gotcher and Petralia. "They've both won this award and now it's time to pass it on."

After four years of racing the course between the Municipal Wharf in Santa Cruz and the Capitola Wharf, Reta, who took fifth in 2006, has his tactics down, and he seemed to execute them perfectly Sunday morning. He set a blazing pace for the first mile, covering it in about 4:15, cutting the pack of contenders to eight before they even crossed the San Lorenzo Bridge. At Seabright Avenue, he pushed a little harder, dropping Gotcher and narrowing the lead pack to five, including three former champions — last year's winner Simon Cheprot, Kosgei and Harroufi.

"Alene did a good job," said



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It was clearly a two-man race for the men's title as Shadrack Kosgei, left, and Alene Reta separated themselves from the pack as they ran past the 3-mile mark. Kosgei pulled away for the win in 27:01 to hand Reta his third second-place finish.

Kosgei, 24, who shaved 50 seconds from his '06 winning time. "After one and a half miles to go, he moved ahead."

At the harbor beach, Reta really stepped on the gas, and only Kosgei went with him. From there, it turned into a two-man race. But halfway through the final mile, Reta realized he once again would have to settle for runner-up. Twenty-four hours earlier he had set a course record on his way to winning the Deseret News 10-kilometer title in Utah, and he said his legs were too tired to keep up with Kosgei, who is running better than ever.

Kosgei's time in the perfect 57-degree weather was the second fastest in race history, trailing just Lameck Aguta's record of 26:42 set in 1992.

"It was a really good race for me today," said Kosgei, who added he feels his endur-

ance and speed have improved since he won as a 19-year-old. "The pace was good, weather was perfect. I felt really good today."

Gotcher also felt good about his race, even though it didn't produce the win he had hoped for. After regretting missing last year's Wharf to Wharf, the 2012 Olympic marathon hopeful finally got a chance to train specifically for the county's biggest sporting event. He cut his PR by a minute, but realized early that he wouldn't be able to keep up with the stacked field, many of whom run 10k races weekly.

"It's a little discouraging to think I thought I was strong enough to run with the winners, but it was a level up today," Gotcher, 25, said. "I had to let them go and face the reality that I had to run my own race. I ran the best race I could have run."



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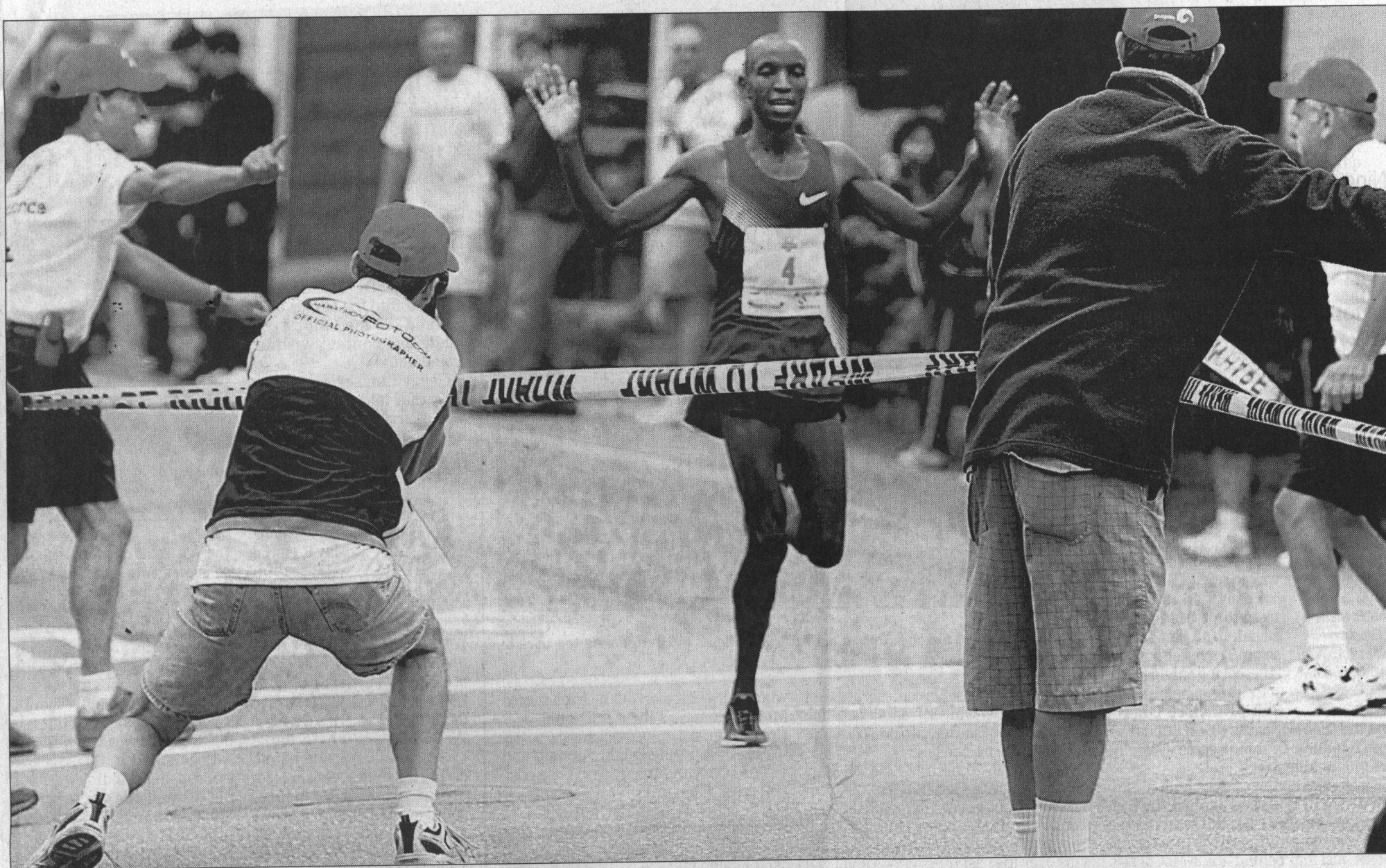
Aptos High graduate Brett Gotcher sprints to the finish line to take sixth place in the Wharf to Wharf with a time of 27:58 on Sunday. It was Gotcher's best time ever in the race.

## TOP 100 WOMEN'S FINISHERS

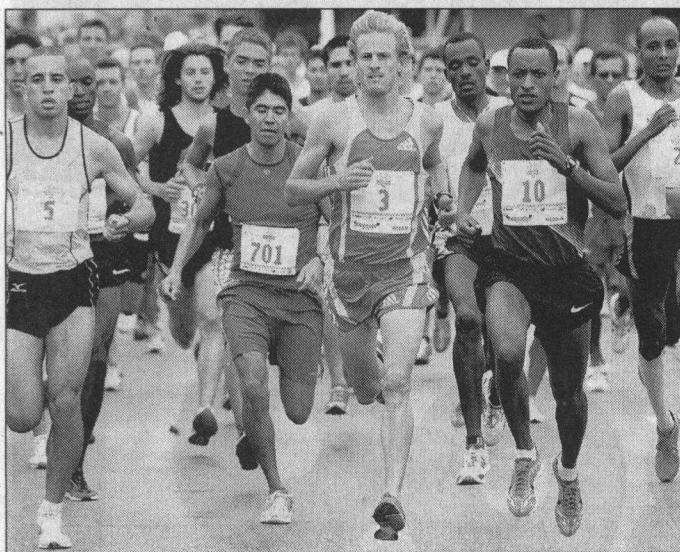
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6.	Tori Tyler	Chico	34:43
7.	Lauryne Chetelat	Berkeley	35:08
8.	Caitlin Fitzgerald	Palmdale	35:29
9.	Lindsay Gardina	Santa Clara	35:40
10.	Kimberly Cloud	Turlock	35:58
11.	Jenny Bergren	Orinda	36:33
12.	Brookie Detterman	Santa Cruz	36:47
13.	Erin Fabris	Los Gatos	36:55
14.	Tanya Ferreira	Royal Oaks	36:57
15.	Suzanne Segesta	Redwood	37:02
16.	Callie Mulgannon	Aptos	37:09
17.	Shannon Cody	Redwood City	37:24
18.	Allison Sturges	Los Altos	37:31
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26.	Lea Nibur	Coarsegold	38:41
27.	Marissa Ferrante	Aptos	38:42
28.	Katie Castro	Los Gatos	38:43
29.	Carolyn Jaeger	San Francisco	38:43
30.	Katie Nast	Saratoga	38:45
31.	Katrin Tobin	Santa Cruz	39:00
32.	Vanessa Fraser	Scotts Valley	39:03
33.	Rachel Stump	Los Gatos	39:07
34.	Kelley Puglisi	Santa Cruz	39:10
35.	Elizabeth R. Mayeda	Aptos	39:22
36.	Samantha Forde	Santa Cruz	39:26
37.	Kimberly Mygatt	San Jose	39:29
38.	Ellen Wallace	Sunnyvale	39:30
39.	Carrie Chavez	San Ramon	39:34
40.	Angela Matthews	Sacramento	39:44
41.	Emily Trexel	Aptos	39:53
42.	Mary Kriege	San Jose	39:58
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45.	Monica Nicholson	Aromas	40:05
46.	Teresa Gaims	Santa Cruz	40:13
47.	Hayley Swanson	Livermore	40:25
48.	Stephanie Davey	Palo Alto	40:31
49.	Kimberly Thomas	Santa Cruz	40:33
50.	Jennifer Willoughby	Soquel	40:35
51.	Jen Maravillas	San Mateo	40:36
52.	Elle Sanders	Santa Cruz	40:38
53.	Teresa Scattini	Carmel	40:40
54.	Michelle Prowse	Soquel	40:42
55.	Amy Yule	Cambridge, Mass.	40:48
56.	Annie Adams	La Selva Beach	40:51
57.	Julie Ruiz-Wibbelsmann	Livermore	40:54
58.	Lisa Renteria	Los Gatos	40:56
59.	Mayra A. Garcia	Salinas	40:58
60.	Misha Scovill	Fresno	41:10
61.	Ariana Perez	Antioch	41:13
62.	Leslie Schaeffer	Santa Cruz	41:14
63.	Julie Bramlett	Santa Cruz	41:18
64.	Sara Cohen	Soquel	41:31
65.	Jenn Betancourt	Santa Cruz	41:32
66.	Ann Elam	Manteca	41:36
67.	Adair Paterno	Santa Cruz	41:38
68.	Mary Jane Vidovich	Los Gatos	41:42
69.	Charmin Wolles	Aptos	41:46
70.	Julie Nacco	Larkspur	41:48
71.	Vanessa Lordi	Livermore	41:53
72.	Nicole Von Germeten	Menlo Park	42:00
73.	Alicia Dolan	San Diego	42:05
74.	Shoshannah Orzech	Santa Cruz	42:07
75.	Nancy Velazquez	Hayward	42:07
76.	Suzie Jochner	San Jose	42:08
77.	Michelle Bokamper	Fremont	42:12
78.	Samantha Jones	Martinez	42:14
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95.	Julie Stockwell	Santa Cruz	43:25
96.	Sarah Rankin	Menlo Park	43:27
97.	Christa Green	San Jose	43:27
98.	Katy Haynes	San Francisco	43:30
99.	Valerie Walters	Soquel	43:32
100.	Arlene Bitmansour	San Carlos	43:33

WOMEN'S RECORD: Esther Kiplagat, 2002, 30:42









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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Men's winner Shadrack Kosgei crosses the finish line in Capitola.

- For many, the Wharf to Wharf was 6 miles of smiles.
- Tanya Naranjo stretches on Beach Street before Sunday's race.
- Pleasure Point surfers take to the waves as Wharf to Wharf participants head toward Capitola on East Cliff Drive.
- Brett Gotcher (3) gets off to a quick start.
- Denver's Lisa Wilson came to Santa Cruz with flowers in her hair for this year's Wharf to Wharf.

## WOMEN

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maintain a good pace and time.

"I didn't see any of the girls," Gebre said through a translator. "I was running with my friend and I just ran all the way through with him."

The strategy worked, as she improved her 2009 Wharf to Wharf time by 7 seconds.

"No matter what, I tried to stick with him," said Gebre.

"He went ahead of the group, so I went with him. I'm so happy to win this race and to PR from last year's race."

Brookie Detterman of Soquel was the top local woman, finishing 12th in 36:33. Detterman said finishing as the top local has been a goal since she began running the annual 6-mile race at 9 years old.

"I've run this race for 16 years and it was always a big goal of mine since I was little," Detterman said. "It was really exciting. I had absolutely no idea

[that I was the top local] when I got my paper with the results."

Harbor High grad Lindsay Gardina, now of Santa Clara, finished ninth in 35:40.

A sold-out field of 15,000 athletes came from 40 states and eight foreign countries to run the seaside course from the Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf to the Capitola Wharf. The live entertainment of bands and dancers were in full effect along the course as the competitors ran to the finish line.

"I love it because it's like this highlight," Detterman said. "All

of our friends and family are running the race and I get to see a lot of people I know, and it's a lot of little kids from the junior guard program. I hear them cheering and it keeps me going. My mom waits on the downhill so I just have to make it to my mom."

Wharf to Wharf Committee president Ken Thomas said he was very happy to see the Wharf to Wharf have another successful year.

"It's perfect conditions to run a fast time," Thomas said. "You got people all along the

course and with the bands and the festivities, people really like the race. It's evident by some of the previous winners and high-place finishers who come again and run the race."

Gebre, who also won the Crazy 8s 8-kilometer race last week, took home the first-place prize of \$3,000, as did men's top finisher Shadrack Kosgei of Kenya. The second-place men and women earned \$2,000, while the third-place runners received \$1,000. The men's and women's top local runners also earned \$1,000.

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