

**Melisa Christian 34th at the
USA Women's Marathon Championship**

Melisa Christian of Dallas, who won the DRC Half last year, placed 34th among 171 finishers Sunday (Nov. 7) at the USA Women's Marathon Championship, which was conducted at the ING New York Marathon. Melisa ran a 2:44:23. The winner was Shalane Flanagan with a 2:28:40. She was second to winner Edna Kiplagat of Kenya, who ran a 2;28:20. Winning the men's title was Gebre Gebrmariam of Ethiopia with a 2:08:14.