

## Records set at Houston Marathon; USA Half Marathon champs decided



Teshome Gelana and defending women's champion Teyba Erkesso led an Ethiopian sweep of the 2010 Chevron Houston Marathon on Sunday (Jan. 17), each setting course records. Gelana, 25, running his second marathon in six weeks, broke away from a pack of five runners at the 22-mile mark and finished in 2:07:37. His time shaved 15 seconds off the previous course record set by fellow Ethiopian Deriba Merga in 2009. Both

Gelana and Erkesso received \$35,000 for their victories. Antonio Vega (St. Paul, Minn.) and Shalane Flanagan (Portland, Ore.) claimed 2010 USA Half Marathon Championships with their victories in the Aramco Houston Half Marathon. Vega, 26, broke the tape in 1:01:54, setting a new personal best by more than a minute and running the fourth-fastest time by American on the Houston half marathon course. Two-time Olympian Flanagan, 28, shattered the course record in the women's half marathon championship. Runners are shown ready for the start of the half early Sunday morning. Photo submitted by Jose Lopez.