

## *Cityview posed an April test*

For the veteran runners in the Metroplex, they'll probably remember that one of the most challenging test of April was the now-defunct Cityview10K at the Cityview Centre on Bryant-Irving Road in Fort Worth. It seemed to always attract many of the Metroplexes top runners.

In 1997, one of the strongest fields showed up among the approximate 800 entries. And two runners dominated. Former UT-Arlington runner **Chris Strait** won both the men's 5K and 10K titles, and **Monica Ecker**, winner of the NCAA national 5K championship in 1992, beat the women in both races.



Strait, who was racing only his fourth 10K distance, won in 33 minutes, 38 seconds. He had taken the 5K just minutes before in 16:16. Ecker ran away from the women's field in 18:41, and then won the 10K in 39:18.

Among the men in the 10K were former Cowtown 10K winner **James Jackson**, who finished fifth behind Strait, **Chad Schacht**, **Leo Garcia** and **Rodney Orand**. Runner-up to Strait in the 5K was **Brad Gardner**, who is one of the top masters runner in the area now. The women's 10K included second- and third-places finishers **Vicki Stevenson** and **Debbie Sanders**, two runners who still are walking away with age-division trophies. Debbie, in fact, just won her age division April 1 at Hit The Bricks.

In Dallas that day, Keith Johnson, who was winning just about everything he entered during that span, won the men's Lawyers Have Heart 5K with a 16:16, and Christine Larson won the women's in 19:16.

**Notes:** **Emily Field** beat the men and women at the **Feed The Children 5K**, March 18, in Grapevine. But the men shouldn't be too embarrassed because Field, a former Highlands Park runner, is a top-notch competitor for the University of Texas. She ran a 17:23. Field also won the women's division in the **Borden Uptown 5-Mile Run** on March 25 and finished second at the Big D-Texas Half Marathon...**Henry Stewart** was known to many who attended area road races. Henry died March 11 after collapsing at the **Run To The Ranch 5K**. At the tribute to Henry on Marcy 15 at the First Baptist Church in Benbrook, Henry's son Mike said when Henry retired after 46 years with the FAA, he literally hit the ground running. Though Henry started running later in life and had heart problems, he credited running with prolonging his life. One of his running highlights, Mike said, was Henry running the original marathon course in Greece on his 70th birthday. **Marty Leicht**, owner of Integrated Racing System, said he recently had a long talk with Henry and learned, for one thing, that Henry kept a detailed log of his runs at road races. Another interesting thing about Henry, Marty said, was that he was always the first to send in an entry. "Whenever an entry was available, he would send it in," Marty said. Sometimes, he'd send in entries for two races if they happened to be on the same day. "It was his way of donating to the runs," Marty said....Another runner familiar with veteran road runners also recently died, as was mentioned in the recent Fort Worth

Runners Club newsletter. **Emery Deaki II**, who had been battling cancer, was not only one of the friendliest runner, but he always was willing to help with a training tip. He was 74... **Victory Over Violence**, scheduled April 8 at Trinity Park in Fort Worth, has adjusted its course so that the start and finish lines are at the same place. The course overall hasn't changed....Fort Worth's **Mayfest**, May 6, also is changing its 5K and 10K courses. Rather than start inside the Farrington Field parking lot as they did last year, they'll be starting and finishing near the Trinity Park Shelter House, just off the W. 7th Street entrance into the park....**Dino Dash**, May 13, also will present new 5K and 10K courses, which start and finish at the Science Place inside the Fair Grounds in Dallas. Because many runners didn't like the numerous turns in last year's revamped 5K, the new route will go outside the Fair Grounds and will have a significant number of fewer turns. The new 10K course will be staying closer to the Fair Grounds....The **Arlington Winter Run**, scheduled Dec. 2, has been renamed the **Don Zetnick Winter Run**, in memory of the long-time runner and founder of The Runner retail store in Arlington. Don died not long after last year's Winter Run.