Joan Ottaway, of California, first W50 in the 5000 (18:34) and 10,000 (38:09), USA 75 National Masters Championships, San Jose, Calif., Aug. 7-10. (Note by Steve Ottaway)
Athletes at the Shoppers Village, 12th WAVA Championships, July 17-27, Durban, South Africa.

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Mary Libal, USATF 1997 W45 Track Athlete of the Year, won the 100, 200, and 400 in the Nationals-San Jose.
Joy Upshaw-Margerum, USATF 1997 W35 Track Athlete of the Year, won gold medals in the 100, 200, both hurdles, and the long jump in the Nationals-San Jose.
Stan Vegar, 42, Greenbrae, Calif., high jumped 6-2, adding points to his total 7551, to break the U.S. M40-44 record for the decathlon (Rex Harvey, 7476, 1989) at the USATF National Masters Decathlon Championships, Thomasville, N.C., Sept. 20-21.
Lyn Brubaker, USATF 1997 W40 Racewalker of the Year, on her way to a world-best 23:57.93 in the 5000 in the Nationals-San Jose.
John Martel, winning the M65 100H, 1997 USATF National Masters Championships, San Jose, Calif.

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Craig Masback, new CEO of USA Track & Field, answers questions after addressing the Masters Executive Committee Meeting at the 1997 Convention in Dallas. Ken Weinbel, Masters T&F Committee Chair, looks on.
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Jack Lance, M65, of New Jersey, running a relay leg, 1997 Masters Indoor Championships, Boston. Lance, a sprinter and hurdler, is the newly-appointed USATF Master T&F Rankings Coordinator.
Don Austin was honored with the 1997 USATF Masters Administrator of the Year Award at the USATF Convention.
Eve Pell, USATF 1997 W60 LDR Athlete of the Year, was first in the 5000 and cross-country at the WAVA-Durban Championships and smashed the world record for the 10,000 with a 43:07.45 at the Nationals-San Jose.
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Dick Lee, Eugene, Oregon, the new USATF Masters T&F Team Manager elected at the 1997 USATF Masters T&F Meeting in Dallas.

Mohawk-Hudson River Marathon, Albany, N.Y.
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Payton Jordan, USATF 1997 M80 Track Athlete of the Year, broke world records in winning the 100 and 200 at the Nationals-San Jose.
Johnnye Valien, USATF 1997 W70 Field Athlete of the Year, was a gold medalist in the long jump and pole vault at WAVA-Durban and the Indoor and Outdoor Nationals.
Karen Davis, W45, of Arizona, the 1997 indoor champion at 3000m, was third in the 5000 racewalk (27:50.82), National Masters Championships, San Jose, Calif., Aug. 7-10.

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Teresa Aragon, of New Mexico, W35 winner (27:32.83) in the 5000 racewalk, Masters Championships, San Jose, Calif., Aug. 7-10.

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Lorraine Gersitz, 43, Fullerton, Calif., and Kevin Setnes, 43, Eagle, Wisc., were the only masters on the 12-person 1997 USATF National 100K team, representing the U.S. in the 1997 World Challenge 100K in Winschoten, Netherlands, in September 1997, and winners in the USATF National Masters 50 Mile Championships, Sacramento, Calif., Nov. 15, in 7:38 and 5:36, respectively.
Joe Keshmiri, USATF 1997 M55 Field Athlete of the Year, was first at the WAVA-Durban Championships in the discus, and won the shot put at the Nationals-San Jose.
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Denise Foreman, USATF 1997 W40 Track Athlete of the Year, won the 60m, 200, and 400 at the National Indoors-Boston, and was fourth in the 100 at WAVA-Durban.
Glen Conley, 40, winner of the 1997 USATF Masters Men's Award Best Single Performance of the Year Award for his record-breaking seven-foot high jump, the first ever by a master.
Jeanne Hoagland, USATF 1997 W60 Track Athlete of the Year, took three firsts in the 400, 800 (WR), and 1500 at the WAVA-Durban Championships.
Debra Benton, 39, USA, and Lili-Ann Kriegler, 39, South Africa, giving it their all in the last few meters of the 10K racewalk, WAVA Championships-Durban. Kriegler prevailed, for the gold medal, 55:30.1 to 55:30.6.