Early leaders
The early lead peek in the marathon, 13th World Veterans Championships, Gateshead, England.
Contestants in the Weight and Ultra-Weight Meet,
It was the summer of 1960. An 18-year-old athlete needed a javelin throw of 160 feet 9 inches to join Team USA in Rome. She threw 160 feet. • It was the last time Karen Huff would fall short. • Over the next 25 years, Karen married. Taught school. Coached. And in 1985, returned to the sport she loved. • But after six national championships in Masters Track, Karen suffered a serious injury to her shoulder. Facing the prospect of never throwing again, she turned to the doctors of Evanston Northwestern Healthcare; doctors on faculty at Northwestern University. Today, with successful surgery behind her, Karen is planning her return to competitive track. • If you'd like a physician who can offer you this caliber of care, call 847-570-5020 or visit www.enh.org.
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Great Britain's gold medal W35-39 4x400 relay team (3:50.80), WAVA-Gateshead (from left): Virginian Mitchell, Jennie Matthews, Angela Beadnall, and Linda Gabriel.
Abraham Weintraub, 90, Brooklyn, N.Y., finishing the NYRRC Fifth Avenue Mile, NYC, Sept. 23.
Al Puma

Contestants at the starting line in the George Sheehan Memorial Mile for men and women 60-69, NYRRC Fifth Avenue Mile, Manhattan, Sept. 23.
The River Road Rats Senior Masters Team members show their patriotism as they cross the finish line, Nationwide Insurance Ocean to Sound Relay, Bethpage, N.Y., Sept. 24.
Members of the Fort Sam Houston track meet in 1968-69 met at the 2000 National Championships, Eugene, Ore., where John Drolla (l), 55, Austin, Texas, a sprinter back then, and Eric Zemper (c), 56, Eugene, Ore., a middle-distance runner, worked the Championships as officials. Scott Taylor, 55, Beaverton, Ore., a distance runner in 1968-69, competed in the 1500 and the 5000 at Eugene.
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First three in the W55 100 (l to r): Nadine Lowenstein, second (15.15), Sally Curtis, third (15.33), and Mary Robinson, first (15.08), National Masters Championships, Eugene, Ore., Aug. 10-13.
Len Olson

Lad Pataki, 50, gives the victory sign after scoring a world record 4818 points, USATF Masters Weight Pentathlon Championships, Pampa, Texas, Sept. 16, with Meet Director Wendell Palmer.
Joshua Kipkemboi, 41, ran a 2:12:46, an age-graded 97.8%, the fifth-fastest marathon ever by a masters runner, in the USATF Masters Championships/Twin Cities Marathon, Minneapolis, Oct. 8.
John Selleh
Nadine Bowers, W40 winner in the javelin (39.65), USATF Masters Championships, Eugene, Ore.