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April 10th 2015: The Houston Marathon: An Interview With Race Director Brant Kotch

The Houston Marathon, held every Martin Luther King holiday weekend in January, is Houston's largest single day sporting event attracting over 30,000 runners and half a million spectators. It runs concurrently with the Aramco Half marathon on a Sunday along with a 5K race that is run the Saturday before. The first Houston marathon was run on December 30, 1972 and featured 113 runners and a crowd of approximately 200 people. The 2015 race has grown to a combined 5K, half marathon and marathon field of 31,000 runners with the 2016 race expanding that field further to 33,000, 1,000 more for the

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Featured Guest



Brant Kotch

Brant Kotch is a Houston Attorney and currently serves as the Race Director for the Chevron Houston Marathon and related races and President of the Board of Directors for the Houston Marathon Committee, Inc. In those roles he has also directed high profile races including the 2012 U.S. Men & Women's Olympic Trials Marathon and 14 USA Half Marathon Championships. A casual runner dating back to high school, he started competing well in his age group during his college years and ran the Houston Tenneco Marathon from 1986 to 1992. In 1992 Brant started volunteering for his hometown marathon assisting the course director and in 1995 joined the race committee's Board of Directors. He bec

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