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Denise Sauriol
 22-time Bank of America
 Chicago Marathon finisher
 Running coach

This year will mark my 23rd running. Except for 2009, I have finished every year of the Chicago Marathon from 1994 through 2016. Prior to 2012, I ran the Chicago Marathon for me, now I run it alongside one of my clients. I am honored and inspired to share that journey with them.

It is hard to narrow my favorite memory down to one because three memories stand out. The first would be the 1994 Chicago Marathon. This was the first year that I ran. The girl who searched

for confidence throughout her life but would come up empty, tapped into what was always there that day. That finish line became the death of 'I can't' and the birth of 'I can.'

The second memory was walking the first mile of the 2009 Bank of America Chicago Marathon. On August 16th, 2009, I survived a near fatal car accident. That day became my re-birthday. I knew I could not run the marathon, but I wanted to be part of my favorite day. The accident brought to light that the journey is the destination. So now when I run a marathon, I focus more on a good time than solely my clock time.

Lastly, since 2013, I started running the marathon with one of my clients. I run alongside them from start to finish. Helping people achieve something that they didn't think they could do sticks to my soul. On October 8th, I will run with one of my first time marathon runners.

Randy Burt
 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
 Alumni Runner 1977-present

My fondest marathon memory occurred while running in the 1985 Chicago Marathon. Excitement was high because Steve Jones who had set the

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Blaise Rutto sets a marathon debut record with his winning time, 2:05:50

Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrates over Texas upon reentry, killing all seven astronauts onboard; Apple launches iTunes

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Blaise Rutto repeats as champion, 53,125 participants from 121 countries cross the finish line

American Deano Kaster wins an Olympic bronze medal in the marathon in Athens, Greece; Kim Jennings wins over \$3.5 million dollars on Jeopardy!

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American Deano Kaster claims her first major marathon victory, fending off a hard-charging Constantina Dita to win by five seconds in 2:21:25

Diane Kendal celebrates her 80th birthday; Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire tops the movie box office, grossing \$959,911,018; the Chicago White Sox win the World Series

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Cold temperatures, gusting winds and chilling rain challenge runners; Robert Cheyo (Kenya) and Denise (Kenya) win; Cheruyotajige and Jo-Victoria finish the Bank of America as an Ethiopian national record with her win in 2:20:42


The Abbott World Marathon Majors is established. The initial series includes five of the largest and most renowned marathons globally: Boston Marathon, Virgin Money London Marathon, BMW Berlin Marathon, Bank of America Chicago Marathon and TCS New York City Marathon. The Tokyo Marathon joins the series in 2012

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As a result of record setting temperatures close to 90 degrees, Chicago Marathon organizers cancel the marathon midway through for the first time in the event's history

Instagram, Tokyo Marathon, Apple introduces the iPhone, the U.S. housing bubble bursts; Barry Bonds breaks home run number 756, breaking Hank Aaron's record of 755 career home runs (a record that stood for four decades)


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