

Taking a breather: Ginger and John Skuratowicz and their dog, Rosco, take a rest at Starbucks Coffee while the Make a Difference 24-Hour Marathon continued. Ginger is a runner.

Marathon is a plus for DDA

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MINISTER BIG Apple Bagel in
downtown Farmington, participants in the first annual Make a
Difference 24-Hour Marathon of
Hope were busting their buts,
working up a hard-earned sweat
to do something good.
Inside Big Apple Bagel, some
hing good also was going on.
Owner Dave Henninger kept his
business open for the entire 24hour period, providing freebies
for the runners and other hardworking volunteers.
"Anything they wanted," said
Henninger, about what he was
donating to the effort. We just
decided to help them out.
"There were bagels, coffice, juice
and a welcome place to reat.
Many took him up on the offer,
too, particularly during the wee
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too, particularly during the wee hours Sunday morning, between 2-8 a.m.
"During the night they were in here." Henninger said. "And a log their breakfast in here."

Both on Snturday and Sunday, regular customers who came into Big Apple Bagel were a little antonished about all the activity taking place throughout the downtown area. Despite a good amount of pre-event publicity, some claimed to know nothing about the marathon.
"I tried to explain what was going on," he added. "They seemed interested and thought it was a good iden."
Henninger, who routtinely donates bagels to charities, schools and sports teams, said he was impressed enough by the event that he intends to repeat

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his offer next year. "It's for a good cause ... It was important to try and help them out." His business wasn't the only

His business wasn't the only one taking that view. Pronto Pizza doanted food for volunteers and runners. And, throughout the downtown district, merchants were cooperative with runners and others connected with the marathon. Unfortunately, the message of the day didn't get through to everybody.

everybody.

At least one motorist passing through the Downtown Farmington Center parking lot wasn't thrilled to find traffic nisles closed down because of the huge.

white registration tent. He slowed down, anticipating a turn down the far east lane, but then sped off when he saw the tent was blocking the other end. Judy Downey, executive director of the Farmington Downtown Development Authority, said the marathon was planned and carried out well enough to not disrupt businesses.

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"I think any time an event is held at the downtown center it has a positive impact" on Farmington, Downey said. "And for a cause as good as Make A Difference it's just a plus for the entire community."

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Paul Templer.

"People ask me 'Why small town USA' for (helping) Africa?' Williams said late Sunday afternoon, with the marathon winding down. "It seems like a mismatch But it's grassroots people helping other people with problems we all face."

It isn't taking long for the message and goal of the marathon to spread far beyond Farmington. Williams said he received, on Tuesday morning, three boxes of prosthetic limbs from Novacare, based in Rapid City, S.D.

To remind the people who did come out for the marathon, prosthetics covered one table near the registration tent. Giant fiberglass giraffes and zebras were memory refreshers about the continent the event seeks to help.

For Clinard, Bridges and other runners, they knew their exhausting physical workout didn't really qualify as a hard-ship when compared to that of Templer, He lost his right arm in 1996, attacked by a hippopotamus while paddling on the Zambezi River, where he worked as a travel guide.

After his accident, he and Williams brainstormed what would become the Make A Difference Foundation, a nonprofit organization with the goal of promoting global public awareness about the plight of land mine victims and amputees.

Earlier this year, Templer returned to the Zambezi, kayaking on a 1,000-mile stretch of the river during a Make A Difference-sponsored expedition. (Templer also was part of the

Farmington marathon, on "Team ZZAM," along with Chris Walton, Joe Abele and Ron Gurdjion. The foursome completed 135 miles, with Templer and Abele completing 33 miles ench, Williams said.)
Templer said a question asked of him several times during the marathon was how he felt. "I said," Pretty sore, but a lot better off than anyone who stood on a land mine for 24 hours." That was the reason we were there." Clinard, 24, who was an All-State distance runner at Farmington High, had some familiar folks running the marathon. On them, was Bridges, his former cross country coach — who brought out his current team to help with the cause. The FHS runners logged 63 miles as of 3 p.m.

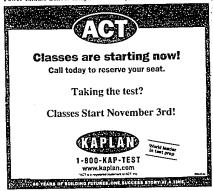
Another relay team from

p.m. Another relay team from Power Middle School completed

about 40 laps by that time, for , the same cause, but in a shorter version of the marathon called "Kids Run For Kids," Williams said. Power student Tim Mooreran enough to raise \$120, while

ran enough to raise \$120, whiteother team members were Brett
Kay, Pete Breyhan, Jan Michael
Hessenauer, Kyle Cook and
Emily Florkowski.
"Dave ran for me and he was
our team captain," Bridges said,
"He was probably the finest captain we ever had, And he askedus to help out."
Among other top runners wereMark Fisher, Susan Clinard,
(Dave's sister) and Greg Stueland, the latter who completed

land, the latter who completed land, the latter who completed more than 80 laps. Also, Todd Harris of Special Olympics ran 11 miles and Helmut Holz, who celebrated his 61st birthday Sat-urday, finished 58 laps.



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