Friends help keep mighty Rouge flowing

T WAS easy to see who the vic-tors were at Rouge Rescue '90 in Farmington Hills Saturday

in Farmington miss section, morning.

They were the folks who wore medals of different sizes and shapes — mud-splattered, dirt-caked faces and water-soaked clothes. Those who used the most elbow grease showed "

ind water-socket coulins. Holds were some the bow grease showed to work in various ways at the fifth Rouge Rescue in Farmington Hills, part of an annual cleanup throughout the Rouge River watershed basin. City officials and area volunteers put on glowes and pitched in to help Mother Nature smile again. This year's cleanup formed behind Herc's Restaurant and Vonachem Dachsund Kennels on Grand River; just cast of Middlebelt.

The restaurant provided hot dogs, soda pop, baked beans and potato saids to the weary souls who traversed steep slopes to clean this year's designated portion of the Rouge, which winds through southern the state of the state of

STATE EEP. Jan Dolan of Farmington Hills volunteered to help with the lunches. "I don't go down (Into the river), but I used to go down (Into the river), but I used to go down (Into the river), but I used to go down (Into the river), but I used to go down (Into the river), but I used to go down (Into the river), but I used to go down (Into the river), but I used to go down (Into the river), but I used to go down (Into the river), but I used to go down (Into the river), and the river into the river), and the river into the rin STATE REP. Jan Dolan of Farm-

GROUPS LIKE the Knights of Co-lumbus, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, lo-cal Boy Scout troops and the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington were also at the site.

Hills city officials were quick to extend handshakes, after first re-moving their soiled gloves. "We've found that this small stretch of the found that this small stretch of the river has cut many new passages throughout the flood plain, adding to the problem of crosion and failen trees," said Jean Barrett, assistant to Tom Blaseli, public services di-rector and local rescue coordinator. Volunteers found logiams, tires, an engine and partially filled jugs of mill/recre.

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Peggy Lemmon of Forming-ton Hills passes debris away from the river.

from the river.

member? The 25-pound snapping utrile that was dislodged from its home and made repeated efforts to return to it until somebody passed him over to another section.

"I'm amazed at what can be done in a short time period," said Terry Sever, a Hills councilinan, "It's great to see the water flowing again."

At lunchtime, mascot Parky the Panda dropped by to boost spirits. Word has it that he's a good friend of Richard Lampi, Hills community development coordinator.

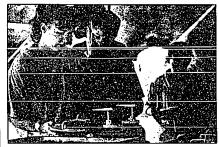
Also on hand were William Costick, Parmignton Hills city manager; Sieve Brock, his saistant; Blusellis and Costick, Parmignton Hills city manager; Sieve Brock, his saistant; Blusellis and Frecht Peter Baldwin, Description of the Brock his saistant; Blusellis and Frecht Bolk Belboy Lois Vagnozzi; and her granddaughter, Michelle Pantaleo.



logisms and other debris restricting the flow of water in the Friends of the Rouge team up in Farmington Hills to clear out



Farmington Hills District Fire Chief Bob Rebtoy removes a log while pitching in to keep the river flowing.



AT LEFT: Cristine Smith (left), 21, of Wixom, and Gabe Slack, 12, of Farmington Hills, stand in line for hot dogs and salad after the morning river rescue in Farmington Hills.

Staff photos by Sharon LeMieux

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

BREAK-INS PROBED

Video electronics and a stereo system were reported stolen from a house on James Court May 25-28.

Garden tools, a VCR camera and two VCRs valued at \$4,000 were reported stolen from a house on West Skye Drive May 26-27.

e A VCR, two color TVs, jewelry, a computer, a shotgun, a fur coat and coins valued at \$4,250 were reported stolen from a house on Parkhill May 31.

• EXPLOSIVES SEIZED

A 28-year-old Ferndalo man and a 26-year-old Ferndalo man ware arrested after 14 M-200 explosives and some hashish, marijuana and narcoties paraphernalis were found in their car during a traffic stop May 27, Farmington Hills police said.

An M-200 is equivalent to a quar-ter stick of dynamite, police said.

WOMAN DUPED

A Detroit woman was duped out of \$760 in a phony investment scheme that began as a discussion over a red pencil case in the checkout line at the Target department store at West River Centre in Farmington Hills.

The woman gave this account to police:

While she was standing in the checkout line at 2 p.m. Tresday, a woman behind her picked up a red pencil case from the floor and asked her and another woman if it be-

longed to either of them. They said

The woman who found it opened the case and said money was inside. The three then walked to the lot. The woman with the case said she worked at a nearby bank and suggested all three go there to check to see if the money was real.

At Comerica, 29466 Grand River, the woman with the case went in-side When she returned, she said the case contained \$100,000 and four gold colors.

gold coins.

She said if they raised another \$1,000, they could open a joint bank account and live off the interest from the money they found.

and credit union to withdraw \$700

Back at Comerica, the woman with the case went inside, then returned to the car and told the victim to go inside to speak with a certain man.

When the victim went inside, ro one by the name she was given worked at the bank. The other two women, meanwhile, bad driven away with the victim's \$760.

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The second woman said she had \$500 in her purse.

The victims said she had \$60 in her purse and agreed to go to her bank 500 young people were present.

Dolan schedules campaign kickoff

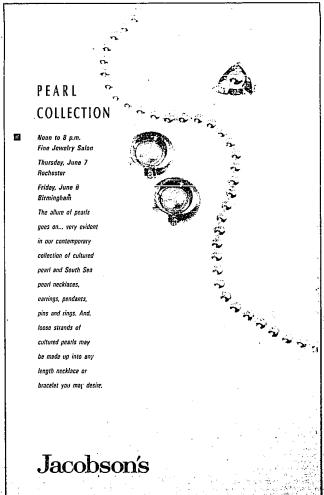
election '90

The primary is Aug. 7. The gen-

eral election is Nov. 6.

DOLAN KICKOFF
State Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, will kick off her 1990 campaign for re-election with a picnic in the park family event 1-4:30 pm.
Smrday, June 17, at Farmington

Hills' Heritage Park, on Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile.
Hot dogs, balloous, games with dad for Father's Day, a magician and more will be walting for supporters. For more information, call Delan's campaign manager, Nancy Bates, 553-3930.
Dolan is seeking ber second term in the state House representating the 69th District. She will have no opposents in the primary, But Farmington Hills Democrat Barry L. Brickner will square off with her in the November general election.



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