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of Southfield and the Farmington Ministerial Association were among the groups and agencies that offered support to the Jacksons and condemned what they feared was a racial attack.

But Dwyer said Hills police believed the act was gang-related from the start.

"From day one the Farmington Hills Police Department did not say that it was racial," he said. "We thought it was gang-related and that's exactly what it was."

Hills police also issued a warrant for a 13-year-old Wolverine Lake youth charging him with painting the gang graffiti on a bench and the street near the Jackson home on Lancaster Street.

Police are also pursuing the case against two other juveniles suspected in the crime. Hills police continue to offer a \$1,000 reward.

Dwyer praised detectives Al Soderlund and Bill Michaluk for their investigation. The chief said the youth police charged in the incident was a suspect from the beginning. He had a long record of similar, but less destructive, crimes in the area.

"It was not one thing, but a

compilation of evidence and other things that led to the arrest," said Detective Sgt. Doug Anderson.

The Oakland County Juvenile Intake Department authorized the petition to charge the youth and a probate court hearing is scheduled for Aug. 9. The charges are one count of second-degree home invasion, one count of malicious destruction of property over \$100 and one count of malicious destruction of property under \$100 for spraying graffiti on a bench near the Jackson home.

All of the incidents took place during the last week of May. The Jacksons were visiting relatives in Chicago at the time.

The Hills police investigation, which included questioning more than 100 people, was aided by the Oakland County Sheriff Department's Commerce Township substation, the Michigan State Police polygraph unit, Walled Lake, Wixom, Farmington and Dearborn police.

The 15-year-old charged in the case is currently in the Oakland County Children's Village for probation violations.

Anyone with information on the incident or individuals involved can call the Hills police at 474-6181.

YMCA HIGHLIGHTS

These YMCA Highlights appear courtesy of the Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For more information, call 553-4020.

**BASKETBALL CAMP**

There will be a basketball camp held at the Farmington Area YMCA Aug. 14-18. This camp is open to youth entering 4-8 grades in the fall. Instruction will be given by Don Peterson, from Northville High School. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon. Contact

Carol McMillan at 553-1935 to have a registration flyer mailed to you. Enrollment is limited. Cost for the camp is \$65, which includes a basketball and T-shirt.

**ANNUAL SHUT DOWN WEEK**

The Farmington YMCA will be closed the week of Aug. 20-27 for its annual maintenance and cleaning. Feel free to use either the Livonia or Birmingham facilities during that time. The YMCA will reopen its doors Monday, Aug. 28 at 6 a.m.



Local talk: George Romney delivered a talk on what's wrong with America at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in December of 1983.

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giving back to the community."

Lipsa, who has become synonymous with Special Olympics and Farmington Hills' Commission on Children, Youth and Families, which he chairs, said Romney had tremendous credibility because he did not "dig for the dirt" on political opponents.

"What lessons do we teach our kids if we show that you can win if you can find something personal bad about your opponent," Lipsa said. "The governor was not like that."

State Rep. Jan Dolan, a Republican who represents Farmington and Farmington Hills, said her first recollection of

Romney was a lasting one.

"It was in 1966 and I had just moved here from Ohio," she said. "We were at the Franklin Elder Mill and here was this man taking (former Gov.) Bill Milliken around, introducing him. He was unknown to me at the time, but I knew that this was someone I wanted to find out about."

Dolan didn't have to look far to find out about Romney, who was at the zenith of his political life in those years. But that success had a strong foundation.

"He had high moral values," Dolan said. "He was a very honorable man, a good person. And

he believed in openness and honesty in government."

"There are far too many that I've met who would say or do anything to be elected and then say or do anything to stay elected," she said. "He wasn't that type. He was a role model."

In recent years Romney had shunned the easy chair of retirement he had earned in favor of a vigorous campaign to increase volunteerism and match those willing to volunteer with the right agency.

He thereby became a pioneer in his third pursuit. Romney saw that volunteerism was just so much warm milk and cookies, but an essential ele-

ment in the survival of a free society.

He saw volunteerism as a realistic way to strengthen the family, the individual and help the needy.

"I think his legacy is safe," said Bates, who said few leaders could match Romney's commitment or stature. "But I wouldn't want to someday have to face him having dropped the ball."

Romney, who considered the connecting of Detroit and Lansing via I-96 to be one of his accomplishments as governor, will be buried in Fairview Cemetery in Brighton, overlooking "his" interstate.

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"We were real pleased with it," North Farmington Principal Deb Clarke said. "It made them think twice about missing school, and the parents were very supportive of it."

Farmington High and Harrison eliminated study halls, which partly necessitates the change.

Several other districts have cut out study hall periods, said Don

Cowan, director of Kindergarten through Grade 12 instruction. Some students were using the period to study, but study halls were becoming a way to escape tough classes.

Substitute teachers will handle the make-up periods. Students will be given instructions as to classroom work they need to complete.

Some classroom teachers were concerned about having disruptive kids in the classroom who didn't want to be there. They will be handled through regular disciplinary means, Cowan said.

"I think it's very beneficial for the kids," Farmington High assistant principal John Barrett said. "It keeps students in classes

and gives them an opportunity to make up missed classroom work."

While the change addresses a "small minority" who skip classes, school officials said the policy underscores the importance of attendance at all grade levels.

Said Clarke: "We want kids to be in school."

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