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Daktand Digest features a roundup of some of Oakland County's top news stories as ro ported in the Observer & Eccer tric Newspapers in the last wed

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weekend.
Despite what appeared to be
the racial spithet of "white power" spray painted on an upstairs
hall well, Hills police chief Bill
Dwyer said police believed the in
cident was gang-related from the

cident was gang-related from the start.

The 15-year-old authorities arrested Friday is an African-American who lives nearby on the azme street as the couple, the Jacksons.—'We think because Mr. (Bruce) Jackson reported graffith near house, he was targeted, "Dwyer said.
The suspect could spend up to

said.
The suspect could spend up to four years in a juvenile correction at facility for the vandalism that caused more than \$100,000 in

E APOLOGY SOUGHT
West Bloomfield township of ficials, residents and clergy see nothing funny about David Clay-ton-Thomas' attempt at humor during the July 22 Blood, Swest & Tears concert at Marshbank
Path.

Tears concert at Marabbank
Park.
In fact, a formal letter of apology is being sought from ClaytonThomas for an of the-culf, betwen songs comment that it was as bot on stage "as the last train
car going to Auchwitz," one of the
Nazi concentration camps during
The Holocaust of World War II.
Clayton-Thomas did offer a
general apology to the public
Tuesday night, which was report
and on the Channel 50 10 p.m.
news.cst. in the statement, the
singer said he was norry he offended anyone with his comments, that he was not antiSemetic and that half of his band
is Jewish.

Design Venn, a 1995 graduate of West Bloomfield High School, pleaded guilty to charges of segravated assault Monday in Sthib District Court.

The was no surprise, "said district court Judge Thomas Brookover, referring to Venn's plea.

Venn had originally been charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder after striking former WHHS student Stave Paltah in the high school parking let in May 1994. After consideration of the charge, Brookover, in June 1994, reduced it to aggravated assault is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in jell and a fine of \$500. The case has been referred to the probatton depertment before sentencing will occur.

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E TEMATE CORPLAIN

Cracked porches, abandoned air conditioner units, leaky basements and fastly wring are just some of the reasons Many Grasley considers Oak Hills Apartments the "partie of downtown Rachesters."

Grasley, who's lived in the complex since April 1992, is putting her rest money into an acrow account until exampsement addresses some of her concerns. Grassley is one of four trensits the complex is trying to evict because their rent is pest thus. The two sides are scheduled to appear in district court Aug. 9.

Marshall Davis, one of the spartment owners, claims Grassley and others are only exaggrating problems at the 94-unit complex because they re behind in rest and fighting eviction.

SI WINGUE SURE ARRORST
Julie Dearing, the wife of an
Auburn Hills direfighter whe died
in the line of duty, has filed a levsuit against the snan convicted of
intentionally striled to fire.
The leventi, filed in Onlined
County Circuit Court, seals more
than \$10,000 in demages and
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then \$10,000 in demands and neames convicted arronist J mess Quirk and his permits as the de-fendants. It's assigned to Judge Berry L. Howard.
"This is not about money," her stierney, Elmer Relier, said.
"This is not a wrong person — a felon — whe needs to remember every day the grief he has sussed."

Firstighter Dennie Deoring Jr. Freshilled in February 1994 while heating a house fire on Lake An-gates Read. gains Read.

Quirk, who was 20 at the time
lived at the house with his pur-exts and was later convicted of

starting the blaze. He's now serv-ing 5-20 years at the Carson City Correctional Facility for arson and involuntary manalaughter.

B WE CONSIDERS SCHOOL
West Bloomfield is still interested in Birmingham school district's Wainut Lake Elementary, but now the township is looking to buy rather than lease the vacant site.
While West Bloomfield's Parks and Recreation Commission has been working to build a consortium of businesses and community

agencies to lesse the school, the township board of trustoes docid-ed last week it was interested in helping the commission purchase

the property.

Marc Shulman, the township lisison in the project, met with a group of Birmingham school board members and administrators last week to discuss the po-tential sale.

Mancy Kusma has resigned as coordinator of the Mature Minglers senior citizen organization.

With her resignation, effective Aug. 4, Kuma declined to give a specific reason for leaving but said she was frustrated with recent events regarding operations of the organisation.

"I've never been so disappointed in my life," she said.

The resignation came just days after the Recreation and Community Services Department of the Bloomfield Hills School district made a special report on the sta-

made a special report on the sta-tus of the Mature Minglers to the school board, noting that the organization has operated at a deficit for seven of the last 10 years.

MO VACANCY
Ethan Allen furniture and a
restaurant to be named later are
the new tenants of the former
Jacobson Children's Store in

The 30,000-square-foot build-ing is at 275 N. Woodward, a block north of Maple Road. A lease was signed late last week, but the principals involved

remain tight-lipped about the plane.

Local reaction to the new devel-Local reaction to the new devel-opment is favorable. Both repre-sentatives of the Principal Shop-ping District, the city panel charged with improving the busi-ness climate, and the Birming-hom-Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce applauded the

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