### Lucaj

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With tears welling in his eyes, the popular athlete's father seemed still in disbelief as he watched a TV report on the events that led to his son's death. Then he said, "He's not coming back."

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"Lou's" surviving family had hard time understanding why such a bright star was stolen from them. His sister Gina, 14, remembered how he bragged to her in a good natured way about his accomplishments and what he owned. And for the son of Albanian transparate, it was impured. ian immigrants, it was impres-

sive.

Lou Lucaj had been a high school athlete and serious atudent. He worked six days a week at his uncle' arestaurant and went to achool at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn where he would have graduated with an associate's degree in criminal justice.

"He wanted to become a police officer, maybe in Farmington Hills, Novi or West Bloomfield," said his father. "He talked with the family about it."

The former Clarenceville quarterback (he once threw three touchdowns in one game) not only attended school and work, but still managed to attend St. Paul's Catholic Church in Warren every Sunday, along with his family.

On Thursday, some family members had attended the arraignment of Lucqi's accused killers at 36th District Court in Detroit.

Rillers at 36th District Court in Detroit.
Robert Waucaush, 22, and Dominic Garcia, Ris, alleged members of the Detroit gang Cash Flow Posse, were formally chaged before Magistrate Kerry Leon Jackson on first-degree murder, assault with intent to commit murder and felony firearms charges. If convicted, the mencould face life sentences. The suspects are being held without bond in the Wayne Court, Juli. Their preliminary examination is scheduled for April 9.

The family watched as gang nembers and family members of he accused claimed the two suspects would not kill anyone un-less "provoked." It is hard for Lu-

caj's family to believe that he would provoke anyone or that shooting someone is ever an appropriate response.
"They (family members of the accused) said my brother (Tony) was flashing gang signs in the court," said Gina Lucaj. "He

doesn't know anything about

gangs.

In fact, Detroit police have theorized that the murder was the result of Cash Flow Posse members mistaking Lucal and the three friends he'd known since he was 6 as being from a rivel gang.

The four men had pulled over on their way to Windser near the Ambassador Bridge on Bagley March 22 when a van, allegedly driven by Garcia, backed up to their Geo Tracker. The van fol-towed the Tracker and shots were fired including the one that hit

Lucaj in the back of the head kill-ing him.

"He was a very hard worker," said his mother Diels. "He was serious about his job and school. He had only been (to Windsor) maybe two times before."

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was sentenced Friday by Judge Rudy Nichols in Oakland Circuit

Rudy Nichols in Oakland Circuit
Court.
The sentence didn't please the
prosecutor or the victim's persons.
"This sentence is not justified
by the circumstances of the case,
the background of the driver or
the leating effects," said Oakland
Assistant Prosecutor Marc Bartron, "It's not justified, It's not
proportionate to the crime."
Barron had hoped for at least a
loyear sentence. Klenke family
members had also asked Nichols
to Impose a tougher sentence in
order to protect others. But the
judge Imposed the sentence,

which could result in Smith being out of jail in less than five years with good behavior.
David Klenke died Sept. 25 while riding his bike with his brother Stephen on 10 Mile. The black Ford Thunderbird, driven by Smith, croased the center line and struck the boy as his brother watched helplessly.
"We were hoping for more than six years," said Midge Klenke, the victim's mother. "But he's the judge, He has to make that decision."
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Klenke and Barron both said that Smith's extensive criminal record contained assaults and

other violent behavior.

Midge Klenke said Smith seemed to blame his drinking problem and other people, including those who beat him up at party just before the incident.

"He blames others for his actions," Barron said, "But he was so drunk that he says he doesn't remember being beaten up. He uses excuses and blames everyone except himself.

"With 14 misdemeanors, live felonies and one Holmes Youthful Training Act under his belt, I wonder how many times he's told a judge he's going to learn from his mistakes."

Midge Klenke said her son Stephen "is doing pretty well now," but said she fears that Smith could easily cause another tragedy.
"I have two kids (Stephen and Andrew, 7) and my brother has a family here," she said. "And a lot of his (Smith's) problems took place in Farmington Hills." Smith's attorney, Elias Escubelo, said his client is removaeful. He said a six-year prison stretch will be difficult rough. Smith also has a 0-month old son. He has not been out of jail since his arreat on the night of the bit-and-rus.

## Program

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place where they can do what they want," Lips says. "It's not structured from the top down."

And true to his words, the students themselves have had a big hand in deciding what activities they wanted. Students formed a committee to decide what types of activities they'd want if they had their druthers, which they do. "We went around during our lunch periods to find out what kids wanted," said Nicole La-Vake, a Power Middle School eighth grader. "We still haven't gotten it totally organized. Almost veryrone wanted some sports activities. Some of the kids on the verleyone wanted some sports activities. Some of the kids on the verleyone wanted some sports activities. Some of the kids on the verleyone wanted some sports activities. Some of the kids on the verleyone wanted some sports activities. Some of the kids on the verley of the are dying to come, but they've got

practice."
"You can do anything you want
without someone telling you what
to do," she said.
That freedom to enjoy activites

That freedom to enjoy activites in a safe environment with some supervision attracted about 80 kids a day for the first week. "My mon thinks it's a good idea," said Angela Fodor, 12, an East Middle School sixth grafer, another one of the students who chose activities. "We just wanted activities that would keep us entertained."

A group of boys crowd around a pool table to socialize and shoot a little eight-ball.
"We rule," says James Bush, 12, a Power seventh grader. "I'd be watching TV otherwise. I've been here every day except Wednesdoy."

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in the afternoon that it doesn't usually interfere with the senior programs in place, Lipa said. And those few seniors who were still at the center didn't seem to mind having the younger set around.

"I'm just glad to see them enjoying themselves," said one woman as she walked by the pools room.

room.

Lipa, who is also active in the Special Olympics program, said he isn't surprised that the kids are enjoying the program.

"We went to the schools and they scemed interested right away," he said. "And since it is really their program, they are going to decide what activities they want." going to decide what activities they want."

Lipa did a lot of last minute shopping for video games and has

been able to get food and beverage vendors to give the program price breaks so that no food or snack item costs more than 50 cents. The program is still looking for volunteers and also employs high school and college students part-

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The program's goal is to keep kids occupied in constructive so-cial activities. That, said Lips, will keep them out of trouble and give them a sense of responsibility for their own program.

Lips said the program will change as kids find new activities. But it will continue to attract them as long as they have a say. "If it's not working, they're going to tell us how we should change it," he said. "I think it will continue to grow."

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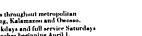
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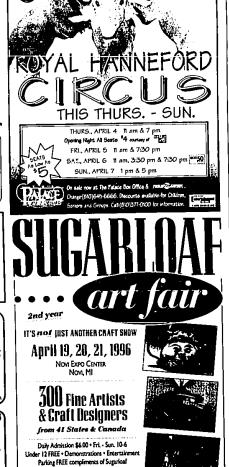
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