



Samantha Lehto (from left), teacher Lisa Anastasio, Al Kawashima and Katie Rivard spent a weekend at the journalistic equivalent of boot camp.

North students attend journalism camp

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A group of North Farmington High students who attended a journalism "boot camp" held recently in Troy came away with a little information and a greater appreciation for their journalism teacher.

Juniors Samantha Lehto and Al Kawashima and sophomore Katie Rivard attended the "Write On Time!" boot camp with teacher Lisa Anastasio.

Organized by Troy native Angela King, the conference was held March 20-22 at the Troy Marriott Hotel.

Anastasio used part of her classroom budget to pay the \$100 per person registration fee for her students and herself. The entire conference cost \$350 per person, not including hotel meals, she said, adding she found it easier to stay in Troy rather than driving the students back and forth each day.

King, a former Detroit journalist, now works as a part-time reporter for the Montclair Times in New Jersey. She's studying filmmaking at Montclair State University and says she has

"a passion for the written word."

King spent the first evening with the kids primarily discussing the news business, from how it began in the U.S. to what it is today. On Friday, she concentrated on news gathering and writing. The day's highlight was a press conference, featuring Nolan Finley, editorial page editor for *The Detroit News*, Susan Iddad, president of SHH Communications, a public relations firm, and Cindy Goodaker, executive editor of *Crain's Detroit Business*.

After peppering panelists with questions, students were on deadline until 1 p.m. Saturday writing news articles or columns they generated from attending the "Write On Time!" boot camp.

Area journalists, including Farmington Observer Editor Joni Hubred, judged the best five articles or columns submitted.

The conference drew fewer than 20 participants, including one who was college-age. It had been postponed from the fall.

Anastasio, who said she was the only teacher there, saw room for improvement

in light of current world events. The students who are accustomed to Anastasio's lectures hoped for more current events tie-ins like discussion of the war as well.

"There's a war going on and we were talking about journalism in 1643," Lehto said.

"I would have moved the TV into the room," Anastasio added.

The students came away feeling good about the journalism education they're getting from Anastasio and felt the deadlines times were longer than what they needed to write their stories.

"They gave us 10 hours to write a 500 word," said Lehto, whose mother, Penelope, once worked for the Australian Broadcasting Commission and as a freelancer in New York.

However, students liked the advice panelists gave about where to attend college.

"I'm not sorry we went," Anastasio said. "When you take students out of the classroom, it's a different environment, a different relationship."

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about the homecoming. (248) 477-5450

POLICE CALLS

Card game leads to fight

Two 22-year-old Farmington men got into a fight while playing euchre Thursday, March 27 at a residence in the 35000 block of Drakehire.

According to a police report, the men, described as roommates, had some friends over when they began arguing about the euchre game. The fight escalated into shoving, and one

of the men reportedly assaulted the other with an empty bottle.

The victim sustained injuries including a swollen eye and cut nose. Police were unable to locate the assault suspect.

Drinking, drug arrests

A 35-year-old Flint man was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor and for possessing drug paraphernalia

12:43 a.m. Thursday, March 27 following a traffic stop on Grand River.

Police administered a Breathalyzer test, which showed a .19 level, exceeding the .10 legal limit.

Compelled by staff writer Heather Woodman from reports on file at the Farmington Department of Public Safety.

Power Problem Solvers among best in state

The Future Problem Solving team from Power Middle School recently participated in the Future Problem Solving State Bowl at Eastern Michigan University.

The team qualified as one of the top 120 teams from schools all over the state.

Future Problem Solving is a creative program. Teams are

presented with a societal or technological problem projected to some time in the future. Students must research information about the problem, develop a proposal for a solution, and develop a persuasive way to present their solution to judges.

The process simulates the problem solving strategies

used in business and industry, and gives students an opportunity to do deep research and critical analysis of complex situations.

The students on this year's qualifying team were Xixi Guo, Samantha Drauer, Kelsi Landblad and Allison Vial. They were coached by eighth grade teacher, Larina Bussa.

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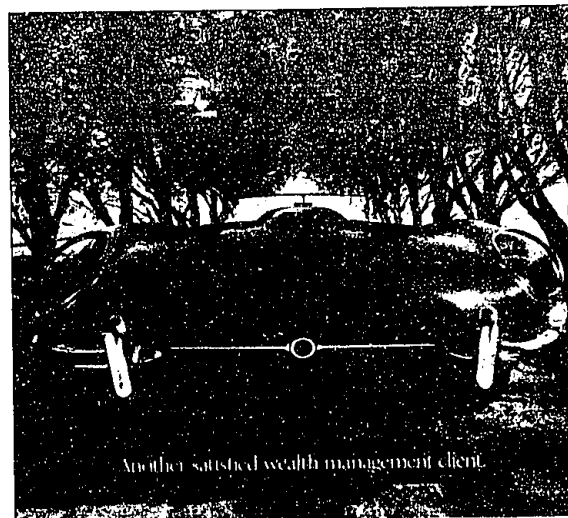


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