

# Alameda 3-year-olds make a 'career' out of parents' visit

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Moms and dads go to work for many reasons, and do many things. Alameda Early Childhood Center preschoolers found out during a recent "Career Day."

Teacher Debbie Licavoli said children in her class, all age 3, enjoyed visits to her classroom from eight parents.

"Kids love it," Licavoli said. "We make a book at the end of the unit, called 'What I Want To Be When I Grow Up.'"

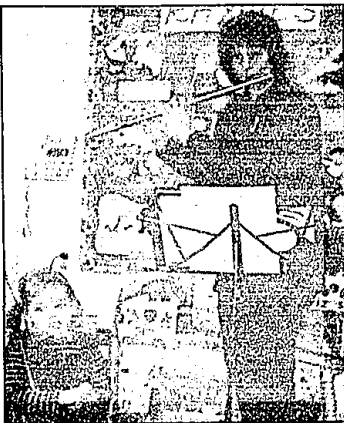
According to the teacher, the occupations theme helps show children about "our community, our world, the people who help us, the people they see."

"There are different careers for different people," Licavoli noted. "There are many reasons why mommies and daddies go to work."

And that fact was aptly illustrated at the third annual program.

Cooper Riehl's mom talked about being a Creative Memories consultant.

Maria Vincini's dad and Eric Zughaib's mom shared insight into their professional roles of



Sounds good: One of eight parents to "show and tell" at Alameda about their careers was flutist Lauren Erickson, mom of 3-year-old daughter, Linda.

doctor and nurse, respectively.

Nonh Downs dad discussed his career as a millwright.

Amber Maroudis' mom talked about being a clothes tailor,

even bringing an example of her work.

Also participating were Jude Jordan's mom (pharmacist) and

Linda Erickson's mom (flutist).



Thanks mom: Alameda parent Rola Jordan talked to her son, 3-year-old Jude, and classmates about a career in the pharmaceutical field.

## POLICE AND FIRE NEWS

The following are police and fire incidents that occurred in Farmington and Farmington Hills during the past week.

### EMBELLISHMENT

**In Farmington Hills:** An employee didn't show up for work at Papa Romano's on Grand River and a manager subsequently found three bank deposits totaling \$2,600 were missing.

### DRUNKEN DRIVING

**In Farmington Hills:** Police arrested a Walled Lake man, 43, for drunken driving on westbound 14 Mile near Clubhouse Lane around 4:30 p.m. March 17. Officers stopped the 1993 Ford van for having an expired license plate. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .13 percent.

Police arrested an 18-year-old Hills male under the zero tolerance law after he drove a 1996 Chevrolet Astro with a blood alcohol level of .03 March 19.

### GUN BRANDISHING

**In Farmington Hills:** Police arrested a 19-year-old Hills man after a manager at Sunset Trailer Park said a resident pulled a gun on him March 17. Police stopped the 1984 Pontiac J2000 and found a cap gun underneath the seat. The Pontiac was impounded for having an improper plate.

### THEFT

**In Farmington Hills:** Someone stole a jar of loose change worth between \$50-100 from an Independence Green Apartment residence March 17. A cellular phone was stolen from a shopping basket at Kroger on Middlebelt March 16.

Four hockey players reported their wallets stolen after playing at Suburban Training Center March 17. The left the wallets—each containing \$25-40 in cash—with their belongings in a locker room, which was unlocked.

### VANDALISM

**In Farmington:** A 50-year-old Farmington man reported that about \$75 in damage to a front lawn sprinkler was caused when someone drove a vehicle over his lawn between 7 p.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday.

### COMMITMENT

### In Farmington Hills:

Police arrested a man, 59, for trespassing after he showed up at Summit Psychotherapy on 13 Mile with a rock in his hand at 7 p.m. March 17. The man refused to leave, saying he wanted to see a doctor. The building was closed at the time. A person inside said the man didn't appear threatening despite holding a rock. Family members posted bail and said they planned to take him for medical treatment.

### JEWELRY STOLEN

**In Farmington:** A 44-year-old Farmington resident in the 21000 block of Birchwood reported that someone, between Feb. 15 and Wednesday, stole jewelry belonging to his late wife and 24 tablets of prescription Ritalin. Among stolen items: three gold women's rings, with diamonds, valued at a total estimate of \$9,000. There was no forced entry into the residence, police said.

### BREAK-INS

**In Farmington Hills:** Someone stole a purse that contained \$200 and credit cards after breaking the passenger window on a 1998 BMW SZ81 parked at Powerhouse Gym on Halsted March 17.

A thief smashed a window and stole a cellular phone from a 1995 Jeep Cherokee parked at Cal Cochler Salon on Northwestern Highway March 18, causing \$300 damage. A witness saw three men in a red car walk near the area where the break-in happened.

### ASSAULT

**In Farmington Hills:** Police arrested a West Bloomfield man, 27, after a 19-year-old woman said she was slapped outside of Lone Star Steakhouse after a traffic altercation March 18. The driver of a 1995 Honda accused the driver and passenger in Ford Probe of looking at him. He rolled down his window and yelled at them and drove erratically on southbound Orchard Lake near 14 Mile. Both cars pulled into the parking lot when the man slapped the woman with an open hand. Police stopped the Honda on Orchard Lake and I-696. The driver denied being in the parking lot and then said they told

him to "go back your country," referring to his Asian heritage. He denied hitting the woman. He was ticketed and released at the scene.

### AUTO THEFT

### In Farmington Hills:

Someone slim-jimmed the door and punched the ignition on a 1995 Plymouth Neon parked at Greenhill Apartments, but didn't make off with the car March 16. The reason? A dead battery.

A black \$20,000 1995 Ford Bronco was stolen from Blakney's Ranch House on Grand River March 18.

### FLEETS

### In Farmington Hills:

Police arrested a Southfield woman, 20, after she fled in a 1998 Ford Windstar on westbound Grand River and Eight Mile before stopping on Haynes and Nine Mile at 2:30 a.m. March 19. Police tried to stop the van because it didn't have headlights on. Two police cars joined the pursuit, which ended when the driver made a sharp turn onto Haynes. She told officers she had to go to the bathroom and wanted to urinate in the street but wasn't allowed. At the station, she told officers she was dancing at entertainment at a bachelor party and stole the van because she needed a ride home. The van was turned over to the owner, who wants to prosecute.

### MARIJUANA FOUND ON STUDENT

### In Farmington:

A 14-year-old student of Farmington Alternative Academy, 33000 Thomas, was arrested for possession of marijuana Monday.

According to police, several other students informed a building administrator about how the student possessed a lighter, was "threatening to burn some of them" and also dealt drugs.

The administrator confronted the student and asked him to empty his pants pockets. The lighter fell out, as did a "dime bag" of marijuana seeds and resin. It was purchased from another student for \$5, the student told police.

The student was released to the custody of his father. The parents were told that a petition would be filed in Oakland County Probate Court.

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