

Courthouse Lawn 'Garden' Pruned

Judge's Son Jailed; Pot Growing Alleged

By Bill Swindell
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STILLWATER — Sheriff Carl Hiner said he doubts he'll ever come up on an easier drug bust than one he made Monday.

All Hiner had to do was look out his window.

Justin Allen, 21, was arrested on a complaint of cultivation of marijuana after allegedly planting marijuana seeds on the north side of the Payne County Courthouse.

Hiner said he first noticed Allen, son of Noble County Associate Judge Dan Allen, around 11 a.m. as he looked out his window.

Allen was walking in a garden, 60 feet by 60 feet, full of petunias, irises and day lilies.

Most of the flowers are planted in pots 6 feet in diameter and 2 feet tall.

"I thought it was a girl digging in the flower bed," Hiner said. "But then I looked closer and saw it wasn't a girl, but this guy."

Hiner then sent Deputy Kenneth Willerton out to investigate. Hiner said he saw Allen toss the seedlings as Willerton approached.

Willerton combed through the garden and found nine spots that had been dug. The deputy then recovered some seeds, which were determined to be marijuana.

"The deputy asked him what he was doing, and he told him that he was planting flowers," Hiner said.

"This is certainly not a regular thing," he added. "But I can tell you one thing, he's (Allen) not that good of a farmer."

Allen told authorities he was homeless.

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I-44 Crash

Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Ward Opliphant investigates an accident Monday after a car, which was struck by a school bus, crashed into a tractor-trailer rig on Interstate 44.

The tractor-trailer rig dragged the car 258 feet near the Elwood Avenue exit. Troopers said no one was injured.

World staff photo by Brandi Stafford

Putting Patients' Minds to Healing

By Tim Barker
World Staff Writer

A Tulsa organization that promotes the mind as a tool to heal the body is hoping to prove its power with a research project involving patients with multiple sclerosis.

"A person's willpower and belief structure contribute significantly to their ability to heal," said Denise Rodgers, executive director of Intuitive Mind International.

"But nobody knows how to measure the power of somebody's mind. We just don't have instruments for that," she said.

The six-month project, in cooperation with Tulsa Regional Medical Center, will measure how 15 patients react to a variety of healing techniques, including meditation, visualization and concentration exercises. They will be tested before, during and after the study and compared to a control group that receives no treatment.

The testing will be conducted by Tulsa Regional's START center, at 1414 E. 71st St. Rodgers said study participants will be taught to use visualization techniques similar to those used to help patients with heart disease and cancer.



Rodgers

It's more than just exercising the power of positive thinking, Rodgers said.

"You're not only telling your mind that it is going to work, but also what it's going to look like," Rodgers said.

The technique involves using the patient's five physical senses to create a picture of health in the person's mind.

For example, the study participants will be taught to picture a healthy myelin sheath. Multiple sclerosis is thought to be caused when the sheaths, which insulate the nerves, are mistakenly attacked by the body's immune system.

Those chosen to participate in the study will be expected to attend a three-hour class each week, practice various techniques throughout the week, and keep a journal.

Rodgers said participants must be aware that no one is promising them a cure. "And this is not to be utilized in lieu of any other treatments they are receiving," Rodgers said.

Keith Khoo, Tulsa Regional's director of Physical Therapy, said the institution became involved in the project because the promise it offers for the patients.

"If the outcome is positive in any way or form, it would put a See Minds on News 10

Woman Donates Rocks to a Hard Place

By P.J. Lassek
World Staff Writer

KELLYVILLE — It could be a prisoner's worst nightmare — a load of boulders.

But for minimum-security inmates in Tulsa, the load will be just the thing for their landscaping project.

Linda Rice is donating boulders to Tulsa Community Corrections Center for a beautification program.

The center is in the former Horace Mann Junior High School, 112 E. 11th St.

Joe Harwick, building maintenance director, said the center started to landscape the grounds three years ago. But since the center has no money, the endeavor has been "real slow," he said.

Harwick said Rice's boulders will dress up the grounds.

Inmate work crews are expected to pick up the boulders later this week.

Rice, who is disabled, said her donation will be killing two birds with one load of stone.

"I need to clear my land and the center is in dire need of

landscaping materials," she said.

Rice said the large rocks are worth nothing just lying around her yard.

"But with the resources of a bunch of muscle-bound work crew guys, the center can take the rocks and create something beautiful," she said.

"What a difference it will make when people look out their windows and see creative landscaping around the center, instead of just bare ground," she said.

Rice became acquainted with the center a couple of years ago when she decided to donate some old magazines. Since then, she has donated bulbs and flower seeds.

"I'm not sure why I picked the center," she said. "Except that I'm fed up with being victimized and the only way to pay these people back is to return good for evil."

"Maybe I'm nuts," she said. "But by helping these people, I'm actually helping myself."

At 49, Rice has lived the past 20 years in a lot of pain, many times homeless and a victim of

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Linda Rice of Kellyville shows off boulders she is donating to the Tulsa Community Corrections Center for its landscaping project.

World staff photo by John David Heckel

Marijuana Suspect Surrenders, Denies Two Federal Charges

By Leigh Stroppe
World Staff Writer

A man accused of running a \$1.5 million marijuana growing operation in a southeast Tulsa warehouse surrendered to authorities Monday to face charges, officials said.

Dennis Eidson, 41, was charged in U.S. District Court with manufacture by production of more than \$1,000 worth of marijuana plants and use of a firearm during drug trafficking, a court official said.

Scott Keith, Eidson's attorney, said Eidson pleaded innocent before U.S. Magistrate Jeffrey Wolfe. The lawyer would not elaborate on the plea.

"That's an issue that will have to be addressed in court," he said.

On Feb. 23, authorities seized about 1,500 plants and an elaborate greenhouse lighting system in a warehouse at 4137 S. 87th East Ave.

Authorities said large bags of soil and cases of fertilizer were stacked against the walls inside the warehouse. Water hoses, fans and a large thermostat also were found.

Investigators said the operation was one of the biggest they had seen.

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Sales Tax Extension Vote Set

10 election has been called by the Nowata voters to decide whether to continue a one-act that has been in effect since 1984. The sales tax extension on the same statewide vote on a lottery proposal to save 60 percent of revenue to the county general fund and 5 percent to roads, 65 percent to the general court house repair fund. The OSU Extension Center Director of the Nowata City-Country Library to have a general fund money earmarked for those two

may lose their funding if it is decided to for constitutional offices. Les Parker said there is little chance any of the non-constitutional offices and is not extended.

Commissioner Vote Set Today

In Nowata County Commission District 3 today to elect a new county commissioner, who resigned the first of the year. Two Democrats are running for the post. F. Jay Powell, a local rancher; James J. Akers, both former employees of the district. Joe Akers, a heavy-equipment contractor, will be April 5.

District Bond Vote Is Today

150,000 school bond issue will be decided today. Canadian is in Pittsburg County about 15 yr. The bond issue will be used to meet House Bill 1017 re: Caughren Jr., superintendent. For three projects: to build elementary school buildings through the third grade; to reroof the school buildings; and to reconstruct the school buildings since enrollment increased between the past two years. Enrollment now, totals 1,000. Increase in ad valorem property taxes would be 1.5 percent, Caughren said. The bond issue has grades one through high school, officials

Trons to Decide on Bond Issue

The date of a \$330,000 bond issue in the Sperry day. The bond issue will be held at 7 p.m. Voters will close at the school district should be by issuing bonds to construct and equip a

Cut In New Jersey OK'd

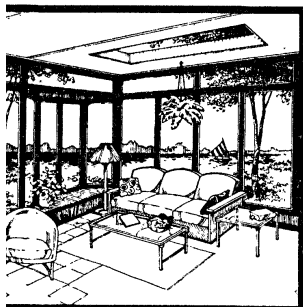
Gov. James Florio said he will cut New Jersey's income tax by 30 percent for most New Jerseyans. Whitman said during a ceremony in the Assembly chambers. The reductions will be funded this year by taking \$150 million from a budget surplus account and reducing allocations for Medicaid, state employee health benefits and other items by \$135 million.

Tulsa Area Trivia

KFMJ, Tulsa's fourth radio station, was scheduled to take the air in October 1946.

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help him deal with problems of cities in the district.

Lucas, 34, a state House member since 1989 and chairman of the House Republican Caucus. He says his pro-taxpayer record will appeal to urban voters. He

Legislators' Coffee Nerves May Worsen

OKLAHOMA CITY — Legislative action was taken Monday which may break up the state's largest coffee klatch — the Legislature.

Responding to a news story concerning the Legislature's expenditure of taxpayers' money for coffee and related accessories, the House approved a provision prohibiting the future purchase of coffee or "coffee accessories" by the Legislative Service Bureau. The provision was offered by

Rep. Wanda Jo Peltier, D-Oklahoma City, as an amendment to an appropriations bill. She called it the "frugality begins at home" amendment.

The House passed the bill 91-

A Sunday article by an Oklahoma City newspaper said the Legislature has spent \$178,276 for coffee, stir sticks, napkins, creamer and tissues over the last three and a half years. The article caused a minor tempest in a coffee pot at the Legislature.

FBI Planning to Polygraph Applicants About Drug Use

WASHINGTON (AP) — New FBI employees will face a lie detector test on previous drug use, but relaxed rules on whether it would automatically disqualify them, FBI Director Louis J. Freeh announced Friday.

Freeh also listed seven types of misconduct for which employees will be fired, including what he described as "lying, cheating or stealing."

In addition, as part of the Justice Department's ban on discrimination against hiring homosexuals, Freeh announced Monday that any sexual conduct of FBI employees may be investigated to see if they are susceptible to blackmail.

Under the new policy, the FBI refused to hire anyone who ever used illegal drugs other than experimental use of marijuana, and job applicants were merely asked about drug use.

Freeh's new policy requires a polygraph examination of all applicants on the drug-use questions. Freeh may face congressional questioning about the polygraph requirement. The new policy comes two weeks after the arrest of Aldrich Ames, a 31-year CIA veteran, on charges of spying for Moscow since 1985. Government sources said he passed CIA polygraphs designed to ferret out hostile agents in 1986 and 1991.

"Because it is an imperfect test," Freeh said in an interview, "we can never rely on it alone. It has to be supplemented with the kinds of investigations we ordinarily do."

Freeh also relaxed the hiring policy for previous drug users because of the experience of several people he personally has recruited

Armed Bandit Nabs Wallet in Robbery

An armed man robbed a woman of her wallet as she left work Monday night in east Tulsa, said Sgt. Robert Holman.

The woman and a co-worker had closed Luv's Hallmark, 10139 E. Admiral Place, when a car pulled up next to them in the parking lot shortly after 10 p.m., Holman said.

A man jumped from the car and threatened the two women with a gun, he said.

The bandit took a wallet from one woman and fled.

The robber was described as a white male about 18 years old. At the time of the robbery, he was wearing a T-shirt and blue jeans.

Holman said two other men waited in a getaway car during the robbery. The car was described as a late-model, maroon hatchback. The car traveled east from the parking lot on Admiral Place, he said.

Tulsa Woman Killed In Traffic Accident

A Tulsa woman died on her 86th birthday in a traffic accident Sunday, authorities said.

Mable Laymon of 404 S. Urbana Ave. died in the noon collision near 11th Street and Harvard Avenue, said Sgt. Steve

ed to work for the FBI since becoming director last Sept. 1. He did not name them and added that when he worked in other Justice Department jobs he had gotten waivers to hire past drug users who "were rehabilitated and posed no threat or risks."

The FBI still will not hire anyone who used drugs in a law enforcement job or position of public trust or who lied about past drug use. Experimental use of drugs other than marijuana more than 10 years before the applicant applies to the FBI and of marijuana more than 3 years before applying will be evaluated on the basis of the job sought and the age and seriousness of the drug use, Freeh said.

Asserting that the FBI has been "too tolerant of certain kinds of behavior," Freeh spelled out seven types of misconduct for which the penalty will be firing. They are lying under oath, failure to cooperate with an administrative inquiry, voucher fraud, theft or unauthorized use of government money or property, material falsification of investigative work or reports, falsifying documents about spending government money and unauthorized disclosure of grand jury or wiretap information.

Two government sources, requesting anonymity, said there were some FBI employees who had not been fired for such actions.

"I believe in the simple truth that lying, cheating, or stealing is wholly inconsistent with everything the FBI stands for and cannot be tolerated," Freeh said.

On sexual orientation, Freeh's guidelines say, "Homosexuality alone does not raise questions as to a person's eligibility for security clearances." A top-secret clearance is required to work at the FBI.

But they said deliberately concealed matters in a person's life may prompt attempted blackmail so any sexual conduct may be investigated. "For example," the guidelines said, "an extramarital affair that is concealed from a spouse may create a vulnerability to coercion."

"This is great on paper and a step forward," said David Smith of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, "but it completely depends on the individual doing the interviews and tone of nondiscrimination set by the highest officials."

Finance Chief Named For Orza Committee

Edward H. Cook, former president of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, has been named finance chairman of Republican Vince Orza's exploratory committee for governor.

Cook said Orza, owner of a restaurant chain, has the business experience as well as the charisma "to sell our state across the nation and overseas" to attract new businesses and jobs.

McCurdy Honored By National PTA

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep.

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two crimes. In 1974, while working for Sears in Tulsa, she suffered a back injury, which left her without a job. Next, she was swindled of about \$800.

Then in 1986, a year after she moved to Kellyville, she was hit by a drunken driver, leaving her with other injuries.

Although Rice can walk a little and drive to her physical therapist, her every move causes her "great pain."

"I know what it feels like to live in drab and no hope," Rice said. "But for the grace of God, things changed for me. So I feel I have an obligation to do my part in society. I think everyone should donate something to a good cause to make this world a better place."

Mary McAnally, the center's volunteer services coordinator, said most people donate their time.

"There's only a few who donate concrete items, and in this case Linda has literally donated the concrete."

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"We kind of got in a hurry around here," Hiner said.

"If I had more time, I probably would have taken a picture. That's too unusual."

Payne County District Attorney Paul Anderson said Allen appeared in court later Monday, and bond was set at \$5,000.

Anderson said he doesn't know why the seeds were planted.

"He was a little belligerent in court," Anderson said.

Allen did say marijuana should be decriminalized, Anderson said. But the prosecutor doubts the alleged act was a form of social protest.

"This is a thing that a person does, where you try to get him some help," Anderson said. "He needs some help and support."

"Right now we don't see this as a door-slaming prosecution."

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they're going to get it in the cafeteria." Students now pay \$1 for sandwiches and \$1.25 for a sandwich with french fries, fruit, milk, fruit juice or salad. The price of the sandwiches probably will increase soon with board approval because the current price is not covering the schools' labor costs, Downer said.

Because students have been forbidden to leave school during their lunch period, cafeterias also have changed the type of food they prepare, she said. Now cafeterias only serve food in the high schools that are considered student favorites, such as nachos and shrimp baskets.

Is the food nutritious?

Many items are, or soon will be, Downer said.

When the school district comes under a U.S. Department of Agriculture mandate in the 1995-96 school year to limit the total percentage of fat to 30 percent or less, the fast-food restaurants will have to comply with the mandate on food they bring into the schools, she said.

East Central Hearing Reset for March 29

A public hearing originally scheduled for Thursday at East Central High School has been moved to March 29.

Superintendent John Thompson will hold the hearing at 7 p.m., March 29 at the school, 12150 E. 11th St.

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whole new light on M.S.," Khoo said.

Khoo would not speculate on whether he expected positive results from the study.

"I would hope there would be, but it's very difficult to tell until we get done with it," Khoo said.

For more information on the study, contact Rodgers at 743-9492.

ORU Educator Opal Frisbie Dead

Opal Radine Frisbie, a professor emerita and former associate dean of the School of Education at Oral Roberts University, died Friday in a traffic accident near Grove. She was 67.

She was on her way to a meeting with friends to coordinate plans for their 50th high school class reunion, when she suffered a heart attack and lost control of her car.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at Worley-Luginbuel Funeral Home's chapel in Grove.

A native of the Afton area, Frisbie attended the old Bernice School and Grove High School.

She received her master's degree and doctorate at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. She also completed post-graduate work in educational administration and supervision at Florida Atlantic University, in Boca Raton.

She held several teaching and administrative positions in Okla-

homa, Kansas, Missouri and Florida.

Earl VanEaton, the dean of the ORU School of Education, said Frisbie was one of the finest professionals he knew.

"She was highly respected and loved by faculty, students and others who came in contact with her," he said.

Frisbie was a member of Phi Delta Kappa and the Council for Exceptional Children, The Oklahoma Education Association, Association of Learning Disabilities, Eastern Star and Business and Professional Women Civic Club.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Johnnie F. Frisbie of Grove; two daughters, Angela Weichart, of Rockport, Texas, and Jonnie Irene Holzman of Wilmington, Del.; and four grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the ORU School of Education, care of Becky Woodard, 7777 South Lewis Ave., Tulsa 74171.

Newspaper Executive Mary Bellatti Palmer Dies

MOUNT PLEASANT, Texas (AP) — Mary Bellatti Palmer, 75, member of a longtime Texas and Oklahoma newspaper family, has died of apparent complications from recent heart bypass surgery.

Mrs. Palmer died Sunday at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas. At the time of her death, she was vice president and business

manager of the Mount Pleasant Daily Tribune. She was the wife of publisher emeritus R.B. Palmer and the mother of publisher Robert L. Palmer.

Mrs. Palmer began her newspaper career keeping books for her father, C.R. Bellatti, a pioneer Oklahoma publisher and broadcaster, on the Blackwell Tribune.

Flames Scorch Vacant House in Central Tulsa

A fire destroyed part of a vacant house Monday night in central Tulsa, said District 1 Fire Chief Bill Richardson.

Firefighters were called about 8:45 p.m. to 2212 E. 10th St., where they found flames shooting from the back of the structure.

The fire was brought under control in 10 minutes.

Fire investigators are trying to determine the cause of the fire, Richardson said. A damage estimate was unavailable Monday

her brothers, L.F. Bellatti and James Bellatti, are co-publishers of the Stillwater NewsPress, and another brother, the late R. Marsden Bellatti, was publisher of the Nowata Star.

She is also survived by daughters Frances P. Lobppres, co-owner of the Archer County (Texas) News, and Barbara Caldwell, of Mount Pleasant.

Mrs. Palmer graduated in 1944 from the University of Oklahoma and married R.B. Palmer in 1946 and moved to Mount Pleasant.

Funeral services are planned for 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church in Mount Pleasant.