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Just before judges arrive, Andrew McCready of Selser Schaefer Architects takes a final look at the top of his company's entry, "Hunger is Toast!" during the CANSTRUCTION event to benefit the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma at Tulsa Promenade on Saturday. The group used cans to simulate a giant toaster.

Food bank aided by 'can-struction'

Teams build creations from canned goods to stress need to feed the hungry.

By BRIAN BARBER
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Architect Dominic Spadafore was confident in the structural integrity of the suspension bridge he and others built Saturday.

"As long as no one grabs a few cans of pork and beans from the bottom, it will hold up," he said.

Spadafore's team from McFarland Davies Architects was one of four that participated in the "CANSTRUCTION" competition at Tulsa Promenade to benefit the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma.

The teams could use the 80,000 unlabeled cans of fruit and vegetables donated by Arkansas-based Allen Canning Co. or donate their own labeled cans to add a bit of color.

"This is a great visual way of reminding the public of the need for food to feed hungry families," food bank spokeswoman Neil Cather Dieterle said.

The creations will be on display at the mall until Friday. After that, all of the cans will be distributed to the food bank's 460 nonprofit partner programs in 24 area counties.

Spadafore's span of cans was reminiscent of San Francisco's famous Golden Gate Bridge.

His team used a total of 2,500 cans, including the red pork and bean cans as the support arms, blue cans of green beans for the water below and some green cans of chili beans for the land on each side.

"We went about this like any project, using a drafting program to figure out how many cans we would need," he said. "It's all perfectly balanced."

The team won the best structural engineering award for their entry "Bridging the Gap."

Intern architect Shannon West and his team from Selser Schaefer Architects put the unlabeled cans to good use by creating a huge silver toaster.

In the slots, tan-colored cans of refried beans made up pieces of toast. Black cans of beans

were used for the handles and base.

The project took a total of 6,500 cans, weighing more than three tons, West said.

"It's all cans except for one piece of plywood in the middle, and that's completely hidden from view," he said.

"We used the same principles we'd use in a regular project, just different materials."

Their "Hunger is Toast!" entry won the judges' favorite award.

The crew from Cyntergy AEC brought cans of olives, potted meat and Chinese noodles to help create a license stamp used on architectural documents.

"I don't know if we'll win any awards for best meal," said architect Paul Heck. "The colors are what we needed."

They used a total of 2,800 cans for their sculpture, "Stamping Out Hunger," which won the best use of labels award.

Architect Jorge Mendros and his team from BSW International and the restaurant In the Raw made a sushi platter complete with chopsticks and a soy bowl out of about 3,000 cans.

"We knew it would be a challenging design, but we're having a good time and we're helping people," he said.

Their entry, "A Wish for Fish," won the best meal award from the judges.

The "CANSTRUCTION" competition was co-sponsored by the food bank, Tulsa Promenade, the American Institute of Architects and Allen Canning Co.

There was a second event Saturday in Tulsa to help the food bank. A disc golf tournament, hosted by the Tulsa Disc Sports Association, was held at Riverside Park to raise money and encourage food donations.

The annual, monthlong food drive "Food for Families 2005" will take place in February.

Businesses, schools, community organizations and other groups wanting to participate in the drive should contact the food bank at (918) 585-2800 or visit its Web site at www.cfbeo.org.

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Judge drops 'double' punishment

An accessory in a double murder won't do more time for hiding goods stolen in the crime.

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A Tulsan who was convicted of being an accessory in a Glenpool double-murder case will not also be punished for a related crime of concealing stolen property.

The state Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed on Friday a 14-year prison term and accessory-after-the-fact conviction that Kenneth K. Jackson received from Tulsa County jurors in 2003.

But the appeals court threw out another five-year prison term and ruled that the underlying concealing-property count must be dismissed.

District Judge Rebecca Nightingale had previously ordered Jackson's two sentences to run consecutively, totaling 19 years.

Prosecutors contended that Jackson helped confessed murderer Joel Shane Pethel and also

concealed property that was stolen from the home of murder victims Harry and Teresa Hye.

Harry Hye, 64; his wife, Teresa Hye, 42; and their niece Cenessa Tackett were shot during an early morning robbery on Feb. 18, 2001, before their rural Glenpool residence was burned.

Tackett, who was pregnant with a child that she said was fathered by Michael Browning, survived. Browning and Pethel were convicted of the Hyes' murders and of shooting Tackett.

Tackett was the key prosecution witness at Browning's murder trial and provided similar testimony to another jury that heard Jackson's case.

Tackett indicated that Pethel did the shooting after the three victims were bound with tape and placed in a walk-in closet, where she said Browning started a fire.



Jackson

Feb. 18, 2001, while in a car with Jackson. Investigators suspected that walkie-talkies and a toolbox found in Jackson's car came from the murder scene.

Prosecutors maintained that during a later search of Jackson's home, some 27 pieces of jewelry that could be identified by Hye family members were found.

"The conduct comprising the accessory charge — receiving property from a man who murdered to obtain it — was the same conduct supporting the concealing stolen property charge. Under these facts, con-

victions for both crimes based on a single act constituted double punishment," says the appellate opinion, which was issued Friday.

Jackson, who records show is either 56 or 57, is at Conner Correctional Center in Hominy.

Browning, 29, received two death sentences in 2003 for murdering the Hyes. He got two life sentences plus 35 years in prison for robbery, shooting and arson convictions, and his initial appeal is unresolved.

Pethel, 28, pleaded guilty to the same five felonies. He received four consecutive life prison terms — two with no possibility of parole — and 35 years.

A prosecutor theorized that Browning knew that considerable jewelry was in the house and had promised Pethel loot if Pethel would help with murders that were motivated by Browning's anger toward Tackett.

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State must pay for inmates' kosher meals

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The Oklahoma Department of Corrections will, for now, have to pay for three state inmates to eat kosher food, a federal judge ruled Friday.

The temporary order issued by U.S. District Judge Lee R. West requires the state to pick up the tab for the meals until a final court decision on the inmates' claim is reached.

Joseph Harp Correctional Center inmates Jon Andrew Cottriel, 45; Jerry Harmon, 50; and Dennis Earl Fulbright, 36, have argued that the department's policy of not providing free kosher meals violates their right to freely exercise religion.

Attorney Rand C. Eddy said the recent ruling may encourage

his clients — all convicted sex offenders — to seek class-action status for their lawsuit, which would make future rulings apply to all Orthodox Jewish inmates in Oklahoma.

"I know that their whole reason for doing this was not just for their benefit," Eddy said. "After some consultation, we may try filing it as a class-action."

Oklahoma Assistant Attorney General Stefan K. Doughty said he would meet with corrections officials to see if they want reconsideration of the judge's order or to move forward with trial preparations.

"This one will probably get fought," Doughty said.

The inmates argue that eating kosher, or food that is ritually fit

according to Jewish law, is essential to practicing Orthodox Judaism.

Corrections officials testified that serving the kosher meals to everybody who would want them would cost more than \$3 million a year and cause disruptions with inmates.

West found that the three inmates' right to freely exercise their Orthodox Jewish religion outweighs state expenses in providing such meals.

The judge's ruling concurs with a decision by U.S. District Magistrate Judge Gary M. Purcell.

The case was returned to Purcell's courtroom for further proceedings.

Conference set for nonprofits

A leadership conference for nonprofit board members and employees will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Junior League of Tulsa office, 3633 S. Yale Ave.

The keynote speaker is Rhonda Thompson, vice president of client services at the Center for Nonprofit Management in Dallas. Thompson serves on a statewide team addressing nonprofit standards in Texas and provides consulting, training, collaboration and technology services to nonprofits.

The conference costs \$95. For more information and to register, call 579-1900 or go to the Web site www.centerfornonprofits.us.



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ROADWORK

Road work will affect traffic in the following locations this week:

►The two center lanes of Pine Street from Cincinnati Avenue to Main Street are closed for street repair.

►Two blocks of Garnett Road immediately north of 81st Street will be closed for 30 days, as part of a project to widen both roads.

►Traffic on Yale Avenue from 15th to 21st streets will be narrowed to one lane in each direction for street rehabilitation. Traffic is also narrowed on 21st Street from Yale to Pittsburg avenues.

►Left turns in any direction are not permitted at the intersection of

Garnett Road and 61st Street until a project to widen both roads is finished in March 2005. Traffic is also shifted to the west side of Garnett.

►Traffic on Third Street between Boulder and Boston avenues has shifted to the north side on weekdays; the road will be closed on weekends for demolition of a building on the southwest corner of Third and Main.

►Two south lanes of traffic on First Street are closed at the intersection with Cincinnati Avenue as repairs continue on the Wiltel Building.

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