

NEWS IN BRIEF

Florida**Children Turn in Parents**

TITUSVILLE (AP) — Two young boys who saw 4-foot-tall marijuana plants growing in a backyard shed called police and turned in their mother and stepfather, accusing them of growing and smoking the illegal weed.

Eleven-year-old Timothy Gustafs and his brother, Christopher, 9, said they were concerned that their baby sister would grow up around drugs.

"We didn't want Andrea to grow up with that," Timothy said Thursday after police arrested his mother, Cathleen Joyce Smith, 28, and her husband, Leo, 29.

The parents were charged with possession and cultivation of marijuana, said Lt. Don Nettles, head of the Titusville Police Department's narcotics division.

PENINSULA

**Palo Alto 'Drug Death'
— Friend of Victim Held**

■ PALO ALTO — A Palo Alto man was in custody yesterday after a female friend apparently died of an overdose of the psychedelic drug Ecstasy, police said.

Doreen Danae Dahlstrom, 36, of Beaumont (Riverside County), was found unconscious by paramedics arriving at 943 Scott Street. Her longtime friend, Robert Sanders Baer, 40, was arrested on one count of possession of a controlled substance and for administering a drug to another person.

Dahlstrom had taken Ecstasy for almost an hour and a half, Baer told police. Ecstasy is a short-term psychedelic, also known as MDMA, that creates a feeling of euphoria among its users.

Baer called for help over the 911 emergency number when he found that Dahlstrom was having trouble breathing. Paramedics administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation and took her to Stanford University Hospital, where she died at 1:24 a.m. yesterday.