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**CARIBBEAN HAVEN:** Ousted Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide arrives in Jamaica where he has been given temporary asylum. **A-6**

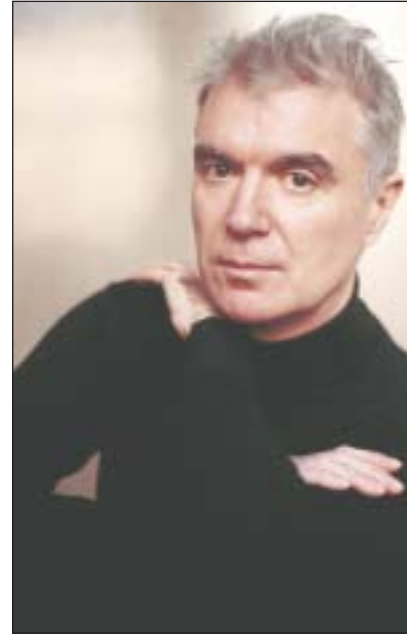


**STEPPING DOWN:** Martha Stewart resigns from the board and as chief creative officer of the media empire she built. **E-1**

**NO TALKS:** Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon rules out negotiations with the Palestinians. **A-6**



**POLISHED BRASS:** The American Brass Quintet gleams and shines but never quite strikes a spark in concert. **D-3**



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**RULES REVISION:** The guidelines for teacher qualifications under the federal No Child Left Behind law are being eased for the time being. **A-7**

**KEEPING DRY:** Some residents of Meadow Valley subdivision in Sand Springs are taking the city up on its offer to buy their flood-plagued homes. **A-9**

**AARP EFFORT:** The nation's largest seniors group launches a campaign to make cheaper Canadian drugs available to Americans. **C-5**

**LEARNING LESSONS:** Last year's SARS outbreak represents a landmark in disease-fighting, one that found the world's scientific community remarkably mobilized and coordinated. **C-5**

## SPORTS

**WILDCAT TALE:** Kentucky is taking a familiar path to the NCAA Tournament. **B-1**

**STATE REPRESENTATION:** The rosters of NCAA Tournament teams are dotted with former Oklahoma high school players. **B-1**

**ELIMINATED:** Northeastern State's Lady Reds bow out of the NCAA Division II tournament. **B-6**

## SCENE

**KIDS SAY THE DARDEST THINGS:** Fashionista Jason Ashley Wright learns about what's "tight" in schools today. **D-1**

**HALLOWED HALL:** This year's inductees rock out for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. **D-3**

**KEEPING TABS:** Miami and Miami Beach police are secretly taping hip-hop celebrities when they come to town. **D-4**

## BUSINESS

**PAYING OFF DEBT:** Williams Cos. Inc. pays the balance of a \$1.4 billion debt it inherited from its failed telecommunications unit, which declared bankruptcy almost two years ago. **E-1**

**MALL SALE:** Connecticut General Life Insurance sells Tulsa Promenade to Coyote Management of Dallas, and the buyer says it may redevelop part of the property. **E-1**

**DIVESTING:** WorldCom Inc. plans to sell its controlling interest in Brazil's largest long-distance carrier for \$360 million in cash. **E-6**



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After this public meeting on other items Monday night, the Broken Arrow City Council met in private to discuss what's believed to be an offer to entice outdoors retailer Bass Pro Shops to locate a store in Broken Arrow.

## BASS:

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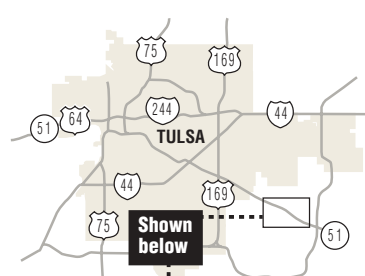
The outdoor gear supplier has 20 locations, including one that opened in Oklahoma City in November 2003. The Oklahoma City store cost \$17 million, with the city financing construction and using lease payments from the retailer, along with the projected increase in sales tax revenues, to pay off the loans.

Little Rock, Ark., groups have criticized city officials about tax breaks and incentives used to draw the retailer to that city, which will open a Bass Pro store in 2005.

Another 130,000-square-foot Bass Pro Outdoor World will open later this year in Las Vegas. A Toronto store will open, as well, marking the retailer's

### Bass Pro Shop?

Possible location in Broken Arrow



first international location.

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## SMELTER:

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that if children played in the dirt and managed to get dirt on their hands and swallowed the dirt, that they could come up with some lead," Elder said.

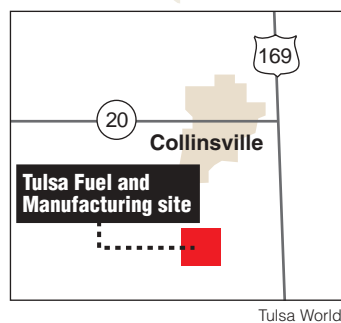
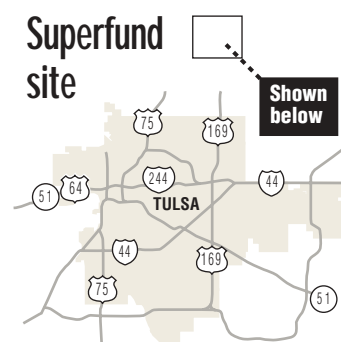
"We're starting to do the contracting to do the work on it. It was a consensus that it would be better to keep that area fenced off."

Construction of the fence will take two to four weeks, and it will serve as an access barrier until the cleanup is completed.

Slag — material remains from separating ores at a smelter here — left about 6 million gallons of waste on the 50-acre site.

Soil tests revealed enough arsenic, cadmium, copper and lead, among other metals, to land this inaccessible spot on the National Priorities List for cleanup in January 1999.

In a story published three months ago in the Tulsa World, the EPA said the former smelter posed no immediate health



threat. No one lives on the site, and, according to an Oklahoma Department of Health study, one child among the 73 living in the area had an elevated blood-lead level. That rate is below the national average of 2.2 percent.

Reports of trespassers at the site, however, forced the agencies to take action. An abandoned house that burned in the area a few months ago was the

result of a suspected case of arson, Elder said.

"We just had so much evidence of people trespassing on that site that it seemed like we needed to limit that," Elder said.

Signs around the site's boundaries will notify people not to trespass, while warning of the hazardous materials at the site.

The DEQ is in the process of contracting an environmental firm to investigate the nature and extent of the contamination and to evaluate cleanup options at the site. That probe should begin this summer.

Following the investigation and remedy evaluation, a cleanup plan will be presented to the public for review and comment. Once the plan is approved, cleanup can begin.

Collinsville City Manager Mike Tinker said that although community awareness about the site is low, a new fence will "dress up" the area.

"It's not been a top priority, but we're glad to see the federal government address it," he said. "It's a little bit out of sight, out of mind."

From 1914 to 1925, a zinc smelter operated at the site. During World War II, when zinc was in great demand, zinc was used to galvanize the armaments and prevent rust.

After the war, demand for zinc dwindled and many smelters closed.

The facility distilled zinc from prepared ore in a horizontal retort smelter. This method of metal recovery left behind large amounts of wastes containing heavy metals. Wastes at the site contain levels of arsenic, cadmium, lead and zinc that could affect human health and the environment.

EPA estimates that 29,588 cubic yards of smelter waste remain on site.

The site was proposed for the National Priorities List on Sept. 29, 1998. The DEQ will function as the lead agency for the Superfund activities at the site.

Another smelter, the Collinsville Smelter, operated on the east side of Old U.S. 169. This smelter is being voluntarily cleaned up by the potentially responsible party under state authority.

Elevated levels of heavy metals in humans can have serious effects. Small children exposed to high levels of lead and other metals may experience damage to their central nervous system.

In adults, heavy metals can damage internal organs, such as the kidneys.

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## PAY:

The average pay for a teacher in Oklahoma is \$34,877; the average in the region is \$38,527, he said.

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to education, it's time to make a commitment to pay Oklahoma teachers a competitive salary.

"I would like to sign the new benefits package into law long before the legislative session concludes in May. There's no reason to leave this important issue to the last minute."

Oklahoma's average teacher's salary is \$34,877, while the regional average is \$38,527, he said.

If the plan becomes law, teacher pay would be boosted in years two through five until it exceeded the regional average.

The total cost of the five-year teacher pay initiative is about \$244 million. The health insurance component would cost \$64 million in the first year.

Senate Bill 1272, the pay-raise proposal, passed the Senate 46-0 on March 3 and is now in the House Appropriations and Budget Committee.

House Bill 2662, the health bill, passed the House 98-0 on Feb. 23 and is now in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

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## Death penalty to be sought for trucker in aliens' deaths

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors said Monday they will seek the death penalty against the driver of a truck in what authorities have called the nation's deadliest smuggling tragedy. Seventeen immigrants suffocated in the truck and two died later.

Tyrone Williams, 33, is accused of being behind the wheel of a tractor-trailer transporting more than 70 undocumented immigrants from Mexico, Central America and the Dominican Republic on the evening of May 13 from the Rio Grande Valley to Houston.

Prosecutors say when the immigrants began succumbing to the trailer's sweltering heat, Williams abandoned it at a truck stop in Victoria, Texas. Seventeen immigrants were found dead inside the truck 100 miles southwest of Houston. Two others died later.