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Crimes against casino patrons will be prosecuted in federal court because they began on Indian land and ended on non-Indian land.

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Teen thwarts abduction

► A pickup pulled alongside the girl, and a passenger tried to grab her.

By NICOLE MARSHALL
World Staff Writer

A man attempted to abduct a 15-year-old girl as she walked to her bus stop Tuesday morning, but she managed to break away and run for help.

Police were called about 7:15 a.m. about the abduction attempt, Sgt. Kim Presley said.

The girl told officers she was walking alone in the 4900 block of South 94th East Avenue on the way to her bus stop when a pickup with two men she didn't know pulled up beside her.

She described the truck as a mid-1980s black pickup with a broken right rear taillight.

The passenger got out of the truck, grabbed the girl and tried to drag her to the pickup, Officer Scott Walton said.

She was able to break free and run to a nearby house to call for help.

Once the girl got away, the passenger quickly got back into the truck, which then sped away.

The girl described the passenger as Hispanic, in his 30s, about 5 feet 5 to 5 feet 9 inches tall and about 200 to 220 pounds. She said he had medium-length black, wavy hair and a neatly trimmed goatee.

He was wearing a black T-shirt, black work pants with dirt on them,

and tan dress boots. She said he smelled like cigarettes.

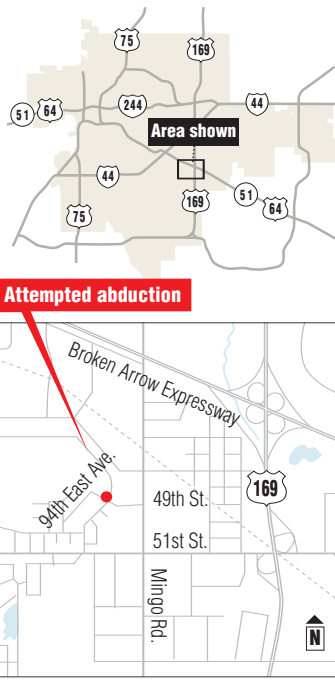
Because the driver remained in the truck, the girl was unable to provide a detailed description of him, Walton said.

She did note that the driver appeared to be Hispanic and was wearing an orange hat.

The area is in the Union Public Schools district, said Gretchen Haas-Bethel, a spokeswoman for the district.

District officials could not confirm that the girl attends a Union school, however, because they were not notified by police or a parent about the abduction attempt and didn't know the girl's name.

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Plan to require voter ID touted

► A Broken Arrow lawmaker likes the idea, but the state's election board secretary fears that it will slow or discourage voting.

By MICK HINTON
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OKLAHOMA CITY — A Tulsa-area lawmaker on Tuesday praised a recommendation by former President Carter and others that voters should have to show photo identification at the polls.

But Oklahoma's election board secretary said he's not convinced that the idea is a good one, saying it could drive voters away.

Many Republicans have supported proposals to require photo identification at the polls, although some Democrats think the move could discriminate against poor voters.

"Oklahoma Republicans have been fighting for this issue for years," said Rep. John Trebilcock, R-Broken Arrow. "The amazing thing is that this should not be a partisan issue."

State Election Board Secretary Mike Clingman said he favors requirements that would give people more faith in



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Boomtown's growing pains



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Rickey Hayes, Owasso's director of economic development, stands near the Smith Farm Marketplace, where such stores as Target, Hobby Lobby, Old Navy and Belk are springing up as Owasso continues its explosive growth.

Owasso's explosive growth also creates potential problems

By RHETT MORGAN
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OWASSO — Two hospitals are going up. Rooftops are on the rise. A \$55 million retail development is set to open in October, eventually creating about 1,100 jobs.

Formerly known as a bedroom community of Tulsa, Owasso is waking up to economic growth that is unprecedented.

"It's never been better," City Manager Rodney Ray said of the city's ability to provide and expand services.

A brand-name paradise awaits consumers along U.S. 169 just south and west of 96th Street North.

With the bulk of openings set for next month, the Smith Farm Marketplace will offer shopping choices such as Target, Hobby Lobby, Old Navy and Belk, a

North Carolina chain that's establishing its first department store in Oklahoma.

New eateries will include Applebee's, Wild Noodles, Monterey's Tex Mex Cafe and Red Robin.

The retailers are expected to generate about \$3 million annually in sales-tax revenue, adding to a local economy that already receives \$1 million monthly in sales taxes.

Research indicates that 68 percent of Owasso's sales-tax base comes from nonresidents, a number that is likely to grow, Ray said.

"I think you are going to see a whole new group of people from Claremore and Collinsville and Oologah and Nowata and Skiatook come here to shop," he said.

Another retail development, Tyann Plaza, is being built across U.S. 169 from the Smith Farm Marketplace.

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Two new hospitals are set to open next summer: the Owasso Hospital, near 129th East Avenue and 96th Street North, and the Bailey Medical Center, 1010 E. 106th St. North.

And with 368 housing starts

through August, the city is on pace to break its record of 528 set last year.

But with the sprawl comes consequences, such as more traffic and burgeoning school enrollment, factors that can decrease the quality of life.

Struggling to keep up with Owasso's population of about 22,000, the school system is running out of space.

"We're always going to be geographically separated from the city of Tulsa," said Rickey Hayes, Owasso's director of economic development. "But we want to make sure Owasso is a premier suburb for all types of services."

Ray added: "If you like getting across town in two minutes rather than five, it's a problem. If you enjoy the cows in your backyard and

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Big-win lottery might be the ticket

By BARBARA HOBEROCK
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OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma's decision to join the high-jackpot multistate Powerball lottery is expected to drive sales and revenues for the state's young lottery system.

"It is obviously going to be on the top of everyone's mind, regardless of what games you offer, just because of the big jackpots," said James Scroggins, the Oklahoma Education Lottery Commission's director.

The state Lottery Commission has voted to join Powerball after Mega Millions, another multistate lottery, said it would not accept applications for one more year.

Scroggins said he can't predict how much additional revenue participating in the larger lottery will mean for the state.

Oklahoma lottery officials hope to be able to offer Powerball after Jan. 1.

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ACLU leader urges TU students, faculty to work for causes



Strossen

► She encourages them to have careers and take actions that will make a difference in public life.

By APRIL MARCISZEWSKI
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ACLU President Nadine Strossen encouraged TU professors and law students at a conference Tuesday to work for causes they believe in.

"Please put your knowledge and your education to use," Strossen said at the conclusion of the University of Tulsa's Legal Scholarship Symposium, in which her re-

search and activism were examined.

Strossen recommended that students perform pro bono work immediately after finishing college to create a careerlong habit.

She encouraged them to pursue full-time careers advocating for the public interest, such as with the American Civil Liberties Union; to work for organizations, government agencies or officials who share their positions on issues; or do volunteer legal work for their chosen causes.

But students don't have to wait until they pass the bar exam to work for societal changes, nor are professors out of the public arena, she said.

Strossen, a professor at New York Law School, spoke of 31 law schools that are challenging a policy, known as the Solomon Amendment, that cuts off federal funding to colleges that don't give military recruiters the same access to campus as other recruiters. The case is set to go before the U.S. Supreme Court in December.

The law school officials believe that the policy violates First Amendment freedoms by punishing those who disagree with the

military's "discriminatory" policy regarding gays and lesbians, Strossen said.

That case mirrors a situation Strossen rallied against as a young scholar and activist. In 1968, when she was 17, she wrote a Glamour magazine column opposing a similar law enacted during the Vietnam War era.

She read part of her column to the 70 or so people at her lecture Tuesday, saying Congress was dictating what could be said and thought on college campuses by threatening to take away money unless stu-

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