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Late-night crazies take over the airwaves on "Beef Baloney."

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Stand-up star Carrot Top stops working "blue" and gets his funny bone tickled.

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Roping a new market

Drysdale's opening store in southeast Tulsa.

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Broken Arrow defeated Jenks en route to the 6A finals last year. The teams clash again Friday night.

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Trash plant to shut down

By CURTIS KILLMAN
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City officials scrambled Thursday to reroute trash trucks to a local landfill after the operator of the trash-to-energy plant announced plans to cease operations.

Members of the Tulsa Authority for the Recovery of Energy, which oversees operations at the plant, met at 6 p.m. in an emergency session.

"We were informed today about 3 o'clock that Covanta was no longer going to accept our trash," said

Cheryl Cohenour, the authority's chairwoman. She was referring to the operator, Covanta Tulsa Inc.

Plans to close the trash plant will not affect residential customers, she said.

"We have contingency plans in place to divert the trash to the landfill," she said.

Mayor Bill LaFortune said the city's trash disposal needs remained in "excellent shape."

Beginning Friday, all garbage generated in the city will be hauled

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Mike Buchert (left), the assistant director of the Public Works Department, and Public Works Director Charles Hardt talk during an emergency meeting Thursday at City Hall to announce that the trash-to-energy plant would no longer accept Tulsa's garbage.

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No-call list gets speedy action

By JIM MYERS
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WASHINGTON — Congress took quick action Thursday to approve legislation specifically granting the Federal Trade Commission the authority to create a national do-not-call list that would allow people to block unwanted sales pitches by telemarketers.

But the registry's immediate future remained in doubt after a federal judge ruled it an unconstitutional restraint on free speech. The decision late Thursday by U.S. District Judge Edward Nottingham in Denver was the second court ruling this week barring the Federal Trade Commission from its Oct. 1 implementation of the list that would block an estimated 80 percent of telemarketing calls.

The House voted 412-8 for legislation responding to a ruling Tuesday by U.S. Senior District Judge Lee West of Oklahoma City, who said the agency lacked the power to create and operate the do-not-call registry.

In response to West's ruling, lawmakers quickly wrote the bills and passed them with unusual speed. That underscored the popularity of the list, which after fewer than four months already has nearly 51 million numbers.

"This legislation got to the House floor faster than a consumer can hang up on a telemarketer at dinnertime," said Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass.

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U.S. District Judge Lee R. West

House OKs waterway bill



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A tugboat moves a barge Thursday in the channel of the McClellan-Kerr Navigation System at the Port of Catoosa. The U.S. House has passed a bill authorizing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects that include deepening portions of the waterway to 12 feet.

It would allow deepening of McClellan-Kerr to 12 feet

By JIM MYERS
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WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. John Sullivan said Thursday the House has approved a bill authorizing portions of the McClellan-Kerr Navigation System to be deepened to 12 feet.

Sullivan called the project a "crucial step" in the economic development of northeastern Oklahoma.

"The McClellan-Kerr waterway is a key artery of the economic infrastructure of Oklahoma, and we are building on its previous success, adding jobs and securing revenue with the passage of this measure," the Oklahoma Republican said.

"The expansion of the waterway will open the doors of trade to many vessels that cannot currently do business with us, bringing jobs to northeastern Oklahoma."

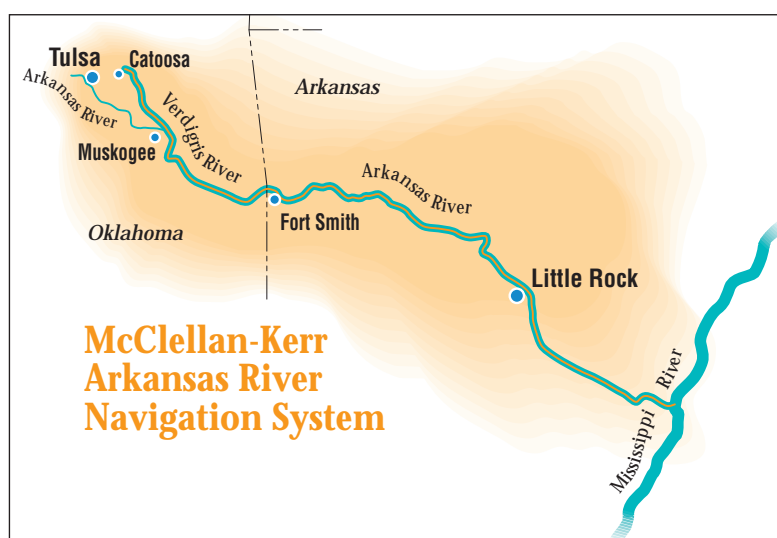
Sullivan's comments came after the U.S. House had passed a bill authorizing projects for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Included in that bill was the language on the McClellan-Kerr project.

Sullivan hailed the development, citing reports that Boeing may be looking for a deep-water port as its manufacturing site for a new jetliner.

"This certainly will enhance

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Grant to upgrade emergency communications

Tulsa will receive \$846,263 to develop a system that will allow area agencies to communicate with each other.

By CARY ASPINWALL
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Tulsa is one of 17 cities that will receive sizeable federal grants to improve communications systems for emergency personnel, the Department of Homeland Security announced Thursday.

In addition, the state will receive a \$1.9 million grant for the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security to improve a state emergency operations center, officials said.

Tulsa will receive a \$846,263 grant through the Department of Homeland Security to develop a system that will allow area police, fire and ambulance personnel to communicate directly with each other.

"Currently, we can call on the phone and talk to other agencies' dispatchers, but this new system is designed to allow us to talk directly to each other in the field," said Emergency Medical Services Authority spokeswoman Tina Wells.

Upgrading the system will also alleviate a problem medics experience in parts of the city where their current radio system doesn't work, she said.

"The interoperable communications system will save time — and in an emergency, time is of the essence,"

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Court lets tugboat firm fight

The company is trying to limit damages in the I-40 bridge collapse. The state wanted the action halted.

By ROBERT BOCZKIEWICZ
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DENVER — An appeals court has refused to postpone lower court proceedings in a tugboat company's effort to limit its damages sought by Oklahoma for last year's deadly Interstate 40 bridge collapse.

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals gave no reason Wednesday in a one-sentence order, denying a stay requested by state officials.

The state is seeking \$56 million from Magnolia Marine Transport Co. of Vicksburg, Miss., whose tugboat was pushing barges that crashed into the Arkansas River bridge, causing it to collapse. Several vehicles plunged off the broken span, killing 14 people.

Magnolia Marine is seeking in federal court in Muskogee to limit its damages to about \$1.2 million.

State officials sought to have the company's federal case thrown out, but U.S. District Judge James Payne

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