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STRIKE THE GONG: Shallow characterizations, darkness sink "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind." **D-3**

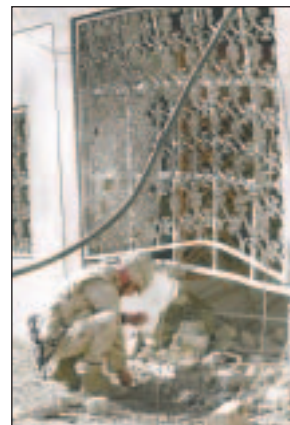


THE RETURN OF MARCUS DUPREE: Twenty years after leaving OU, "people still remember me." **B-1**

FICKLE FATE: "Masked & Anonymous" stars Bob Dylan in a nonsensical political allegory. **SPOT 5**



ALL NIGHT LONG: The Spotniks are only the start of a night of fabulous local music. **SPOT 16**



DEADLY DAY: A leading figure in Iraq's Governing Council dies of wounds suffered in an ambush last week, and a bomb damages a hotel housing the offices of NBC News. **A-6**



WORLD WEB POLL: TODAY'S QUESTION: Is it a good investment of federal money to "deepen" the McClellan-Kerr Navigation System which ends at the Port of Catoosa? **YES NO**

YESTERDAY'S QUESTION: Do you plan to spend as much at the Tulsa State Fair as you have in the past? **YES - 42% NO - 58%**

To participate, visit www.tulsaworld.com and click on the poll question on the left side of the page. Your vote will be registered instantly and calculated in the results. A new question is posted each day at 7 p.m.

NEWS

AT EASE: The Pentagon is bringing troops out of Iraq for 15-day breaks from duty. It is expected to be the largest troop relief program since the Vietnam War. **A-7**

DEMOCRAT DEBATE: Howard Dean defends against persistent criticism from his rivals over Medicare and tax cuts in a presidential campaign debate. **A-8**

SPARED STONING: The conviction of a woman sentenced to death by stoning is overturned by a Nigerian court. **A-9**

ALL SHOOK UP: A strong quake with a magnitude of 8 rocks the northern Japan island of Hokkaido, injuring more than 160 people, knocking out power, derailing a train and touching off an industrial fire. **A-9**

ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST: Shootout by shootout, surrender by surrender, Saudi authorities are working their way through a list of al-Qaida suspects. **C-12**

SPORTS

FOUR GONE CONCLUSIONS: Toronto's Carlos Delgado slugs four homers in a game Thursday night, the 15th major-leaguer to do so. **B-1**

U.S. ROLLS: Mia Hamm proves unstoppable as the Americans win their World Cup opener. **B-6**

SPOT

GENRE BENDER: Yo-Yo Ma is to be the guest of the Oklahoma City Philharmonic. **Spot 2**

LONG LIVE THE KING: King James Verzion releases new CD, "The Movement." **Spot 3**

SUN KISSED: "Under the Tuscan Sun" is part travelogue and part romance novel. **Spot 4**

SMOKED HEAVEN: Decor has to take a back seat to Stone Mills' superb meats. **Spot 26**

SATELLITE

NEITHER LAZY NOR SLOW: Hardworking Sloth's "Dead Generation" fails to impress. **D-3**

GOSPEL TRUTH: Talented artists make gospel the fastest-growing music genre. **D-6**

BUSINESS

RATE DOWN: The area unemployment rate falls to 5.9 percent, but jobs do not increase. **E-1**

MORTGAGE RATE FALLS: The nation's benchmark mortgage rate sinks back below 6 percent. **E-1**

TRASH:

Even if the plant is closed, the city still owes \$33.2 million in construction costs.

FROM A-1

to the Quarry Landfill at 13740 E. 46th St. North.

Since 1986, the city has sent most of its trash to the plant, the Walter B. Hall Resource Recovery Facility, at 2122 S. Yukon Ave.

City officials called the meeting after they were notified that Covanta, which is in Chapter 11 bankruptcy, planned to cease operations.

Amy Wolfe, a Covanta spokeswoman, said the company was forced to close the plant after it was unable to renegotiate its lease with the plant's owner, CIT Group/Capital Finance Inc.

The plant had been operating at a deficit, and Covanta had to cancel the "uneconomic" lease, Wolfe said.

Although the plant stopped accepting trash Thursday from the city, its only customer, the incinerator will continue to operate



The Walter B. Hall Resource Recovery Facility at 2122 S. Yukon Ave. will cease its trash-burning operation in about a week, its operator, Covanta Tulsa Inc., announced Thursday. The city will have to take all garbage produced in Tulsa to a landfill.

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customers produce a combined 400,000 tons of trash per year, and about 340,000 to 350,000 tons end up at the trash plant.

The city actually saves money when it takes trash to the landfill.

The city had paid Covanta \$23.22 for each ton of garbage delivered to the trash plant.

It costs the city \$15.22 for each ton of garbage taken to the Quarry Landfill. The charge includes a \$1.25 per ton fee paid to the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality.

The city has been obligated to deliver at least 340,000 tons of garbage a year to the trash plant.

Delivery of that much garbage to the landfill instead would save about \$2.7 million a year in disposal fees.

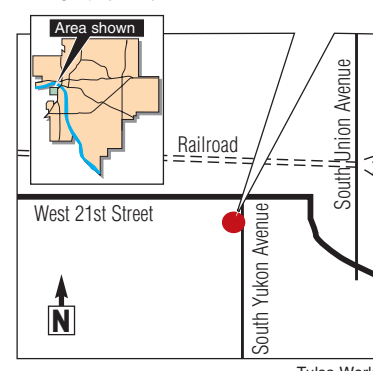
But it is all not good news. The city is still on the hook for \$33.2 million in remaining costs associated with building the plant, which the city initially approved in 1984.

The debt is scheduled to be paid off May 30, 2007.

City officials expressed concerns regarding the effect the plant shutdown would have on its only energy customer, Sun Inc.

Covanta sells steam produced by burning trash to Sun's refinery. About half of Sun's energy

Walter B. Hall Resource Recovery Facility
2122 S. Yukon Ave.



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needs are realized through the steam purchase, Buchert said.

A Sun company spokeswoman could not be reached for comment.

A spokesman for Waste Management of Oklahoma said the landfill had plenty of space.

The site has 25 years to go until it would be full, based on current volume, a company spokesman, Don Fletcher said. He could not provide an estimate of how long it would take to fill the landfill, should all of Tulsa's trash be permanently taken there.

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DEEP:

Much of the waterway already is 12 feet deep.

FROM A-1

our chances in that," he said. Tulsa Port of Catoosa Director Bob Portiss also viewed the approval of the language as a key development.

"It is something we have been pressing for for some time," Portiss said.

He estimated the price tag at \$40 million, adding that covers costs of deepening por-

tions of the channel in both Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Portiss said much of the waterway, perhaps more than 70 percent, already is 12 feet deep.

The project to deepen the remaining portions, which are about 8 feet deep, will involve mostly dredging and establishing "spoil" areas for the material brought out of the channel by the work.

Both Portiss and Sullivan cited environmental aspects of the project.

By making the entire channel at least 12 feet deep, bigger barges can be used to transport goods through the waterway.

That would cut down on the amount of fuels burned by the

barges, they said.

Portiss said that also could save companies money on their shipment costs and make the port more attractive as a place to do business.

Sullivan said more than 65 industries currently use the Oklahoma segment of the waterway.

They provide jobs for 4,000 people with an annual payroll of \$85 million, he said.

The Port of Catoosa, Sullivan said, already is a free trade zone, and that has attracted 42 countries to do business in the area.

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TUGBOAT:

The state is suing the company for \$56 million.

FROM A-1

denied the request in February. The state is seeking damages in a separate case, which is also in Payne's court.

Oklahoma Attorney General Drew Edmondson asked the appeals court this month to postpone action in Magnolia Marine's limitation case while the state appeals Payne's refusal to dismiss it.

Edmondson's staff said in a court filing that the state would

suffer "irreparable injury" if Magnolia's case proceeds before the appeals court decides whether the case should be thrown out.

"Not only will Magnolia seek to apply the (federal maritime) Limitation Act to the state, but it will also seek to have (Payne) rule on liability and damage issues that should not be decided by (him)," Assistant Attorney General E. Clyde Kirk wrote.

"To add insult to irreparable injury, Magnolia has now made it clear that it will ask this court to rule that the state was comparatively negligent on the theory that it should have better prepared the bridge to withstand being plowed into by Magnolia's out-of-control flotilla," Kirk wrote.

Separately, the state is appealing Payne's refusal to send its lawsuit against Magnolia back to state court in Muskogee, where Edmondson originally filed it.

Magnolia won in its effort to move the lawsuit to federal court.

Edmondson's staff could not be reached for comment on Wednesday's ruling.

The victims plunged to their deaths May 26, 2002, after the tugboat Robert Y. Love crashed into a bridge support, collapsing a 500-foot section of the span into the river.

Most of the lawsuits filed by the relatives of the victims have been settled.

However, the state of Oklahoma is still waiting to recover its costs.

It is claiming \$30 million to rebuild the bridge and fix overburdened detour roads, along with \$26 million from the loss of revenue from out-of-state drivers who chose to avoid Oklahoma because of the collapsed bridge.

PARTLY CLOUDY

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