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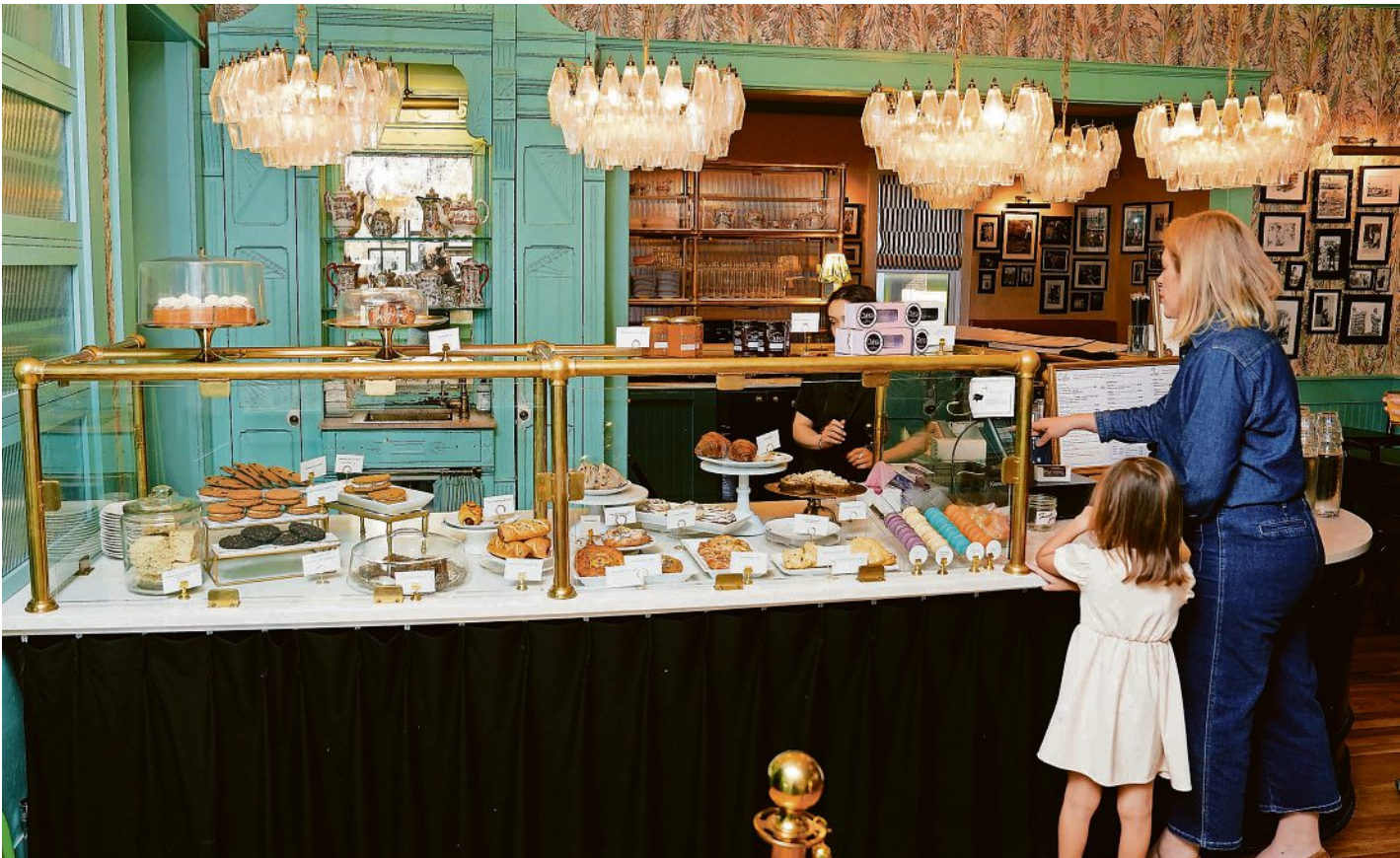
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Sara Kate and Matilda Little, 6, pick out pastries from Quincy Bake Shop inside The Bradford House, 1235 NW 38th, on Nov. 19, 2024. PHOTOS BY DOUG HOKE/THE OKLAHOMAN

Quincy Bake Shop to grow after its acquisition by popular local coffee chain

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Oklahoma City's beloved Quincy Bake Shop is changing ownership after being acquired by another local favorite. Accept-ional House of Brands — the overhead behind Not Your Average Joe and Stella Nova Coffee, as well as ABE's — completed the acquisition of Quincy Bake Shop in October, according to a press release sent on Monday, Dec. 1. Quincy Bake Shop has been in operation since 2019 under founder Trisha O'Donoghue, an Oklahoma native and pastry chef trained at The French Pastry School in Chicago. O'Donoghue will stay on to lead the team at Quincy and the shop will also continue to provide her baked goods to many other eateries in the metro, including Prelude Coffee Roasters, Clarity Coffee, Junction Coffee, Paper Pages Bookstore and Catherine's Corner in Mercy Hospital. "I am excited to work with a great group of people with a great mission and grow the reach of Quincy pastries beyond what we ever dreamed," O'Donoghue said. The addition of Quincy Bake Shop to the Accept-ional House of Brands non-profit umbrella comes less than a year after the brand opened ABE's and just months after finalizing the donation by former president of Stella Nova Coffee John Kennedy of his brand's four locations to Accept-ional founder Tim Herbel.

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Trisha O'Donoghue, owner/operator of Quincy Bake Shop inside The Bradford House, seen on Nov. 19, 2024.

New OK County jail price soars

More than 3 times amount requested

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The new Oklahoma County jail finally has a price tag: about \$835 million. The amount is about \$635 million more than the county currently has for it. Construction and county officials released new details about estimated cost, which now accounts for interior elements. The price is now more than three times the \$260 million jail bond issue voters originally approved in 2022. That amount, which critics say was grossly underestimated, became woefully inadequate as inflation roared. County voters likely will be asked to cover the difference, in the form of a sales tax, to finish the complex at 1901 E Grand Ave. and completely relocate jail operations from the inadequate, 30-plus-year-old, jail tower at 201 N Shartel Ave. downtown, construction manager Flintco and county officials said.

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Doctor says Trump's MRI is normal

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USA TODAY

The White House released a statement from President Donald Trump's physician Dec. 1 saying the MRI scan Trump received during an October physical was "preventative" and the results were "perfectly normal." "Men in his age group benefit from a thorough evaluation of cardiovascular and abdominal health," said the statement, which was read by White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt. "This level of detailed assessment is standard for an executive physical at President Trump's age."

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University of Oklahoma student's failing grade turns into a viral online debate

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A University of Oklahoma student's claim of religious discrimination after she failed an assignment is drawing national attention from elected officials, influencers and millions of social media users. OU officials have said they are investigating the situation, which started in November, when Samantha Fulnecky, a

junior majoring in psychology at OU, received a zero on an essay assigned in a psychology course. She was asked to write a 650 words reacting to an article about how people are perceived based on societal expectations of gender. In her essay, Fulnecky defended traditional gender rules, using the Bible to back her argument that eliminating gender in society would be "detrimental" because that would put people "farther from God's original plan for humans."

The instructor, a graduate assistant at the university, said Fulnecky failed to use empirical evidence and called parts of her essay offensive. The Oklahoman first reported on Fulnecky's claims Nov. 25. Since then, the essay's grade has sparked a growing debate over the line between academic freedom and free speech. The conversation has reached millions of users on X, the social media

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President Donald Trump said there is "no time limit" on his administration's pause on processing asylum applications, saying: "We don't want those people. We have enough problems." ANNA ROSE LAYDEN/REUTERS

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