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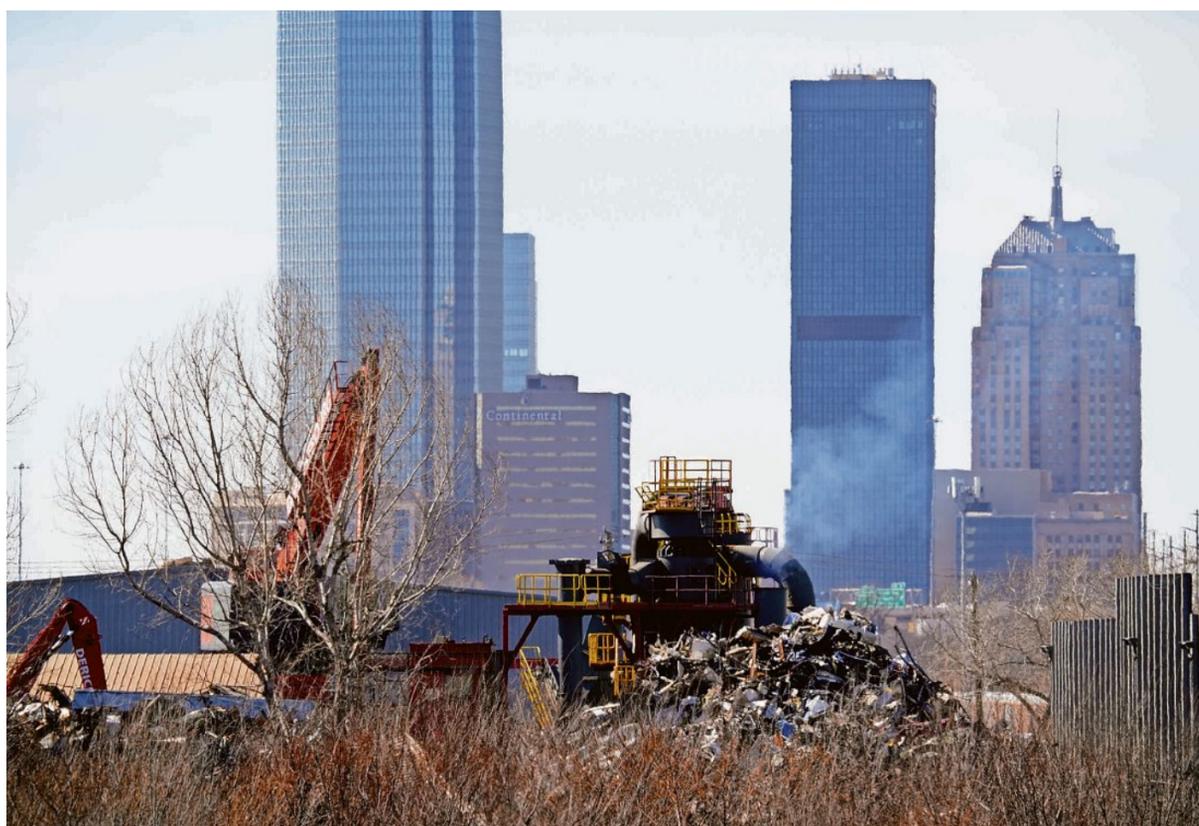
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Derichbourg Recycling USA, 100 N. Bath Ave., on Feb. 23. PHOTOS BY DOUG HOKE/THE OKLAHOMAN

OKC scrapyards' latest proposal denied amid resident concerns

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The Oklahoman | USA TODAY NETWORK

An Oklahoma City recycling center's proposal to replace its equipment has sparked tensions among city staff, the scrapyards' lawyers, and residents protesting environmental injustice near the controversial site.

Derichbourg Recycling USA, located in northeast OKC at 100 N Bath Ave., has been seeking approval to replace its hydraulic scissor-like shearing machine for cutting and processing metal scrap, which property owners described as outdated.

City staff, however, expressed concerns about the request, compelling the recycling plant to instead propose a new shear in the same location as the current one and reducing the new shear's size.

But planners also argued that the new equipment would still qualify as an expansion because of increased output from the newer technology,

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A sign for Derichbourg Recycling USA outside of their facility is pictured on Feb. 23 in Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma archbishop shares hope with parishioners after meeting with Trump

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An Oklahoma faith leader has asked the Trump administration to allow clergy inside immigration detention centers to offer pastoral care for detainees.

Oklahoma City Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, who is president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, told a group of local parishioners that the request was among the issues he discussed during a high-profile meeting with President Donald Trump in January. At a recent gathering at Little Flower Catholic Church, Coakley shared several details about the meeting, which included Vice President JD Vance, Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Security

of Homeland Security Kristi Noem.

Before the Feb. 20 private listening session at the south Oklahoma City church, Coakley had not publicly shared specific details about what he and Trump and members of Trump's administration discussed at their meeting.

Voices Organized In Civic Engagement, known as VOICE-OKC, hosted the gathering at Little Flower to give immigrant parishioners an opportunity to speak directly to Coakley and to hear from him as their archbishop and the president of an influential coalition of American bishops based in Washington, D.C. The Rev. Tim Luschen, pastor of Little Flower, is one of VOICE-OKC's founding members.

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Oklahoma City Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, meets with President Donald Trump. DANIEL TOROK/WHITE HOUSE

ANALYSIS

Peace deal for Ukraine remains elusive

Francesca Chambers
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump has taken extraordinary action when it comes to confronting authoritarians in places like Venezuela, where U.S. forces captured leader Nicolas Maduro, and Iran, where Trump bombed nuclear sites in June 2025 and is now threatening a new attack.

But there's one strongman Trump has consistently refused to challenge: Russian President Vladimir Putin, whose intellect and iron grip the former reality TV star has long admired.

The Russian leader has convinced Trump and U.S. negotiators, including presidential envoy Steve Witkoff, that he wants to cut a deal to end his long war – even as Moscow rains missiles and drones on Ukrainian cities, cutting heat, water and power to thousands.

The war Trump repeatedly swore he could end in a single day is now 4 years old. And on the eve of the Feb. 24 anniversary of Russia's invasion – and Trump's coinciding State of the Union address – there was still no peace deal.

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Trump pledges 'obnoxious' new tariffs

Bart Jansen
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump vowed to impose new "obnoxious" tariffs after the Supreme Court overturned his signature economic policy, teasing more measures and different tools that he can use.

"The court has also approved all other Tariffs, of which there are many, and they can all be used in a much more powerful and obnoxious way, with legal certainty, than the Tariffs as initially used," Trump said Feb. 23 on social media.

The post was Trump's latest salvo against the Supreme Court, where two of the three justices he appointed – Neil Gorsuch and Amy Coney Barrett – voted against him. He praised the three conservative justices – Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Brett Kavanaugh – who opposed the court's decision and sided with him.

"Our incompetent supreme court did a great job for the wrong people, and for that they should be ashamed of

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