



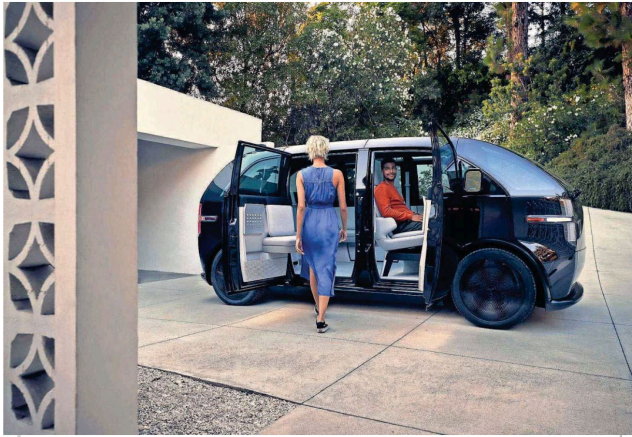
Why Cade Cunningham is expected to go No. 1 in NBA Draft

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Stitt helps state land auto manufacturer



ABOVE: This Canoo pickup is planned for delivery starting in 2023.

TOP: The Canoo Lifestyle Vehicle is described as a spacious, pod-like minivan that can seat up to seven. A pickup version is also planned, along with a multipurpose delivery vehicle. PHOTOS COURTESY CANOO

Tesla who? Canoo to build manufacturing facility in Pryor

Dale Denwalt and David Dishman The Oklahoman | USA TODAY NETWORK

Less than a year ago, Oklahoma lost out on landing a new Tesla manufacturing facility that eventually found a home south of the Red River.

Gov. Kevin Stitt and state officials pitched Tesla CEO Elon Musk on the merits of Oklahoma and why it was worthy, but to no avail. Tulsa was named a finalist, but Austin, Texas, was the eventual winner. Stitt and other state officials promised to continue pursuing manufacturing jobs and automotive businesses, but who would actually come?

Thursday, that question was answered when an electric vehicle company called Canoo stepped into the picture.

Canoo CEO Tony Aquila, along with Stitt, announced the Los Angeles-based electric vehicle business is expanding and will build a 400-acre manufacturing facility in Pryor — bringing nearly 2,000 jobs along the way.

"Because of that (Tesla) experience, we learned what automobile

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Ex-jail workers charged in attacks

2 accused of letting assaults happen

Josh Dulaney The Oklahoman USA TODAY NETWORK

Two former employees at the Oklahoma County jail have been charged in separate cases in which they are accused of allowing inmates to severely injure each other.

Michael Thomas Hughes, 25, is charged in Oklahoma County District Court with one count of felony assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, following the Dec. 3 beating of Aaron Lemuel Cooper, 19, at the hands of 11 inmates.

The inmates struck Cooper several times from behind, knocked out two of his teeth and inflicted a gash above his left eye that required seven stitches. Two of the inmates pulled a defenseless Cooper into a cell and held him

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Jury sees video of fatal truck collision

Pickup hit high school students, killing three

Nolan Clay The Oklahoman USA TODAY NETWORK

NORMAN — Two prosecution witnesses told jurors Thursday at a murder trial that a pickup driver had his hands on the steering wheel just before slamming into student runners outside Moore High School.

A third witness told jurors she saw the driver's hands on the steering wheel — "10 and 2" — at the time of the collision on Feb. 3, 2020.

The testimony directly contradicts a defense claim that the driver, Max Leroy Townsend, had passed out before his pickup struck the students as they started a cool-down run on a sidewalk along Main Street.

In one of the trial's most dramatic moments so far, jurors saw a video from a school surveillance camera of the red pickup hitting the students.

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Justices uphold Obamacare

The Supreme Court dismissed a challenge to the Affordable Care Act, preserving insurance coverage for millions of Americans.

The justices, by a 7-2 vote, left the entire Obama-era law intact Thursday in ruling that Texas, other Republican-led states and two individuals had no right to bring their lawsuit to federal

court. Left in place is the law's requirement that people have health insurance or pay a penalty. But Congress rendered that provision irrelevant in 2017 when it reduced the penalty to zero.

The elimination of the penalty was the hook used to attack the entire law.

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The Supreme Court, by a 7-2 margin, preserved health coverage for millions of Americans on Thursday. ALEX BRANDON/AP



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