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New CEO targets growth for chain

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Airport project is taking flight

Charlotte/Douglas to spend \$10 million on hangars, other upgrades for private aviation. **P7**



Changing stance on industrial rates

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Airport plans a massive deck on Wilkinson Blvd.

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Charlotte/Douglas International Airport officials are drawing plans for a five-story, \$50 million parking deck on Wilkinson Boulevard.

And the city's aviation direc-

tor also envisions an automated-vehicle system to ferry passengers to and from the new deck — and the airport's other parking and rental-car facilities.

"It's a long-term project," Jerry Orr says of the transport system. "It'll happen at the point when demand and afford-

ability come together. What I'm saying is it's really expensive."

But the 4,000-space parking deck — planned for Wilkinson Boulevard at Harlee Avenue, just north of the airport — is much closer to becoming a reality.

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The new 4,000-space garage will be similar to decks near the airport.

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NASCAR hall project opens up land

City is revving up pitch for 13 acres close to museum

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The race is on for the city to find buyers and developers for 13 acres near the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

Next month, a contingent of city officials and consultants will head to Las Vegas for the annual Urban Land Institute fall



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Rework of interchange will open up land on Stonewall Street for development. In total, 13 acres over five sites will be sold to help pay for NASCAR Hall of Fame.

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Need a loan? Ric Flair says 'Wooo!'

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Ric Flair is ready to go to the mat — for car loans, home mortgages and more.

The longtime wrestling star and Charlotte resident launched a business this month aimed at capitalizing on his three decades in

the ring and trademark catch phrase, "Wooo!"

RicFlairFinance.com targets potential customers seeking loans as well as those ready to refinance.

Flair, known as "The Nature Boy," spent two years developing the business with his wife, Tiffany, and Chris Porter, a locally

based Internet marketer who serves as chief executive of RicFlairFinance.com. All three of the business partners decline to disclose finan-

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"If this takes off, which we're confident it will, it's going to be really good."

Ric Flair
RicFlair Finance.com

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