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## City unveils Mayor Beth Finch monument



City officials unveil the Mayor Beth Finch monument during a ceremony on Sept. 24, in downtown Fayetteville. Finch was Fayetteville's first female mayor and served as mayor from 1975 till 1981. See more photos at [fayobserver.com](https://fayobserver.com).  
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## Will Project Superman fly here?

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's ... a steel manufacturer?

The Fayetteville City Council, in a unanimous vote Sept. 22, gave the go-ahead for its economic development team to offer incentives in pursuit of a project that would add 42 full-time jobs paying an average salary to exceed \$66,700. The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners will consider the same project at its next meeting.

The project is in a stage where it has one of those code names, as the identity of the company and other details are kept nonpublic during what could be a competitive process to land the company. The code name in this case is "Project Superman."

**A steel company already operating in Fayetteville is behind the code name**

Robert Van Geons, CEO of the Fayetteville Cumberland County Economic Development Corporation, told the City Council at its regular meeting Monday that the moniker is pretty straightforward.

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## Mass firings planned if government shuts down

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WASHINGTON – The White House is asking federal agencies to prepare plans for mass firings if the government partially shuts down next week, the latest clash in the high-stakes confrontation between President Donald Trump and congressional Democrats.

Federal workers have traditionally been paid after temporary furloughs while Congress resolves funding disputes. But with no solution in sight and a partial shutdown looming Oct. 1, the Office of Management and Budget outlined this harsher approach.

"Programs that did not benefit from an infusion of mandatory appropriations will bear the brunt of a shutdown," the memo said.

House Republicans approved legislation Sept. 19 that aimed to extend

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