



2011 ALAPA Awards

Outstanding Media Coverage

This award recognizes outstanding media coverage of planning issues in written or broadcast media by a newspaper, television station, magazine, or radio station.

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Dothan Eagle

Coverage of the City of Dothan Zoning Ordinance Revision

Nominated by Tim Brown, AICP

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- In 2008, the City of Dothan began a comprehensive rewrite of its zoning ordinance. This culminated in the ordinance being adopted by the City Commission on September 21, 2010.
- The *DOTHAN EAGLE* covered this issue starting with the March 2010 Planning Commission meeting. The paper produced 10 articles, including two editorials on this subject.





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- The *DOTHAN EAGLE* has demonstrated impartiality.
- The paper covered both sides of the issue in a fair and balanced way and provided adequate space to each view. With multiple public hearings held on this issue, citizen input was covered by the paper both in the articles written as well as in the editorial summing up the process.

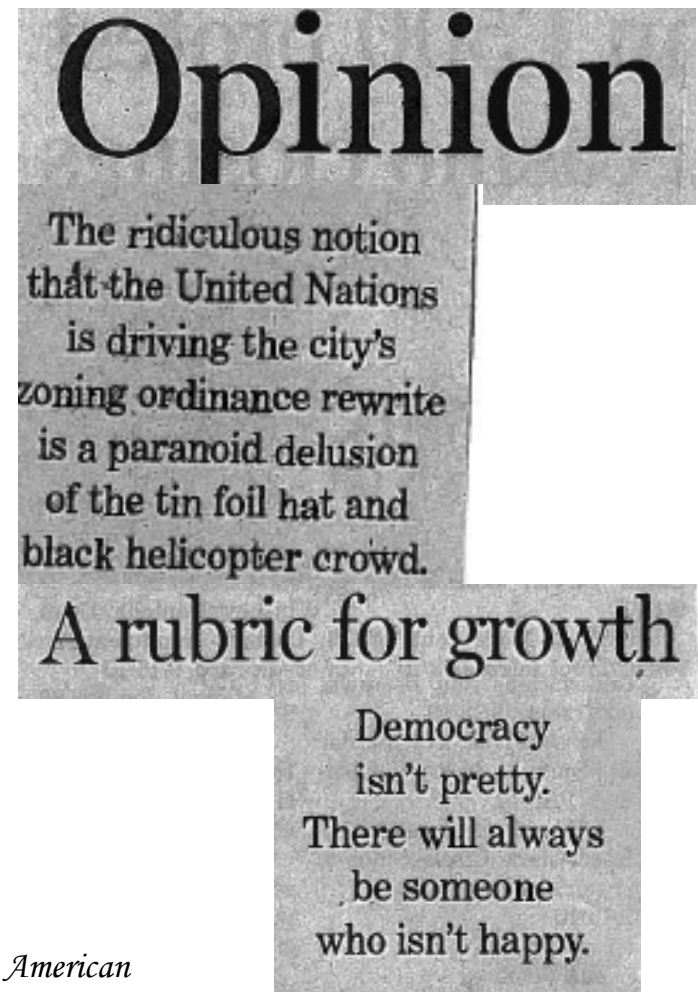
City commission
denies hidden
agenda; passes
zoning ordinance
Lance Griffin

Residents
speak out
against
ordinance 9/8



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- The *DOTHAN EAGLE* has demonstrated support for the planning profession and the planning process.
- Based on the paper's fair and balanced coverage of this issue all through the process, it is evident that the Dothan Eagle is very supportive of the planning profession and the work that was undertaken.



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Accepting

Tim Brown, AICP on behalf of the Dothan Eagle.

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