

■ WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

General Plan Proposed To Go Mixed-Use

Five areas would be chosen

A continued public hearing on a proposed update to the city's general plan that would emphasize "mixed-use" zoning to allow different uses such as housing, retail and offices in the same area tops Wednesday's meeting of the Westminster City Council.

The proposed update to the general plan identifies five areas in the city "designed to be pedestrian-friendly with higher densities than typical patterns of ... use."

■ **AN OPINION** on the "mixed use" approach to planning in Jim Tortolano's Retorts column on page 3.

They are the Civic Center, Westminster Boulevard/downtown, "corridors," Little Saigon and the Northwest District.

The public hearing is continued from the March 25 meeting.

The council will meet at 6 p.m. in its chambers at 8200 Westminster Blvd.

■ **MISTER PINSTRIPE**



Pacifica outfielder Nathan Williams races in to make a tough catch. The Mariners defeated Northwood 13-0 on Tuesday in a non-league game. The Mariners are 10-7 overall. **For more high school sports go to page 7** (GGUSD photo).

■ **GARDEN GROVE SCHOOL BOARD**

1 percent pay hike approved on a 5-0 vote

A 1 percent pay raise, effective July 1, 2025 was approved for a variety of employees at Tuesday's meeting of the Garden Grove Unified School District Board of Education.

The vote was 5-0. Some employee groups will also receive a one-time 1% off schedule salary increase in base pay for the 2025-2026 fiscal year at year end.

The board's action included ratifications of tentative agreements with

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Do-it-yourself 'police work' has hazards

Don't try this at home. Or, to put it another way, leave law enforcement to the professionals.

A report of a disturbance at Central Park in Huntington Beach on Sunday led to the arrest of an adult suspect on suspicion of arranging to meet a minor to engage in lewd conduct. But it wasn't quite what police would consider smart.

At about 7:30 p.m., police were told that a "social media film crew" had confronted a male who had allegedly made arrangement for sexual

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In The Tribune



Will Las Vegas lose its 'Sun'?

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Blue Jays can't beat Dodgers

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Inquiry into Stanton death is underway by the OCSD

The area of Main and Pacific streets in Stanton is becoming a hot spot of crime, as the body of a man was found early Sunday morning around 5:30 a.m. and the inquiry into the man's death led to the arrests of six people for illegal gambling.

According to the Orange County Sheriff's Department — which provides police services to Stan-

ton — the deceased was a man in his 30s. His identity will be disclosed once the coroner has confirmed the cause of death and the next of kin notified. The investigation is continuing.

The OCSD is asking anyone who "may have seen something related to this incident" to call the Sheriff's Dispatch at (714)

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Stanton fatal

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647-7000.

In their investigation, sheriff’s department investigators detained about 50 people at a suspected illegal gambling location near Cerritos Avenue and Flower Avenue.

Six people were arrested for outstanding warrants not related to the incident. Multiple gambling machines were removed from the residence and booked as evidence of illegal gambling.

Pay raise

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various employee groups including classified employees and the GGUSD supervisory unit, as well as salary increases for members of the board of education, classified substitutes, tutors and college workers, management employees and others.

The district serves most of Garden Grove and parts of Anaheim, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Santa Ana, Stanton and Westminster.

Don’t you do it

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contact with a juvenile male. Or at least that’s what he allegedly thought he had arranged.

Instead, the suspect had been communicating with the social media crew. It turned out, according to the HBPD, that “based on statements and corroborating evidence” an officer arrested Jerry Robert Mejias, 61, of Huntington Beach.

“Although we understand the intent,” a statement from police read, “the Huntington Beach Police Department cannot stress enough the dangers of conducting ‘To Catch A Predator’-style investigations and meeting in person.”

Anyone with information related to the alleged crime and arrest is asked to call Detective Sgt. Anthony Pham at (714) 878-5640.

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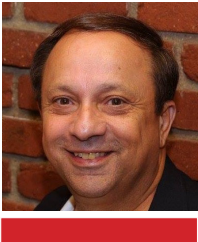
News & Views

Mixed-use can be the solution but not always

When the Westminster City Council meets on Wednesday, it will take up a continued public hearing on a citywide zoning and general plan update with key elements focusing on mixed-use land use.

Simply put, ‘mixed-use’ is a modern spin on a traditional model:

putting housing and commercial and public development – homes, shops, offices, schools, etc. – either in the same area, or even the same building.



Retorts
Jim Tortolano

Identified are five “special places designed to be pedestrian friendly with higher densities than typical patterns of ... use.” Those areas are the Civic Center, Westminster Boulevard/downtown, “corridors,” Little Saigon and the Northwest District.

I have always been a booster of mixed-use planning and policies. When successful they can be crucial to building community and neighborhood pride and cohesiveness.

In many older cities, the model was pretty good. A small business on the ground floor, with the proprietor above on the second floor, and maybe a tenant above that. Having a food store, a dentist or movie theater a block or so away can reduce the necessity to own cars, which in turn – in theory – “calmed” traffic.

But here in SoCal, people want their cars, gosh darn it. They rather enjoy their land-gobbling lawns and – perhaps most importantly – developers want to build the tried-and-true modes of putting sticks in the

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100 YEARS of history (and female fashion) will be celebrated on April 18 at the Huntington Beach Union High School District auditorium on the HBHS campus (HBUSD photo).

‘Century’ of history, art at the HBUHSD Auditorium

When the auditorium on the Huntington Beach High School campus first opened in 1926, what’s now “Surf City USA” was just a sleepy beach town with lots of oil wells.

HBHS was the first and only high school in the district (Westminster High didn’t come along until 1959) and the closest other

secondary school in Orange County was Garden Grove Union High (1921). One hundred years later that facility – with its iconic bell tower – will be celebrated on Saturday, April 18 in “A Century of Stars and Stories” at 7 p.m.

There will be some light snacks

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Everything is quite ducky now, thanks to HBFD

Like the classic James Taylor song, the work of the Huntington Beach Fire Department is the story of “Fire and Rain.”

Recently, a crew from Huntington Beach fire engine 43 was dispatched on a unique call in a residential neighborhood after multiple baby ducks fell into a

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FIREFIGHTERS rescued ducks from sewer in Huntington Beach (HBFD photo).

One killed, one hurt in GG crash

One person was killed and another injured in a traffic accident Friday night in Garden Grove.

According to the GCPD, the incident took place in the 12700 block of Euclid Street, near Garden Grove High School.

Police at around 10:05 p.m. received reports of a vehicle being driven recklessly southbound on Euclid Street from Katella Ave-

nue. It was described as a silver 1999 Toyota Corolla.

Several minutes later a major traffic collision was reported. The solo crash ejected a male and female from the vehicle and they were unresponsive when police and paramedics arrived.

Both victims were taken to UCI Medical Center in Orange where the male was pronounced

deceased.

The cause of the accident is under investigation. Anyone who witnessed a silver Toyota Corolla being driven recklessly in the southbound lanes of Euclid, witnessed the collision or has video footage of the incident is asked to call Investigator Lang at (714) 741-5823 or via e-mail at mlang@ggcity.org.

History Minute

Women, hear them roar now

History isn’t always far in the past; it can be happening all the time. An historic event in Garden Grove in 2024 was not just the election of Stephanie Klopfenstein as

mayor of Garden Grove (and the first woman selected by voters directly), but that the city council has both a female majority and a minority majority for the first time.

The city’s first female councilmember and mayor was Kathryn (Kay) Barr, who served 1969-70. Later she was on the Orange County Water District board of directors for 35 years,



KAY BARR, Mayor George Honold at the dedication of a military cargo plane called “The City of Garden Grove.” (Garden Grove Historical Society photo).

NewsUpdate

Two-Week Ceasefire Deal Reached

The Strait of Hormuz open during pause

The United States and the Republic of Iran have now agreed to a two-week ceasefire.

According to the Associated Press the Supreme National Security Council has agreed to the pause in combat and would begin to negotiate, but, "This does not signify the termination of the war."

President Donald Trump has withdrawn his threats to intensify the attack on Iran. He had targeted bridges, power plants and other civilian targets in Iran, promising "A whole civilization will die tonight, never to be brought back again."



PICKING THROUGH the rubble of a destroyed girls school in Iran (Wikipedia).

The ceasefire was preceded by U.S. and Israeli attacks on Iran on Tuesday morning.

In reaction to the events, oil

prices dropped and U.S. stock futures rose.

Iran's foreign minister said that passage through the Strait

of Hormuz will be allowed during the cease-fire, but under the management of the Iranian military.

Return leg of moon flyby of the Artemis II spacecraft

The mission of Artemis II, having passed over the far side of the moon, is now on its return phase to bring the four astronauts – three Americans and one Canadian – back to earth.

According to The New York Times, the pull of Earth's gravity has begun pulling the spacecraft and will bring it down for a Pacific Ocean splashdown on Friday. Notable in the mission on Tuesday

were phone conversations between the crew of the Artemis mission and those on the International Space Station, orbiting Earth about 250 miles above our planet.

But it wasn't quite the same as a call on your iPhone. There was a 2.5-second gap in conversation. Topics in their conversation included how crowded the Orion capsule was, and the sight of meteors striking the moon.

Weather: Play it cooler for now

A cooling trend is on its way for our West Orange County cities. The forecast for Wednesday is for a daytime high of 78 with an overnight low of 59 under partly cloudy skies. Thursday should cool slightly to 76 (50) with mostly cloudy conditions. Friday goes to 73 (58) with partly cloudy conditions. Saturday drops further to 67 (56) with thundershowers predicted.

Republican candidate wins runoff election for a key House seat in Georgia

Republican Clay Fuller is projected to defeat Democrat Shawn Harris in a runoff for the seat in the House of Representatives vacated by Marjorie Taylor Greene.

According to USA Today, Fuller is polling 55 percent to 44 percent in the Georgia district, thus denying Democrats the chance to further narrow the slim Republican edge in the House.

However, Fuller's place in the House is only guaranteed until November when the seat will be contested in the general election.

The 14th District has long been a safe Republican district but Harris' loss to Fuller was smaller than the 2024 outcome.

Great Thoughts

"Peace begins with a smile."
– Mother Theresa

"Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding."
– Albert Einstein

"Gentlemen may cry, peace! Peace! But there is no peace."
– Patrick Henry.

Arts & Living

Sun Setting on Print Las Vegas Sun?

Joint operating agreement about to end?

By Jessica Hill
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The Las Vegas Review-Journal announced Friday that it will no longer print its rival the Las Vegas Sun for the first time in decades, sharpening their legal dispute over the nation's last joint operating agreement stemming from a 1970 law designed to preserve newspapers.

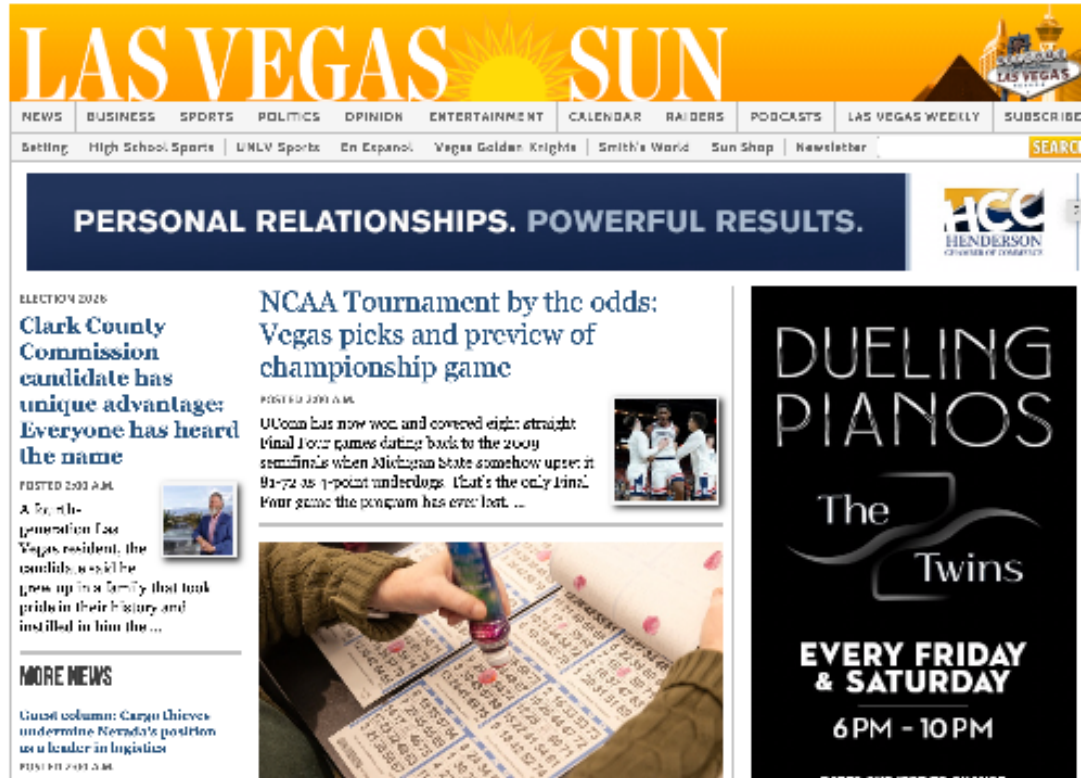
Readers "will not find a printed Las Vegas Sun insert inside," the Review-Journal wrote in an editorial, noting the Sun maintains a website, has a few hundred thousand followers across social media platforms, and is free to produce its own newspaper.

"We encourage them to do so. The Review-Journal competes with countless sources of news and entertainment, but we would welcome one more. We just don't want to foot the bill. It is time the Sun stood up on its own two feet," the editorial said, without specifying the cost.

It was the first day in 76 years the Sun hasn't been printed, Sun attorney Leif Reid said in an email.

"This does irreparable harm to our community, as no one benefits when a local newspaper is prevented from being published," Reid said.

The two publications will be in court Friday and the Sun hopes a judge will order printing to immediately resume. Employees are preparing print pages as always in hopes they will be able to publish Saturday, said Robert Cauthorn, chief operating officer. The now-rare joint operating agreement required the Sun to be printed as a daily insert in the Review-Journal, the state's largest newspaper. Both companies remained editorially independent



THE LAS VEGAS SUN still has a website, but future as print paper is in doubt (Las Vegas Sun).

with separate newsrooms and websites.

A lower court found the agreement was unenforceable because a 2005 update was never signed by the U.S. attorney general, and in February the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the Sun's appeal.

The Review-Journal editorial called the Supreme Court decision a decisive victory, saying that halting publication of the Sun on Friday was "a result of 6½ years of litigation between the newspapers, precipitated by the Sun."

Such agreements between rival publications have dwindled as part of a "long, slow goodbye of newspapers as we knew them," said Ken Doctor, a news business analyst. The Detroit Free Press and the Detroit News ended a 40-year agreement last year. USA Today Co., which owns the Detroit Free Press, recently announced its plans to purchase the Detroit News.

The two papers are longtime rivals

In 1950, the Sun was founded in response to the Review-Journal's refusal to negotiate with typesetters from the International Typographical Union. The union started its own newspaper and reached out to businessman Hank Greenspun for financial backing. The Greenspuns still own the pa-

per.

The Review-Journal has been publishing since 1909, first as the Clark County Review. It is owned by the Adelson family, who are casino magnates and Republican megadonors.

The Review-Journal's editorials lean more conservative, while the Sun's lean liberal. The 1970 law

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A new wave 'Spring Fling'

Perhaps "New Wave" rock music of the 80s and 90s isn't quite as new as it once was, but it will be fresh this Sunday, April 12 at the Garden Amp in Garden Grove with tribute bands performing the works of Duran Duran, Depeche Mode and the B-52s.

Garden Amp is in the Village Green park in Garden Grove (Euclid and Main streets),



TheSportsPages

Jo put on the Show of the '26 season so far

The Jo Show Dept: That's what the Angels are calling the near-magical performance of the Angels outfielder Jo Adell on Saturday, as he robbed the Seattle Mariners of three "sure-thing" home runs.

In the last instance, his leap carried him into the stands, but he hung on to the ball, bounced back on the field of play, waving the horsehide (it's not really horsehide, but we respect tradition here at the Oh Cee Tee) like a trophy.

Quite frankly, what Jo did was the single most outstanding defensive performance in baseball that I've seen in decades. And I've got more than a few decades on my personal odometer.

A lot is made of offensive stats such as batting average, runs batted in, on-base percentage, etc. More should be made of the "off-base" percentage of a gloved virtuoso like Jo, who keeps runs from being batted in.

Close And a Cigar Dept: No, Cori Close, head coach of the UCLA women's basketball team did not light up a cigar after the Bruins won the NCAA Division I championship on Sunday. But she might have been forgiven a Red Auerbach moment for the accomplishment. In crushing favorite South Carolina 79-51 in Phoenix, her team turned in a virtually flawless performance. The Bruins put on a clinic of smart hoops that would have made even John Wooden smile ... which he seldom did. Five passes. Hit the open ... person. Block out. Hands up. Anticipate where the ball is going. Despite losing center Lauren



Sports Retorts

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Not Quite Ready Yet

Brief stay in 1st place ends with loss to Braves

By Pete Zarustica
Orange County Tribune

It's only April, but it sure felt good.

The Los Angeles Angels, who seem to have a permanent lease on last place in the American League West basement, briefly popped up into a tie for first place in the division and then slid into a tie for second the very next day.

After a stirring 6-2 win on Monday, the Halos blew an early lead on Tuesday night in Anaheim, losing 7-2 to the Atlanta Braves and squaring their record at 6-6, tied with the Houston Astros.

The Angels jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning when Jose Soler hit his second home run of the new season for a 2-0 lead but the Halo slugger took himself out of the game with his temper.

In his second at-bat in the fifth inning, Soler was by a pitch thrown by Reynaldo Lopez. Assuming it was a payback for his home run, Soler charged the mound and threw some pitches



JOSE SOLER homered in Tuesday night's 7-2 loss to the Atlanta Braves (Angels photo).

of his own.

The benches cleared and both the pitcher and hitter were ejected.

"I asked him if everything was OK, and the answer he gave me, I didn't like it. That's why I went out there," said Soler.

With Soler gone, so was the Halo offense.

The Braves scored one in the

second inning and added three in the fourth and two more in the ninth to pull away with the win and dropping the Angels into second in the ALW.

Jo Adell, who put on a defensive show on Saturday with three spectacular catches that saved home runs, was the offensive star with a 2-for-4 night that pushed his average to .283.

Toronto still cold vs. Dodgers

By David Arthur
Orange County Tribune

After being thumped in the World Series last October, the Toronto Blue Jays doubtless hoped for a measure of payback when the Los Angeles Dodgers – the world champion Dodgers – came into Rogers Centre for, perhaps, a little turnaround.

Little is right. With the Blue Crew's 4-1 win over the Jays on Tuesday night, the visitors won the first two games of the three-game series and rubbed some "snow" onto hopes for a happy rematch.

Four different Dodgers drove in runs for the West Coast team, and the Blue Jays could only muster six hits and the one run and never lead.

Driving in runs for LA were Shohei Ohtani, Will Smith, Alex Freeland and Kyle Tucker. The sole Toronto tally came on an eighth-inning double by George Springer.

Yoshinobu Yamamoto (2-1) pitched six innings for the Dodgers, giving up just five hits and one run. He struck out six Blue Jays and walked one.

The teams will meet again at Chavez Ravine on Wednesday.

AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Texas	6-5	.545	—	6-4
ANGELS	6-6	.500	.5	4-6
Houston	6-6	.500	.5	6-4
Seattle	4-8	.333	2.5	3-7
Athletics	3-7	.300	2.5	3-7

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	9-2	.818	—	8-2
San Diego	5-6	.455	4	5-5
Arizona	5-6	.455	4	5-5
Colorado	5-6	.455	4	5-5
San Fran.	4-8	.333	5.5	4-6

■ **Prep Sports Spotlight**

Rancho softball wins slugfest 28-14 over LQ

Tabitha Sanchez batted 4-for-6 with a home run, five stolen bases and five runs scored as the Rancho Alamitos softball team defeated La Quinta 28-14 on Monday.

It was the Vaqueros' seventh win in eight games. They're 9-2 overall and tied for first in the Grove League. The Aztecs are 2-10 overall and have lost three games straight.

The game started off even; each team scored five runs in the first and Rancho led by just 18-14 after four innings until they brought the contest to a close with 10 uncontested runs in the fifth.

Also standing out for the green-and-gold was Alani Corona, who was 4-for-6 at the plate with five runs scored and a stolen base.

Next up for Rancho is a game Friday against Western High

of Anaheim. The Pioneers are 2-5-2 overall and 0-2 in Orange League play.

In baseball action, Garden Grove (10-5 overall) extended its winning streak to six straight on Monday, defeating the Garfield Bulldogs of Los Angeles 1-0 in a non-league game on Monday.

Mario Salas pitched a gem for the Argonauts, yielding just one hit and struck out eight batters.

The top hitter for the red-and-white was Khai Anderson, who was 2-for-3 with a stolen base.

Garfield's loss snapped a nine-game winning streak. They're 11-5-1 overall.

• Other scores (Monday)

Baseball
Westminster 10, Crawford 5

Softball
Rancho Mirage 11, Westminster 2



RANCHO ALAMITOS softball team defeated La Quinta in a high-scoring contest 28-14 on Monday. A 10-run fifth inning ended the game early. It was the Vaqueros' seventh win in eight games; they have a 9-2 record overall. They'll be back in action on Friday against Western (GGUSD photo).



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signed by then-President Richard Nixon, called the Newspaper Preservation Act, was designed to save newspapers costs while maintaining competition and editorial variety.

The papers first entered into a

All is ducky now

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storm drain.

The mother duck was pretty upset, but HBFD firefighters safely got into the sewer system and were able to rescue and returned the ducklings to Mama Duck, who hustled them away from the scene of their watery crisis.

joint operating agreement in 1989 when the Sun was struggling to stay afloat financially. The agreement made the Sun an afternoon newspaper during weekdays and a section within the Review-Journal on weekend mornings, while the Review-Journal handled production, distribution and advertising. The Review-Journal also collected all revenue and was required to pay the Sun monthly to cover the Sun's news and editorial expenses.

'Century of Stars, Stories' coming to HB auditorium

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and live music with proceeds going to renovations in the "green room" (where performers wait before going on stage). Cake will be served during intermission.

The auditorium has hosted

thousands of performances, assemblies, and countless awards ceremonies for schools throughout HBUHSD, and has served as a scenic backdrop for film.

For more information, contact Tara Choat at 100anniversary@hbuhsd.edu.

Sports Retorts: How Close?

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Bets for part of the game with throat trouble, the blue-and-gold jumped out to an early lead and played like champs the rest of the way.

No trash-talking. No attempts at

physical intimidation. No imitation of the worst habits of NBA (and some WNBA) players.

It was more than just a huge trophy. It was as Close to perfect as any sporting performance can be.

Retorts: Betting on mixed use

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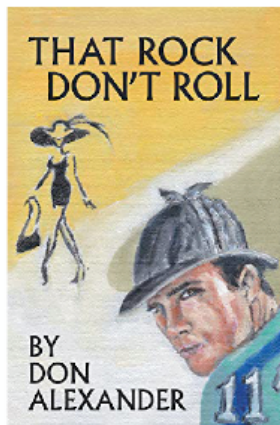
ground.

My point here – and I do have one – is how does a city move good ideas into good outcomes? It's been almost a decade since Westminster changed some zoning along Westminster Boulevard west toward Springdale with the hope of spurring mixed-uses. For the most part, it's been more sputtering than spurring.

Urban planning isn't the same as human nature, even if it's for the better. As Anne Shirley says in one of those "Anne of Green Gables" books, "People don't want to be improved."

Some serious fun

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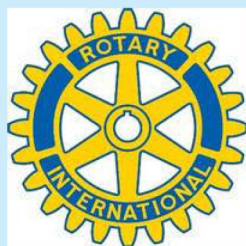
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