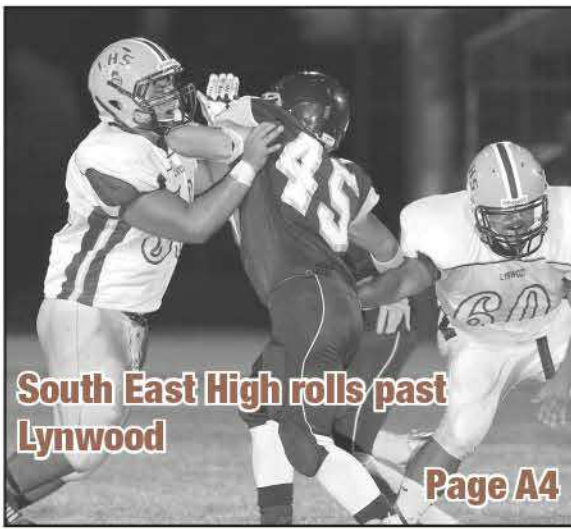


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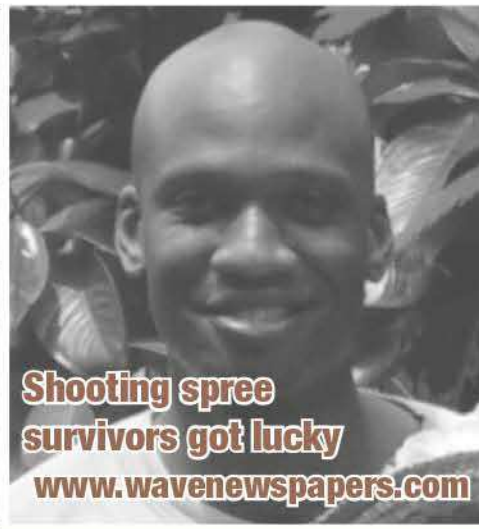
Red-light cameras, used for traffic enforcement by taking pictures of vehicles running red lights, will be removed from seven intersections in South Gate.

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STREETBEAT

'Will raising the minimum wage help the economy?'



MARGARITA SPENCE NORWALK

"I'm uncertain about helping the economy. But people need to make a living, so the wage increase is good."



BOB PETERSON BREA

"It will hurt the economy. Low-income people will get more money but it won't raise the standard of living of the average person."



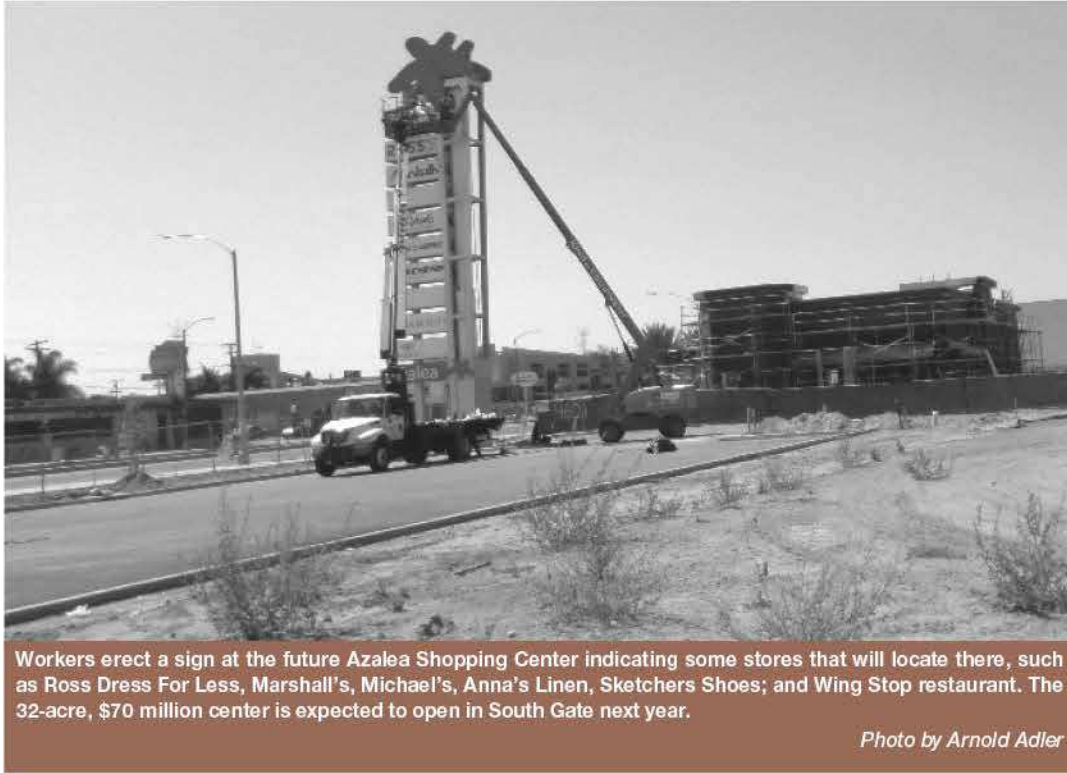
GEORGE VARGAS NORWALK

"I see things two ways. It's tough for people to maintain a family and the minimum wage has not gone up since 2008. But it may or may not cause prices to go up."



SERGIO GONZALEZ SANTA FE SPRINGS

"I don't think it will make a difference, but people deserve a higher wage."



Workers erect a sign at the future Azalea Shopping Center indicating some stores that will locate there, such as Ross Dress For Less, Marshall's, Michael's, Anna's Linen, Sketchers Shoes; and Wing Stop restaurant. The 32-acre, \$70 million center is expected to open in South Gate next year.

Photo by Arnold Adler

In-and-Out Burger to open in Azalea Center in November

BY ARNOLD ADLER
STAFF WRITER

SOUTH GATE — Most stores in the 32-acre, \$70 million Azalea Shopping Center, northwest of Firestone Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue, are not expected to open until next year, but one of the restaurants plans to offer hamburgers for Thanksgiving.

In-and-Out Burger, under construction on Firestone at the west end of the site, plans to be open by mid-November, according to South Gate building official William Campana.

A Wal-Mart, just north of the eatery, plans to open in January. The rest of the center is expected to be completed by June, Campana said.

The center is being developed by Los Angeles-based Primestor Development Company. It plans about 400,000 square feet of retail space proving about 600 construction jobs and 800 permanent jobs, officials said.

Other occupants, listed on a leasing site plan as either signed or expected to sign, include CVS Pharmacy, Verizon Wireless, Oshkosh Bigosh, Sally's Beauty Supply, Carter's, Forever 21 and a number of restaurants, mostly along Atlantic Avenue. They include Panda Express, Habit Burger Grill, Subway, Yogurt-

land and TGI Friday.

The latter eatery was the subject of a public hearing before the City Council Sept. 10, which agreed to enlarge the area for serving alcoholic beverages. The vote was 4-0 with Councilman William H. De Witt abstaining.

Steve Lefever, director of community development, said officials representing TGI Friday requested to have a larger alcoholic beverages consumption area instead of the current agreement for an area of 10 percent of the 6,800-square-foot restaurant, 4635 Firestone Blvd.

The council altered its conditional use permit to allow the restaurant to serve alcoholic beverages with meals in its 3,122-square-foot dining area and a planned 1,130-square-foot outdoor patio.

Lefever said the restaurant will have two bars, one indoors and one outdoors.

It plans to serve alcoholic beverages from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. seven days a week.

Conditions prohibit the installation of a public telephone. The business owner must monitor the parking lot and prevent loitering.

A lighting plan for the parking lot is to be submitted later, Lefever said.

In other action Sept. 10, the council:

- Contracted with Helpline Youth Counseling, a nonprofit counseling agency, to administer the city's emergency solutions program for a fee of \$123,850. Those funds will come from a federal grant for a program to help the homeless, Lefever said. The program offers emergency shelter and essential services to those in a shelter, such as case management, counseling, child care, help obtaining state and federal benefits and educational services, legal services and employment assistance, the agreement reads. Helpline Youth Counseling is based in Norwalk. The executive director is Jeff Farber. The agency was the only one to respond to the city's request for proposals for the work, Lefever said.

- Approved an agreement with Rockview Dairies to lease 85 acre feet of water from the city's municipal water system in the coming year at a cost of \$140 per acre foot (about 300,300 gallons). Rockview Family Farms is based in Downey. Its main facility is at 5951 Southern Ave., with a refrigerated storage center at 9490 Miller Way, both in South Gate. E. J. De Groot is president. South Gate has the rights to pump 11,183 acre feet of water a year from the Central Basin, which is more than needed to serve its residents, Lefever said.

Maywood Park baseball stadium to undergo repairs

WAVE STAFF REPORT

MAYWOOD — The baseball stadium at Maywood Park, damaged by vandals two years ago, will be repaired following action by the City Council Sept. 9.

The council contracted with V&M Iron Works, selected from three bidders, to repair the facility at the park, 4801 E. 58th St., at a cost not to exceed \$60,150.

The structure was damaged by fire, set by vandals who climbed over the fence to gain

access Nov. 22, 2011, Mayor Oscar Magana said.

It destroyed the press box used by announcers and part of the bleachers and the 4-by-8-foot electronic scoreboard, said Magana, who added the restored facility will seat about 300.

It has been used but in its damaged state, said the mayor, adding the scoreboard enhances visitor enjoyment of the game.

Work is expected to be completed this fall.

In other action Sept. 9, the council:

- Authorized city staff to seek bids for street improvements. Work is expected to start in November and be completed by June. Estimated cost of \$445,351 will come from state Proposition 19 funds for street upgrades, Project Manager Andre Dupret said.

Street sections to be improved are: Everett Avenue from 58th Street to the city's southern limits, the Slauson Avenue north service road between Alamo Avenue and District Boulevard at the city's eastern limits, and Ran-

dolph Street from Atlantic Avenue to Walker.

- Contracted with Rocio Lopez to administer the city's housing improvement program in the coming year for a fee not to exceed \$11,022. Her salary will come from the expected \$370,139 in the coming year from the federal Community Development Block Grant program, City Manager Lilian Myers said. Of that amount, \$55,000 will be available for loans or grants to low- and middle-income residents for housing improvements,

Myers said.

- Myers announced the long-sought citywide tree trimming program is under way by West Coast Arborists, hired for the job last month. Work started on the city's west side and will move southeast over the next 90 days, Myers said.

- Magana announced that the city newsletter, Maywood Today, has been printed and will be delivered by volunteers door to door. He said efforts will be made to sell ads in the newsletter so the city can afford to mail them.

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