San Luis Obispo County businesses predict varying results from the minimum wage increase, while effected employees welcome higher wages.

In the first of two increases, the minimum wage rose from $4.25 to $4.75 on Oct. 1. The second will be implemented one year later.

Some businesses foresee this first increase to have little impact, but for others, it may mean rising prices or decreasing standards.

Justin Cooley, assistant manager of The Warehouse on Madonna Road, was among those who didn’t anticipate much change. "It should all be absorbed," Cooley said. "It shouldn’t really be a big deal."

However, mandated wage increases might eventually mean higher prices at Kona’s Deli & Cafe, said General Manager Aaron Osmonson. This would be the first time in its seven years of business that the sandwich shop would up its prices.

Osmonson said Kona’s would attempt to "hold out," but if Kona’s suppliers raise the prices the deli will be forced to adjust menu prices.

"Overall (the minimum wage increase) will drive prices up (for the) products we buy," Osmonson said. "Eventually it might increase our prices—but we’re not going to unless we absolutely have to."

Labor Market Analyst for the State Employment Development Department, Doug Perron, recognized such a chain of events as normal. "Businesses will always pass the cost along unless the market is very competitive and they don’t think the market will sustain price raises," Perron said.

General Manager of Woodstock’s Pizzeria Jeff Lafranchi directs a staff of 47, many of whom work for minimum wage or just above. "The raise in minimum wage tends to bump everybody up—it costs a lot of money," Lafranchi said.

Woodstock’s Pizza manager P r i c e increases "and a tighter, more efficient work schedule, are the tactics Lafranchi said he will use to account for the increase.

Lafranchi didn’t seem too worried. "We might lose a few (customers) from raising the prices, but they didn’t change that much," he said.

Local customers are not the only ones Woodstock’s and other local business impacted by the wage increase have to worry about pleasing.

"We have a strong tourism-based economy," said Norey See WAGES page 2

He explained that a 30-day waiting period followed the Foundation’s application in August when anyone could have the opportunity to complain to the California Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (CABC). "Going on the advice of fellow students, student leadership and the reports that were drawn up by past ASI President Craig Brady," McShane said, "I decided that it was in our best interest to file against the PAC."

There will be a hearing concerning the issue, and McShane said he is interested in hearing a lot of feedback from students. De Juan Gonzalez attended the meeting as the president of the representative.

"Thirty complaints were filed with the CABC," he said. "We anticipate a hearing in approximately two months. People can voice their concerns at the hearing. It will be open. "It probably will be a long, arduous process," he added. Controlling alcohol of the PAC and Vista Grande restaurant was also discussed.

Foundation representative Al Amasar attempted to clear up questions about alcohol regulation.

"We won’t sell more than two glasses of wine to anyone at one time, period," he said. Amasar assured it would be a controlled environment and no one would be served without a meal or before 4 p.m.

"It’s complimentary to the Performing Arts Center," he said. "A lot of the people have asked for this service because they prefer to have a glass of wine with a nice meal before a performance."

In Cal Poly Plan news, ASI asked for two to three representatives from each college to help form a committee which will research how the student body and administration are reacting.

ASI was also informed last Thursday that the Utilidor construction project is on a 24-month project and will not be completed for a while, but they are trying to move out of Dexter lawn as soon as possible.

Finally, the meeting welcomed ASI Executive Director Soncia R. Lilly who recently replaced Fuly Harrigan after her summer resignation.
Catch a later, safer ride home

By John Diamond
Assistant Pres.

If you find yourself stuck downtown and in need of a ride home after a few cocktails at a bar, or if you’re stranded on a street corner late at night, you can put your mind at ease, the Safe Ride Home program has extended its hours of operation.

Safe Ride Home, a division of Transportation Management Association (TMA) has extended its hours from 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the three nights the shuttle vans service San Luis Obispo.

“A group of Cal Poly students did a report on Safe Ride Home and made recommendations for a more effective program,” said Mark Shaffer, executive director of Ride On-TMA. The group suggested earlier hours would benefit members of the community that were planning to use the Safe Ride Home service after a night out, but did want to leave their automobile stranded over night.

“It was a recommendation that made a lot of sense,” Shaffer added.

The Safe Ride Home service doesn’t solely cater to the needs of individuals who have been drinking alcohol. “Safe Ride is for everybody. You don’t have to be coming home from the bars,” Shaffer said.

Shaffer added that only 18 percent of the rides requested are from people coming from the bars.

“The remaining (users of safe-rides) drink at security and fraternity houses, parties and at other residences,” Shaffer said.

The Safe Ride Home program, coupled with stricter law enforcement, has drastically reduced the number of DUIs in San Luis Obispo.

“The number has decreased by 45 percent in the last year,” according to Shaffer.

Cal Poly civil engineering student Larry Lent has utilized the Safe Ride Home service and is thankful for its existence.

“I went out one night to a party with my roommates and was unable to drive. I said, ‘Someone suggested that we call the Safe Ride number for a ride home.’”

Safe Ride is a nonprofit and a valuable resource for the community, Lent added.

“It does the community and the students a real huge favor,” he said.

Last year, the nonprofit Safe Ride Home program provided over 2,500 rides to people who chose not to drive their cars after drinking.

Even if someone needing a ride is out of the city limits, Safe Ride Home will contact a taxi service.

The cost of registering for unlimited rides home for one year is $20. However, Safe Ride Home is available to unregistered people at a cost of $4 per ride.

U.S. to stay in Bosnia for 5 more months

By John Diamond

Staff Writer

Republican on the committee angrily recited to Perry and Shalikashvili their own unequivocal statements last year that the troop deployment would be over by the end of the year.

“The credibility gap between you and Congress is as wide as the Grand Canyon,” said Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev.

Sen. William Cohen, R-Maine, voiced “a fear on the part of members that this cover force is going to be a precursor to a much longer force presence.”

Even Georgia Sen. Sam Nunn, ranking Democrat on the committee, said the Clinton administration had erred in setting a firm withdrawal date.

“Whether you’re setting specific time lines for a particular deployment to end you’re making a mistake at the outset,” Nunn said.

Perry and Shalikashvili indicated they did not consider the need to keep some troops beyond December an issue that warrant ed extensive consultations with Congress.

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Mozart of Poetry wins literature Nobel

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — While her wit, political insight and intensity of emotion inspired movie nabobs and rock bands, her poetry won the Nobel Prize in literature Thursday.

"It turns out that the force of Polish and of Polish nature is in the spiritual sphere, because this great poet from Krakow becomes more important to the whole world than all these sweating guys who run around making more and more dollars," Szczypiorski said, referring to frenzied Polish businessmen. 

The Nobel prizes in medicine, economics, physics and chemistry will be announced next week in Stockholm, followed by the peace prize on October 11 in Oslo.
Coyote Byways

By Bob Gish

Coyote Boy checked his P.O. box and found his "California Ballot Pamphlet" waiting. All of the acts, initiatives, amendments and statutes were there. All of the propositions he had to read up on before the election.

Some initiatives he hadn't even heard about -- like the one on campaign spending limits which he didn't see. He was for limited recovery to drunk ties."

"Words could even at times soothe savage beasts -- the pen could be mightier than the sword, too."

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Check out our Web Site @ www.calpoly.edu/~smkenned/IFC.html
The Performing Arts Center (PAC) made its debut last Friday but the Grand Opening Festival continues this weekend.

"Last weekend was superb. It was nearly flawless," said Ron Regier, managing director of the PAC.

Part of what "sucks" in for the PAC, a costly and inspired project for both Cal Poly and the city of San Luis Obispo, is getting high exposure.

Through the course of the weekend, we had about 9,000 people through the hall," Regier said.

And there is more to come. Tonight features the Feld Ballets/NY dance company founded in New York 26 years ago by Eliot Feld, the company performs pieces that is self described as "a range from exquisitely modern to classically brilliant and popular." The twelve members of the company are former students of Ballet Tech. 

Mos. Ja Mina Suhr, Cal Poly theater and dance professor who has taught ballet courses here for 27 years, requires that all of her students go to tonight's performance.

"He (Feld) is quite a well-known choreographer," Suhr said. Suhr has not yet seen a Feld Ballets/NY production, but is looking forward to it.

Suhr and her students will be enjoying the show, but also watching critically to see what they can learn by observing "if they can learn from the dancers, scenery, costumes, the sets, and some movements," Suhr said.

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By Scott Umlaw

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VOLLEYBALL: Jenssen leads team in hitting

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by Joe Martin

Friday, October 4, 1996

last year as a freshman with 200 kills and is currently leading the team with a hitting percentage of .314. She has reached double figures in kills in the last four games, including a 14 kill performance in Cal Poly's win over New Mexico State on Thursday.

Jenssen was third on the team from last year’s team that went 7-0 overall and one of the team’s best servers in kills in the last four games.

Overall, the team is off to a great start, and this is the weekend for them to make a name for themselves. They also have a chance to improve their record.

One more win for the Mustangs will equal the total number of wins they had last season.

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come through with something.

"There is no doubt this team has the ability," Gartner said. "The odds are against us, but I think we will have a turnaround.

Gartner saw something he liked in the Mustangs last game, a 3-2 loss to UNC-Charlotte.

"What came back in the last game was the elusiveness that we’ve always lived by," Gartner said. "These guys were never used to being the team to beat.

"I like this adversity to some things. I feel like we’ve changed and putting more out there," Gartner added. "I never liked this standing on a platform. A little bit of arrogance had become part of the losses."

Cal Poly must get a win in its first league game before it can focus on the rest of the season. Last year the Mustangs defeated Northridge 2-1 at Mustang Stadium.

"We need a big win to boost our confidence," said Cal Poly middle J. Jacobson. "Last year we came out slow against Northridge. I expect us to come out strong and hopefully get ahead early."

Clay Harty, Martin Haynes, Seiji Sato and Tony Chuwana-Bandhu will be playing the forward positions. Dan Smillie, Wade Stark and Jacob Moseley will move into the midfield. Defenders P.J. Wooldridge, Jonathan Redbrid and Scott Holmes will protect goalie Greg Coonrad.

The Mustangs opened the season with a 2-1 victory over Oregon State. They then lost four straight games on the road, before returning home. Cal Poly beat Texas Pan-American at Mustang Stadium, 7-0, and then had three losses on the road.

"When it rains it pours. We had exceptional luck in the opening game against a good Oregon State team," Gartner said. "Every since then all that luck we had in that game is almost haunting us. When there is a question everything is going against us."
SPORTS

Men's soccer looks for win in league opener

By Greg Manifold

The Mustangs defense will have to be strong this weekend when they face U.C. Irvine Friday, and Cal State Fullerton Saturday in a pair of Big West matchups / Daily photo by Dow Kalmar

Umpires threaten walkout today if Alomar plays

By Ronald Mue

NEW YORK — Baseball umpires, insisting "there's no room for compromise" said they will strike today because of Roberto Alomar's continued presence in the playoffs.

"We are walking out after the last game tonight," umpires union head Richie Phillips said Thursday by telephone from his Philadelphia office.

Lawyers for the umpires and baseball owners are to appear Friday in U.S. District Court in Philadelphia, where the American and National leagues have asked for an injunction that would prevent yet another baseball walkout.

U.S. District Judge Edmund Ludwig, who was assigned the case Tuesday, was attempting to work out a deal by telephone Thursday, Phillips said. Another person involved in the case said there were negotiations among owners, umpires and the players association.

"We're not making any progress toward a settlement, any progress whatsoever," Phillips said. "There's no room for compromise. They could offer us every-thing in the world, and they've offered us a lot, and there's nothing that would change our stance.

Two games are scheduled for Friday, with Baltimore playing Cleveland in the late afternoon and the New York Yankees at Texas in the evening. Replacement umpires will be on standby in case the regulars refuse to work.

Acting commissioner Bud Selig and American League President Gene Budig planned to join baseball lawyers in court on Friday, Selig did not return a call for comment.

Alomar, Baltimore's All-Star second baseman, spat on umpire John Hirschbeck last week in Toronto, and Budig suspended him for five games. Under base- ball precedent, the suspension will be served at the start of next season.

"They make a distinction between the two," said NL umpire Jerry Crawford, the president of the umpires' union. "A game is a game no matter when you play it."

Umpires want Alomar suspended immediately and had hoped Budig would use the player's appeal as an opening to increase the penalty. But Alomar withdrew the appeal Wednesday night after being assured the suspension will be served next season.

"What has happened is an unhappy situation for all concerned," said Orioles owner Peter Angelos, a labor lawyer. "Alomar has demonstrated that he is very sincere and very heartfelt. He's trying to do the right thing and this controversy in this fashion makes the position of all those involved more confusing and serves no constructive purpose.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

• Women's Volleyball vs. Cal State Fullerton @ Mott Gym, 7 p.m.

The Mustangs will host U.C. Irvine (UCI) on Friday and Cal State Fullerton on Saturday in a pair of Big West Conference matches at Mott Gym.

Cal Poly, currently 8-4 overall and fourth in the Big West Conference Western Division at 1-1, is anticipating this weekend's competition with a lot of motivation.

According to Head Coach Steve Schlick, one of his team's main pre-season goals is to be in the Big West Tournament at the end of the season. But in order for that to happen, they need to place within the top four in their conference.

"These two teams (UCI and Fullerton) are the teams we need to beat," Schlick said regarding the upcoming matches. "We absolutely need to win, but we need to do a better job defensively so they can transition better. All of this will lead to more points, and eventually, a victory."

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