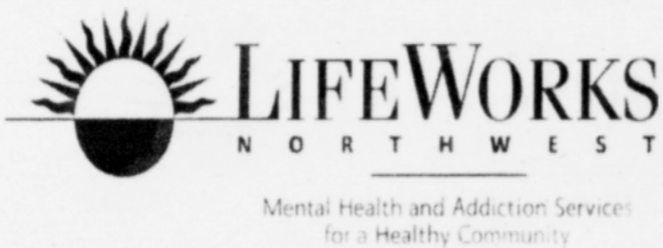


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Minimum Wage Hike Coming

Lowest hourly wage will be \$8.95 in 2013

Brad Avakian, commissioner of the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, announced Monday that the minimum wage rate will rise to \$8.95 per hour in January.

The 15-cent increase tracks a 1.7 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index over the last 12 months. Avakian called the increase necessary to help Oregon families make ends meet in tough times.

"Oregonians recognize the rising cost of living facing every one of us, and our strong minimum wage

law is essential insurance that Oregon workers and their families can maintain their purchasing power and continue to contribute to our local economies," he said.

State law, enacted by Oregon voters in 2002, directs the Labor and Industries Commissioner to adjust the minimum wage for inflation every September, rounded to the nearest five cents.

The adjustment accounts for the average change in prices for day-to-day living expenses, such as food, shelter, medical care, transportation fares and other goods and services.

Oregon is one of 10 states that makes annual adjustments to its minimum wage based on inflation and the Consumer Price Index."

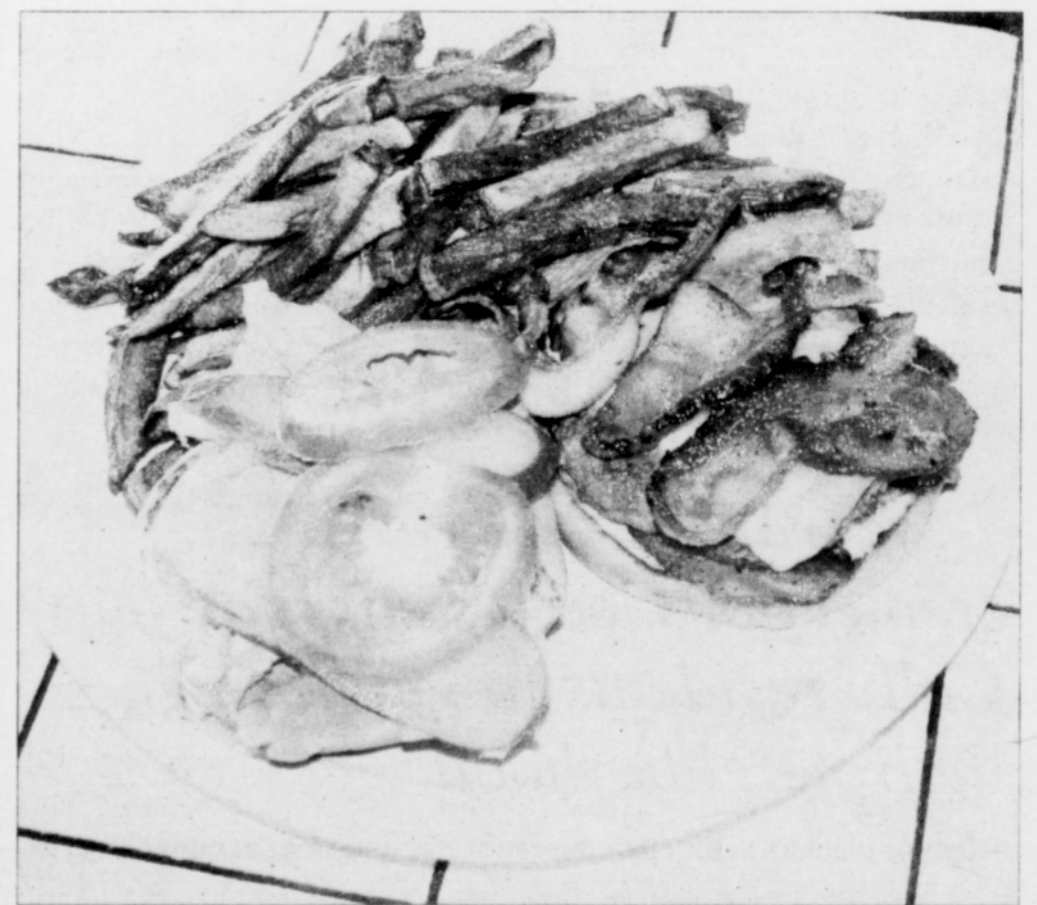
Job Fair for Holidays Hires

The Mt. Hood Community College Career Planning and Counseling Center will host a Holiday Jobs Fair, Tuesday, Oct. 2 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the College Center and Student Union Fireplace Lounge at 26000 S.E. Stark St. in Gresham.

The fair offers students and community members the opportunity to meet employers who are hiring for

holiday and seasonal positions, as well as ongoing positions. Some of the employers scheduled to attend include Hertz Corporation, Columbia Sportswear, Kelly Services, SWANK Audio Visuals, FedEx Ground, UPS, Express Pros, Kohls, Best Buy, and CampusPoint.

For more information, visit mhcc.edu/careercenter, call 503-491-7526.



Bantu Southern Kitchén's burger and fries are a popular order.

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of God and embraced her inner spirit to survive and prosper.

Supported by several friends, she got the help she needed to

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