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Does anyone even work for the minimum now?

Starting out in life, I first worked as a car wash attendant in Glendale for \$4.50 an hour, which was 25 cents above the minimum wage at the time.

When the minimum wage was raised to \$5.15 an hour, I

was working on the sales floor for a local retailer; my starting hourly wage there was \$5.50 an hour. By the time I left that job, I was being paid \$6.30 an hour.

The truth is I have never worked for minimum wage in my life. Those who work in the fast-food industry such as McDonald's or Burger King make more than our state's current minimum wage.

Does anyone really work for minimum wage anymore? Those who still do should look through the employment ads in the paper or on the Internet or just call around and see if anyone is hiring. My guess is none of these employers will be offering minimum wage.

Face it: If you are working for minimum wage, you are one big sucker.

James Arndt
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Some people just don't understand

The letter written by James Arndt about minimum wages made my blood boil ("Does anyone even work for the minimum now?" Jan. 20). He has no idea what the world is like when one is disabled or blind.

To say "you are one big sucker" if you are working for minimum wages shows Arndt doesn't know what he is talking about.

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