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Thinnest Laptop
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# NEPS Payroll Newsletter



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## HP Reveals the Worlds Thinnest Laptop

At four-tenths of an inch thick, and weighing a little less than two and a half pounds, it's thinner and lighter than the 13-inch MacBook Air. (It weighs slightly more than the new MacBook and Lenovo Yoga 900S).

HP gave its new portable computer a copper sheen to appeal to anyone who loves gold gadgets or devices that look like jewelry. The guts of the new Spectre are meant to attract people who care about power: The Spectre boasts an Intel Core i7 processor, 8 GB of memory, and about 10 hours of battery life. And for music lovers, HP tapped Bang & Olufsen to give its laptop cred in the audio department.

HP describes the Spectre as being "more artisan than manufactured" in a promo video. "It looks as if a craftsman made just one of those," the narrator says.

Spectre is meant to compete with other high end laptops -- and its \$1,170 price tag is.

Smartphones and 2-in-1 tablet-laptop devices have put pressure on PCs. People are also holding on to their older computers rather than upgrading.

Pre-orders for the new Spectre are available at HP (HPQ) and Best Buy (BBY) beginning on April 25. CNN-Tech

## California Increases Minimum Wage to \$15

Both the California State Assembly and State Senate passed the measure on Thursday afternoon. Governor Jerry Brown said he would sign it on Monday, April 4th, 2016.

"No one who is working full time in California should live in poverty due to a low wage," said Democratic State Senator Mark Leno, who cosponsored the bill.

The measure will raise the state's minimum wage to \$10.50 in January and to \$11 in January 2018. It will then increase by an additional \$1 per hour every year until it reaches \$15 in 2022. If, however, the state goes through an economic downturn or budget crisis, the governor may choose to slow the implementation.

The final bill gives small businesses, with 25 or fewer employees, an extra year to implement the increases.



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