

## Short Takes

### Who Will Fill Manager Ranks?

An apprenticeship program launched in 2017 by the National Restaurant Assn. Has provided some 1,000 hourly restaurant employees with on-the-job and classroom training for management positions, *Restaurant Business* reports. “The initiative cultivates the skills . . . crucial to management success,” NRA executive Rob Gifford said. Employers receive \$1,000 per person enrolled. For information about the program, contact John Shortt, [jshort@nraef.org](mailto:jshort@nraef.org).

◆ **A Chef** must think like a scientist; organize like an accountant; inspire and motivate like a warrior; plate like an artist, and cook like a grandma. - Anonymous

◆ **Speed is** paramount to winning lunch business. Consumers have only so much time and the last thing they want is to wait. - *Restaurant Business*

### BURGER VIEWS

◆ **A hamburger** the size of a sofa cushion isn’t cool, it isn’t funny or even original. It’s crass, gluttonous and obscene. - The Secret Chef, writing in *A Year in Review*, published by the Food Service Consultants Society Intl.

◆ **The Pretzel Haus** Pub chain offers a burger with one, two or three beef patties, bacon, cheddar, pickled onions and Bistro sauce. - Culver’s Restaurants, [culver.com](http://culver.com)

◆ **Oozing** melted cheese, the crunch of a fresh pickle and perfectly charred patties inside a house-made roll . . . the burger is king in Boston right now. - *Boston* magazine

◆ **[Hawaiian] Island** favorites like loco moko and pig roasts are popping up from coast to coast. Loco moco is a mound of white rice topped with a hamburger patty and a sunny-side-up egg, smothered in gravy. - *Nation’s Restaurant News*

### OTHER NOTES

◆ **In a survey study** of 40,443 US adults, an estimated 10.8% were food allergic at the time of the survey, whereas nearly 19% of adults believed that they were food allergic. - *Journal of the American Medical Assn.*

◆ **“When Googlers** get together over a meal . . . they have the opportunity to share ideas . . . Gmail was actually thought of and created over lunch . . .” - Linda Femling-Nielsen, Google’s Food-Services Manager for the Americas, quoted in *Triblive.com*

◆ **Seventy-one pct.** of workers in a survey by online grocer Peapod reported their snack, drink or meal had been stolen from the communal kitchen. Some 35% of survey respondents admitted to stealing someone else’s food. - *HR Morning.com*

◆ **The workplace** is becoming a self-sustaining environment with features ranging from cafes to food courts, gyms, lounges, masseurs and dry cleaners. - *Building Operating Management*

◆ **Swedish meatballs** are actually Turkish. The recipe was brought home by King Charles XII from Turkey in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century, the Swedish government said. - *The New York Times*

◆ **Among** the most admired diversified outsourcing services companies, Sodexo ranks third and Aramark is fifth - *Fortune*