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Aramark Chef Corey Jay Miller serves complimentary ice cream shakes at Grand Reopening March 2.

Metro Café offers new fusion of flavors

(March 5, 2009) Metro Café has reopened, and if you haven't eaten there in a while, you may be in for a few surprises.

On Monday, hungry café patrons were lining up for a fresh Mexican roasted lobster meal complete with cheese enchiladas, rice and beans for \$15.99. And patrons who purchased the lobster were happy to receive a coupon to purchase a second complete meal next week at \$3.99.

The lobster meal was part of a promotional event to show off the café's new menu choices, said Aramark District Manager Richard Masi.

Some additions include freshly made tortillas, a signature banana split shake and a choice of one-pound "Big O" sandwiches, which resemble mini-footballs and are stuffed with pastrami, roast beef and meatballs or a combination thereof.

"What we've really done here is gone crazy with our sandwiches," said Masi, adding that five custom-made Angus burgers will also be offered along with 34-inch onion rings.

> Mario Arzapalo, Jr., of



FreshPoint Produce, replenishes new 'Farmer's Market' stand.

Fresh produce will be available daily for \$1 apiece and breakfast patrons will get a choice of stuffed pancakes complete with fruit and cream cheese, a waffle bar, chilaquiles, omelettes or pastries from local bakeries.

Pizza lovers could choose from a slice or personal-size pizza while salad lovers could eat from the expanded salad bar or get a bowl full of stir-fry veggies with chicken or beef.

And for those who are really hungry, the 4 1/2 pound burrito is still free if you finish it, Masi said.

A new system is planned that would allow the 600 to 800 daily patrons to order meals first and get a number. "While you're waiting, you could get your drink and then listen for your number," Masi said. "We think it will be a little faster."

Upcoming promotions include a performance by the Blue Liners and Friends on March 11 from noon to 1 p.m. — $from\ Laura\ Kloth$

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