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## Lawmakers pass AB 257; bill heads to governor

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## California

The mission of the California Restaurant Association is to be the definitive voice of the California foodservice industry.

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## California Approves Bill to Regulate Fast Food Wages

As CRA members know, the CRA has vigorously lobbied against AB 257, a bill that would significantly impact counter-service restaurants. Though the bill has been amended heavily, its new version still unfairly targets one sector of one industry and places labor law in the hands of appointed, rather than elected, officials. The CRA will now shift to lobbying the governor's office to reject the bill.

[Read more](#)



### **CRA Adds Primer on Contending with Active Shooters**

Our new active-shooter awareness course is the place to start if you are considering providing your team members with more formal, in-person active-shooter training. Developed by Train 321, the course is available on our new online learning platform, [linked here](#). The video is free to view and available to anyone in or outside the restaurant industry.

**[Read more](#)**



### **Restaurant desperate for more workers as state unemployment falls to historic low**

The state unemployment rate has fallen to a historic low, but one local restaurant owner says they're still having trouble finding workers. With more than 1.1 million job openings available, it's been a job seeker market and the tightest labor market.

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# 988

**is the new Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**

**988** connects people who are suicidal or in any other mental health crisis to a **trained mental health professional**.<sup>5</sup>

**Note:** This post focuses mainly on the topic of suicide, which may be sensitive for some readers.

### **Mindful Minute: 988 is the new Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**

Suicide and its associated stigmas exist in the hospitality industry just as they exist elsewhere. This may seem like a daunting topic to tackle as a person in a leadership position. Read United Healthcare's Mindful Minute to learn simple ways to encourage prevention.

**[Read now](#)**

# National



## **Nearly Half of Restaurants Couldn't Cover Their August Rent, Study Finds**

Nearly half of respondents in recent research said they were paying at least 50% more in rent this month than they did before the COVID-19 pandemic began. In addition to rising rent, businesses reported worsening business conditions.

**[Read more](#)**



## **In-N-Out Scores Top Marks in Fast Food's War for Talent**

An analysis of tens of thousands of workplace reviews shows that nationwide, restaurant wages have risen significantly. Experts say employees aren't just looking for higher wages, they are evaluating a company's culture and values, and looking for good management and for diversity and inclusion.

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**2022**  
CRF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



“In high school, I was fortunate enough to have amazing organizations like the CRF, which helped fuel my love and passion for culinary, and in turn, the hospitality industry.”

**ANDREW**  
Cal Poly Pomona  
ProStart Alum



## **CA Restaurant Foundation Awards \$130,000 in Scholarships**

This year, 44 deserving students will be awarded a total of \$130,000 in co-branded scholarships! Since 1981, CRF has provided scholarships to those pursuing degrees in Culinary Arts, Hospitality Management, Food Science, and more.

**[Learn more](#)**



**So. San Francisco: ServSafe® Food Protection Manager IN-PERSON Training & Proctored Exam**

ServSafe Food Protection Manager Class + Exam California State law requires each [individual] food service establishment to have at least one employee who is certified in food safety and sanitation. This one-day session will review the key terms and concepts from the ServSafe textbook (included in the registration fee).

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## CRA News



**The California Restaurant Association's New**



## **Learning Platform Now Includes Active-Shooter Awareness Presentation**

CRA has released a video overview of the things restaurateurs and their employees need to keep in mind if ever they are faced with an active shooter.

[Watch Now](#)



### **Get to know the California Restaurant Association Certified Employee Training Programs**

CRA member feedback led us to partner with Train 321 on a new, efficient and easy-to-use learning platform. Your new hires can dive in and learn quite a lot – even before their first day at work, and CRA members can access discounted pricing.

**[Learn more](#)**

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### **San Diego September Restaurant Week**

The 20th Annual San Diego Restaurant Week returns Sunday, September 25 through October 2! Get registered today.

**[Learn More](#)**

## Event Calendar

**SEPT 25**

12:00 AM

**San Diego September Restaurant Week**

**[More Info](#)**  
**[Register now](#)**

**SEPT 27**

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Fresno CRA Chapter Membership Mixer**

**[More Info](#)**  
**[Register now](#)**

**OCT 10**

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**2022 Fresno Annual Golf Tournament**

**[More Info](#)**  
**[Register now](#)**

**OCT 24**

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

**2022 Sacramento Annual Golf Tournament**

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