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OAKBROOK, Ill. - Mike Roberts resigned as president and chief operating officer of McDonald's Corp. because the company refused to give him a definite timetable for succeeding chief executive Jim Skinner, the Chicago Tribune reported this morning, citing unnamed sources.

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ALHAMBRA, Calif. (Aug. 24) - Shakey's Pizza & Grill, a new prototype for the 52-year-old fast-casual pizza-and-games concept, is scheduled to open in Covina, Calif., Sept. 7. The new test unit is part of a five-year revitalization plan for the 60-unit brand operated and franchised by Shakey's USA, based here.

The menu will still include Shakey's signature thin-crust pizza, fried chicken and fried Mojo potatoes, but new additions will include fresh tossed salads, Angus beef burgers, sandwiches and microbrew beer. The Covina unit will not have a salad bar or hot buffet typically featured at Shakey's restaurants, but it will have a small game room for children.

Industry veteran Tim Pulido, former president and chief operating officer of Pick Up Stix, was named Shakey's USA chief executive in February. Pulido said the company's 16 restaurants will be re-imaged by the end of 2008, and the company hopes to see 10 to 15 of the system's 44 franchise units upgraded. Later this year, Shakey's units in Burbank and Alhambra will be remodeled, and the company also plans to test the concept outside Southern California in a new market yet to be determined.