

A bench press and a chili dog

Ah, yes, what's old is new again, and **Rick Schaumberger** is banking on it. He has opened up an **O.T. Hodge Chile Parlor** at 250 S. Florissant Road in Ferguson. The late-night dining staple's roots trace back to its first store in 1904. The last of the few scattered parlors disappeared over the years, but they're back! With location being everything, you will find the diner right next to **Curves**, a popular workout spot. (I guess that's why they have a garden salad on the menu?) But if your personal trainer is not accompanying you for your meal, why not treat yourself to the classic slinger?

For the uninitiated, or for folks who weren't sober enough to remember ordering one in the past, a slinger consists of two cheeseburger patties, a couple of eggs and hash browns – all smothered in a special chili. Personally, I like to toss a tamale on top. Staying faithful to the diner feel, the restaurant is resplendent

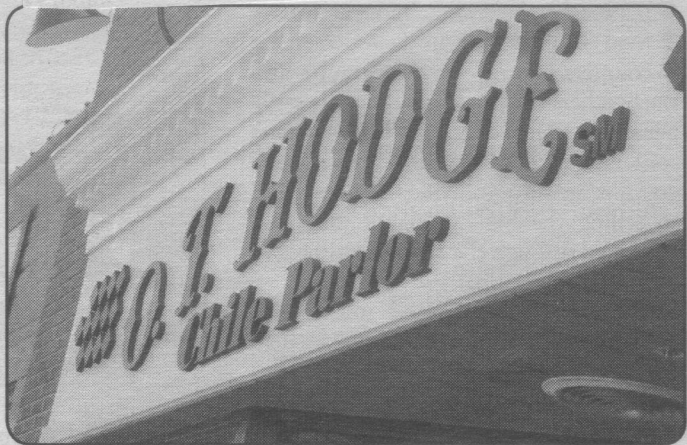


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A St. Louis classic, O.T. Hodge Chile Parlor, is back! The new location recently opened in Ferguson.

with booths, a counter with seats and a lot of chrome. O. T. Hodge is open Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m., and Sunday at 8 a.m. – but its schedule doesn't run into the wee hours. When you go, be sure to pack some **Tums**, another St. Louis classic.

I'm on the Mexican Patio