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# Eats Beat: Downtown Arlington makes room for the Monkey

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Arlington's all-star lineup of downtown restaurants now includes, yes, another burger bar and grill.

Alongside restaurants like **Babe's** and the **Flying Fish**, the **Grease Monkey** must try extra-hard to get attention. And it might be trying too hard.

An "angry burger," topped with green chiles and fried jalapeños (\$7.75), arrived with everything stacked in a tower, like some [college](#) engineering project.

Another specialty is a bacon-chipotle burger with the bacon strips battered and chicken-fried (\$7.75).

But for all the effort, the dominant flavor in both burgers was the chipotle sauce.

A better idea: Build your own burger (\$5.99).

The beef is some of Arlington's best, rivaling nearby burger legend **J. Gilligan's**. Sides include sweet potato tots.

The Grease Monkey also offers salads and ice cream.

It has a confusing system -- you order and pick up burgers behind a screen door, then come out to the dining and bar area -- and there is almost no refuge [from TV](#) sports.

The Monkey is off to a busy start. It's on the corner where the lamented **Jim's Burgers** once stood at Division and Mesquite streets; 200 N. Mesquite St., 817-366-4776, [www.greasemonkeyburgers.com](http://www.greasemonkeyburgers.com).

(Yes, **Mellow Mushroom Pizza Bakers** also opened nearby.)

**Grady's Restaurant** has not reopened since an August vacation, and nobody seems eager to explain why.

It remains fully stocked and appears ready to reopen, but the [phone](#) wasn't working last week.

What we do know is that chef **Grady Spears**, who is caught in a restaurant ownership tangle, will be cooking Oct. 1 in Granbury at a Preserve Granbury charity benefit atop Comanche Peak.

The "Party on the Peak" at Comanche Peak Ranch celebrates the regional landmark and Hood County history. It's \$100 per ticket at 817-573-2787; [www.preservegranbury.org](http://www.preservegranbury.org).

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Spears has told another publication that he will also help some in October at **Line Camp Steakhouse**, south of Granbury.

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(His [former](#) **Clear Fork Station** restaurant in Willow Park is still operated by [business partner Pam Benson](#), and now promotes local ingredients and "farm-to-table" recipes.)

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Missed during summer vacation: The newest **Smashburger** and **Jersey Mike's Subs** are open in the 6300 block of Camp Bowie Boulevard.

Smashburger goes head-to-head against **Jakes Burgers** across the street, and Jakes had the bigger crowd when I checked last weekend. The burger grills are in the block between a **Fuzzy's Taco Shop** and a **Jason's Deli**.

**Pancho Tacos**, a beloved and busy taqueria in east Arlington, has opened a new Fort Worth location at 4063 E. Lancaster Ave.

Don't expect atmosphere.

This Pancho Tacos is even smaller and more timeworn than the Arlington location.

But do expect \$5.99 lunch [specials](#) featuring three tacos in generous portions, and \$2.99 breakfast chilaquiles.

Both Pancho locations open at 7 a.m. daily; 817-535-0440.

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