

## Locals weigh in on their favorite cheeseburgers

The cheeseburger allegedly was born in Pasadena roughly 90 years ago (for more on this topic, see our story [here](#).)

But as Pasadena Cheeseburger Week gets underway, today's Pasadena diners can't seem to agree on where to order the best burger in the city. On a recent weekday afternoon, Old Pasadena, South Lake Avenue and other shopping districts were bustling with locals going to and from lunch. Their burger preferences were all over the map.

Ryan Burch, 28, and Ruth Skee, 31, were strolling along East Colorado Boulevard and had to think for a minute before offering up their hot spots. Burch picked independent, locally owned Dog Haus, which has two locations in the city: 105 N. Hill Ave. and 93 E. Green St. Known for its hot dogs, the restaurant also serves up cheeseburgers. It's the Hawaiian roll buns that really sold him, Burch said.

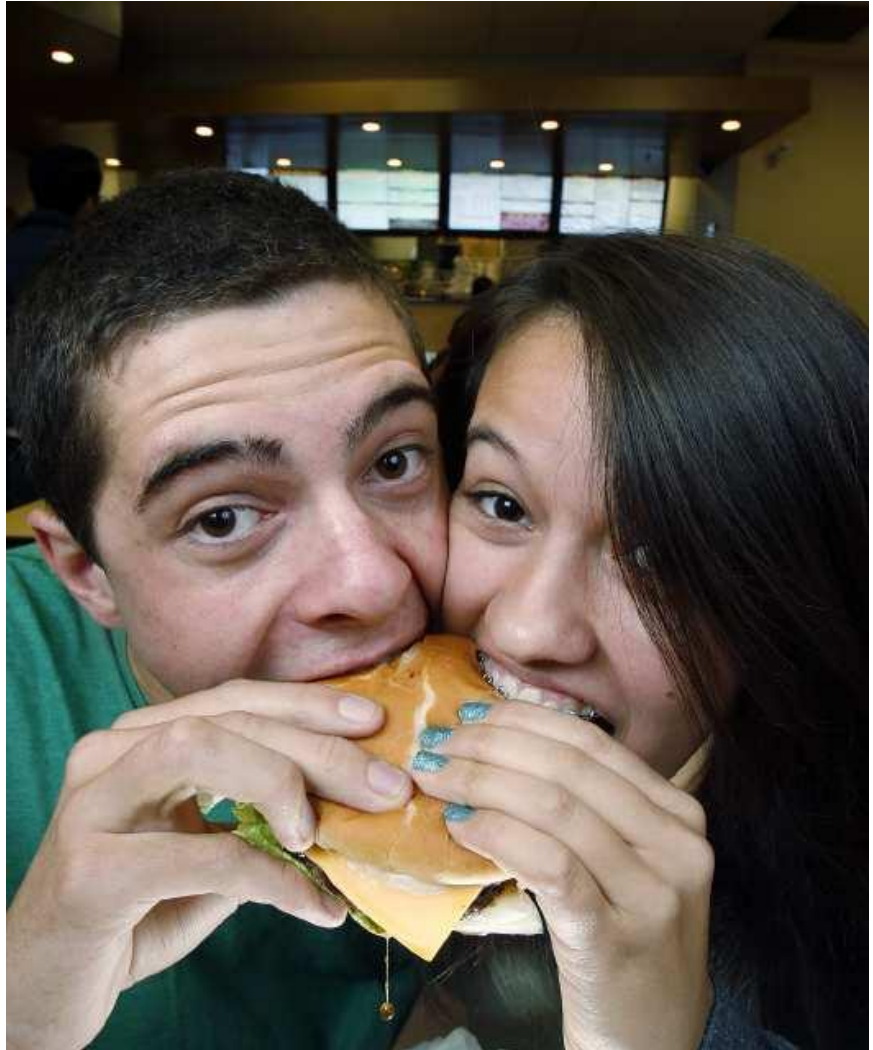
Skee picked The Counter, a Culver City-based chain with restaurants around the United States and in Ireland. At The Counter, diners check off on a sheet of paper exactly what they want on their burger. The Pasadena location is on 140 Shoppers Lane.

"They have a lot of different options, and it's really good quality," Skee said.

Gary Sandler, 45, a Glendale resident who works in Pasadena, favors **Barney's Beanery** on 99 E. Colorado Blvd. Sandler described the

the 1960s and remains the gold standard for many Pasadenans.

"It's a place to get a good, old-



Barney's burger as having a shawarma-like taste and texture.

"It's kind of a mixture of a Greek sandwich and a burger," he said.

Some residents stand by classic burger joints, including Pie 'n Burger on 913 E. California Blvd. The restaurant opened in

fashioned cheeseburger," said Peter Moren, 63, of East Pasadena. "It isn't overcomplicated."

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce is sponsor of Pasadena Cheeseburger Week. More than a dozen local restaurants are creating special menus or burgers for the event.