

# At Sebastian's, make sure to go for the gyros

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If you're in the mood for a gyros — and that's all — you need to know about Sebastian's in Price Hill.

This small corner luncheonette on Glenway Avenue, close to Covedale, serves a limited menu of Greek food, with its gyros sandwich the most reliable choice. This ethnic fast-food staple is made of slices from a big block of ground and pressed meat, which includes lamb, roasted on a vertical spit.

At Sebastian's, a generous number of these slices are loaded into a folded pita along with sliced raw onions and tomato. A small cup of tzatziki is served alongside, a rather thin, sharp version of yogurt and cucumber sauce. It adds up to a hot, mildly spiced, little greasy and very oniony lunch, just ethnic and unusual enough to make for a change in lunchtime sandwich habits.

For \$3.50, a gyros will fill you. But to fill in the cracks, there are Greek-spiced french fries, and two sizes of Greek salad (\$2.95/\$4.75), which includes lettuce, tomato, Greek olives and strong feta cheese in a lot of vinaigrette dressing. You can buy spanakopita or tiropita, the little Greek filo-pastry pies filled with spinach or cheese, for 85 cents each. I tried stuffed grape leaves, also 85 cents each, or served as a dinner for \$5.99. They're a bit bland, stuffed mostly with rice with a little spicy meat mixed in.

There's achingly sweet homemade baklava and other Greek pastries for dessert.

Except for a grilled cheese sandwich and hot dogs, that's about it. Sebastian's is open for dinner, too, but this simple menu seems most suited to lunch time.

There are just a few tables in the small dining area, which is decorated with a collection of baseball caps and old maps of Greece.

You order at the counter, and owners Alex or Sue Sebastian will bring you your food. The day I had lunch there, Mrs. Sebastian was busy waiting on customers, who were alternately kidding her, praising the food and chatting. It's a group that seems to include many regulars. Perhaps they get gyros cravings every day.

## Sebastian's

**Where:** 5209 Glenway Ave., Price Hill.

**Hours:** 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

**Phone:** 471-2100.