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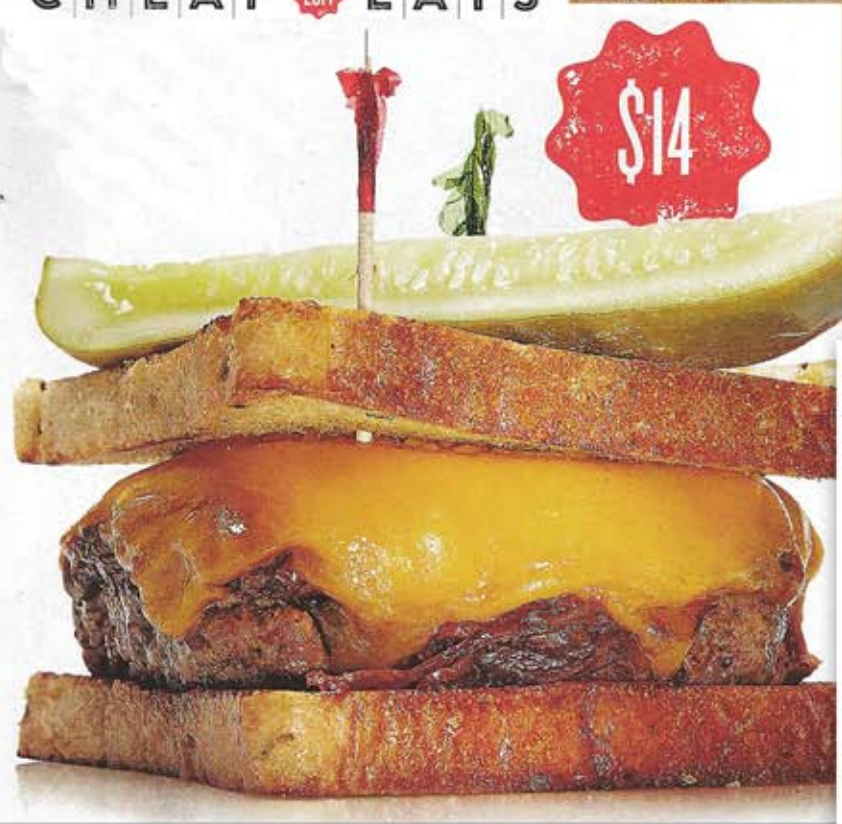
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THE 25 BEST BURGERS

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What makes a great burger? The answers to that question are endless: It might be made of lobster or ground chuck, smashed on a griddle or grilled to a perfect medium-rare, gloriously messy or carefully constructed. We devoured all kinds to find the 25 best patties in the area.

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Patty Melt at Bidwell

1309 Fifth St., NE; 202-547-0172

Union Market's lone full-service restaurant has nailed is this retro classic. Wisely, chef John Mooney has elected not to gussy the sandwich up beyond recognition. Instead, he has put his effort into perfecting each element: griddled rye that crunches like a dream, a tightly packed patty that blushes pink, melted cheddar that delivers gooeyness and tang, and caramelized onions that have never tasted sweeter.