

## america's **75** best **food** buys

### ST. MARKS, FL

**24** The spectacular smoked mullet basket at **Posey's Oyster Bar** (\$7.95; 55 Riverside Dr.; 850-925-6172).

### ATLANTA, GA

**25** The prime steak—your choice of filet mignon, New York strip or rib eye—served during happy hour (5 to 6.30 P.M.) at **Prime** (\$10; 3393 Peachtree Rd. NE, Lenox Sq.; 404-812-0555).

**26** The scrumptious potato-filled samosa at **Royal Sweets**—the best one for miles around, according to discerning Indians and Pakistanis in the area (75 cents; 1766 Lawrenceville Hwy., Decatur; 404-327-5799).

### CHICAGO, IL

**27** Savory stewed goat from **Vee Vee's** Nigerian truck—so popular the city's African cabbies line up for it (\$7; on N. Columbus Dr., between Randolph St. and Wacker Dr.; no phone).

**28** Expertly fried shrimp, moist and juicy inside, from **Goose Island Shrimp House** (\$8 a pound; 1013 W. Division St.; 312-642-3640).

**29** **carol's cookies**, in Chicago, for slightly underbaked (in a good way) cookies, each enormous enough to share (\$1.99 at Whole Foods Market; 1000 W. North Ave.; 312-587-0648).

**30** The hot Italian sandwich (provolone, pepperoni, salami, capocollo, mortadella) at **Potbelly Sandwich Works** (\$3.59; 2264 N. Lincoln Ave.; 773-528-1405).

**31** Garlicky deep-fried yuca from the popular Costa Rican restaurant **Irazu** (\$2.50; 1865 N. Milwaukee Ave.; 773-252-5687).

### SOLON, IA

**32** The pork tenderloin sandwich at **Joensy's Restaurant**, with meat pounded as big as a pizza pie (\$5; 101 W. Main St.; 319-624-2914).

### LOUISVILLE, KY

**33** Weisenberger grits, stone-ground the old-fashioned way, at **Lilly's** (\$3 for a side order; 1147 Bardstown Rd.; 502-451-0447).



### BOSTON, MA

**34** Chocolate cake spiked with seven North African spices at **Baraka Café** (\$5.50; 80½ Pearl St., Cambridge; 617-868-3951).

**35** Tender calamari meatballs in red sauce at **Daily Catch** (\$4.75; 441 Harvard St., Brookline; 617-734-5696).

**36** *Pho ga* (chicken noodle soup) at **Pho Pasteur** (\$5.25; 36 Dunster St., Cambridge; 617-864-4100).

### ANN ARBOR, MI

**37** A cup of rich, creamy lobster bisque and a peasant roll at **Le Dog** (\$5; 410 E. Liberty St.; 734-665-2114).

### MISSOULA, MT

**38** Seasonal flavors (pumpkin, eggnog) and specialty sorbets and ice creams (cardamom, Marsala) in cones or cups from **Big Dipper Ice Cream** (\$1.75; 631 S. Higgins Ave.; 406-543-5722).

### CLIFTON, NJ

**39** The fried hot dogs at **Rutt's Hut**; the relish could best any in the U.S. (\$1.80; 417 River Rd.; 973-779-8615).

### RIVER EDGE, NJ

**40** An enormous, hot, messy and delicious cheese steak sandwich from **Fink's Funky Chicken & Ribs** (\$6; 626 Kinderkamack Rd.; 201-634-1319).