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LOS ANGELES

**IN SEARCH OF L.A.'S BEST :**

RESTAURANTS, ETHNIC MARKETS, WINE SHOPS, GOURMET-TO-GO,  
BAKERIES, TACO TRUCKS, CATERERS, FARMERS' MARKETS & MORE

**[Pioneer Boulangerie]** 804 Montana Ave., Santa Monica, 310.451.4998. Daily. American/French. MC, V. **WHY** Classic white sourdough in the San Francisco style—as good an example of the type as you can find in L.A. **WHAT** The remaining vestige of what used to be a large and thriving bakery in Venice, Pioneer is now a smaller Montana bakeshop that still makes the best San Francisco-style sourdough bread in town. The cakes and pastries are fine but unremarkable; come here for the bread, or a good sandwich made on the bread. ☺

**[SusieCakes]** 11708 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310.442.2253, susiecakesla.com. Closed Sun. American. AE, MC, V. **WHY** For excellent homestyle sweets: German chocolate cake, banana pudding with vanilla wafers, layer cakes, cupcakes and lemon squares. **WHAT** This nostalgia-driven bake shop dressed in retro colors turns out sweets that owner Susan Sarich found on her grandmother's recipe cards. **WHO** Locals stopping by to pick up birthday-party treats and sneak a cupcake on the side. ☺

**[Vanilla Bake Shop]** 512 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, 310.458.6644, vanillabakeshop.com. Daily. American. MC, V. **WHY** The usual faddish cupcakes (red velvet, dark chocolate, vanilla bean) and beautiful whole cakes to order in advance—for true comfort, get the Mom's Birthday Cake, a yellow cake with milk-chocolate frosting that will leapfrog you back to the '50s. **WHAT** A small and stylish bake shop specializing in cupcakes to go (large or mini) and gorgeously decorated whole cakes. **WHO** Chic Montana moms ordering party cakes and cupcake junkies stopping by for a fix. ☺

**[The Yogurt Factory]** 11870 Santa Monica Blvd., West L.A., 310.820.1992. Daily. Yogurt. Cash only. **WHY** Large portions (get a small) of delicious frozen yogurt, with nondairy options for vegans and the lactose intolerant. **WHAT** A fine, mom 'n' pop frozen-yogurt shop with quality products and nice people. Its YoBerry line is a competitor to Pinkberry, only better and cheaper. **WHO** Kids from Uni High, UCLA students and Westwood families. ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺

#### SOUTH BAY TO SOUTH L.A.

**[Alpine Village Market]** 🏠 833 W. Torrance Blvd., Torrance, 310.323.6520, alpinevillage.net. Daily. German. AE, MC, V. **WHY** Fresh pretzels that will have you yodeling the whole way home. **WHAT** Sausages may be the claim to fame at this kitschy Bavarian market, but the bakery is not to be neglected. It turns out a variety of sturdy, delicious German rye breads along with strudel, kuchen, tortes and wonderful fresh pretzels sprinkled with rock salt. **WHO** Tourists and Angelenos who have been making the trek here for 40 years.