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Bake What Your Mama Gave You

Whether it's kahunas or hairdos, the "big" prefix practically guarantees respect. (Try spreading your new nickname around the office and watch as no one dares steal your stapler.)

Now there's Big Sugar Bakeshop, Studio City's newest sweet authority. And they definitely have the goods to back it up.

The cozy neighborhood spot takes a homespun approach to everything they make. All cakes (layer, cheese, cup — you name it), pies, fudge, cookies, brownies, shortbreads, and bars are made on site. And their signature dark, rich coffee is custom roasted nearby.

Gourmet chocolates and cookies are ready for the giving, and there are lots of things you can't eat, too, like letterpress cards and cookbooks.

All that under one roof?

That deserves a really big whoop.

Big Sugar Bakeshop, 12182 Ventura Boulevard, between Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Laurel Grove Avenue, Studio City (818-508-5855 or bigsugarbakeshop.com).

