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"You get a little peek into someone's life. Like the family that adopted a baby from China and had a cake made. They all came to pick it up, and some people burst into tears."

"My favorite thing is the fudge cake. I make it at home sometimes, but it never turns out as good."



"The best part is getting to eat everything. You have to know the ingredients and be able to recommend different things."

"There's a certain way to pick up cupcakes without messing up the frosting—palm up and first finger on one side and second finger on the other. I was baking muffins at home and was picking them up like that. My mom made fun of me."

"Because I bring food home, I'm really popular."

Caitlyn Mayer

A budding culinary artist on daily life at a bakery

ORANGE COAST COLLEGE STUDENT MAYER, 19, is pretty sure she wants to be a pastry chef. Good thing she works at SusieCakes, one of the county's most charming establishments. The Newport Beach bakery is where the shy-but-friendly Mayer has been offered glimpses into customers' lives: a husband celebrating his wife's triumph over breast cancer, a soon-to-be father preparing for his baby's shower, a couple adopting a child from China. She found the job on Craigslist, unaware of how, on some days, it would tug at her heart.—ROSE FLORES MEDLOCK