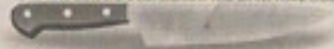


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FOOD



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WHAT'S NEW
Thanksgiving
trio of pies

Even those who love to bake have been known to purchase dessert on Thanksgiving — after hours of dicing and mashing, a little help in the sweet department never hurts.

If that sounds good to you, take a look at the swoon-worthy pumpkin,

pecan and apple crumble pies from Susie Cakes.

The baker, best known for cupcakes and layer cakes, is offering the pies by pre-order: apple crumble and pecan for \$8.95/5-inch, \$24.95/9-inch; pumpkin for \$8.95/5-inch, \$18.95/9-inch.

All you need is the ice cream.

SusieCakes, 2109 Chestnut St., San Francisco; (415) 474-2253. Also 310 Bon Air Center, Greenbrae; (415) 461-2253. www.susiecakes.com.

— Amanda Gold

Holiday's sweet puffery

Want something quick and easy with sweet potato flavor, but not the potato itself? Check out Alexia's Sweet Potato Puffs, perfect for kids to nibble on at Thanksgiving.

These little poufs are light and crisp, although just a tad on the sweet side. They're ready in 20 minutes, but leave them in the oven an extra few minutes for perfect crunch.

Alexia's Sweet Potato Puffs can be found at stores like Safeway and Target for about \$3.49 for a 20-ounce package.

— Sunny Liu



Holiday Event?