

# Los Angeles Times

## OLD-SCHOOL COOL

### *GREAT DINERS ARE PART OF VALLEY HISTORY*

**T**he southland has more than its share of intense, creative celebrity chefs and brand-new artisanal creations – and that’s great. But sometimes what you really want is to eat at a place where the menu and décor (and probably most of the clientele) have barely changed in decades. Here are a couple of old favorites near you.

#### **NAT’S EARLY BITE**

14115 Burbank Blvd, Sherman Oaks

Nat’s restaurants have been around for about 30 years, which is long by Southern California standards but fairly recent by diner standards. It’s primarily a breakfast, lunch and brunch spot, famous for reasonable prices and generous portions. Nat’s can get busy during weekend brunch times, but the chilaquiles and pancakes make it all worthwhile. Open 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

#### **DU-PAR’S**

12036 Ventura Blvd., Studio City

Part of Southern California’s dining history, the first Du-par’s restaurant opened in 1938. Whether you want a full meal or just a fresh slice of pie, they serve it up big, hot and affordable, all in the comfort of bona-fide diner atmosphere. Du-par’s is open around the clock, seven days a week.



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