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All-Day Café

Rigolo 3465 CALIFORNIA ST. (AT LAMEL ST.), S.F., (415) 876-7777.
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Laurel Heights has long been short on eateries—unless you count Pasta Pomodoro and, of course, Ella's (but eventually one tires of standing in line for eggs). So all the post-JCC-gym-goers, lunching ladies, and stroller pushers in this baby-happy hood were pleased when Pascal Rigo added yet another casual café to his local empire right on California Street. With its all-day menu, Rigolo has become the spot for grabbing a café au lait and croque madame—a fat slice of brioche topped with prosciutto, melted Gruyère, and a fried egg. Or a pulled-pork sandwich with a tangle of impeccable onion rings, and your pick of homemade pizzas, like smoked salmon, red onion, and mustard crème fraîche. The brief list of French wines, along with an order-at-the-counter/set-your-own-table system, invites lingering. And, in a neighborly touch, those who do, until the 9 p.m. closing, just might get a loaf of unsold challah to take home. **◆ RACHEL LEVIN**

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