

START YOUR DAY IN TRUE HAIGHT style at the **PORK STORE CAFE** (1451 Haight St., 415-864-6981) for a down-home breakfast in a funky diner setting. Order the special: two pork chops, two eggs, hash browns and fresh biscuits. After that fourth coffee refill, it's time to hit the shops. First stop: **BEHIND THE POST OFFICE** (1510 Haight St., 415-861-2507), a small boutique with an emphasis on well-cut fashions made by emerging designers. It's all about denim here—many a customer has been wooed by the range of styles from lines such as Yanuk and Citizens of Humanity. This season, pick up ultracute Orla Kiely duds in colorful organic prints and Choosi tees adorned with bugs and chickens. Down the block is trendy **JAXX** (1584 Haight St., 415-869-1070), which focuses on chic clothing such as '40s-inspired skirts by Louis Verdad (a favorite of Madonna) and one-of-a-kind

creations from local designers. The cutting-edge boutique has an upscale, minimalist look and is popular with SF fashion mavens. Want gear that's less Hollywood and more Long Beach? Head to **VILLAINS CLOTHING AND SHOES** (1672 Haight St., 415-626-5939) for fun, spunky attire at great prices. A sporty/skater look dominates here; keep an eye out for badass Emily pieces for girls and short-sleeved button-downs for guys. The adjacent shoe store is the



HIGH RISE: Irregular Choice New York Skyline pumps (\$89) at Super Shoe Biz.



FOR THE RECORD: Used albums at Amoeba.

streetwise

Anna Hughes, 26, yoga instructor
(Funky Door Yoga, 1749 Waller St., 415-668-2227).

THE HAIGHT: "It's young, edgy and fun. I love to walk around and check people out. Although it has a Gap, it's very uncorporate."

CLOTHING: "I like **Clobba** (1604 Haight St., 415-864-4701). You have to look, but they have really good stuff. I get pants and skirts there. I'm not really a label person; I buy what I like, and that tends to vary."

FOOD: "Siam Lotus (1705 Haight St., 415-933-8031) has really good *tom ka* [coconut-milk soup] and yellow curry."

SHOES: "I always buy my shoes on the Haight. There's a pair of red leather round-toe cowboy boots with pink script at **John Fluevog** (1697 Haight St., 415-436-9784). I'm waiting for them to go on sale."



STRIKE A POSE: Yoga instructor Anna Hughes outside the Funky Door.

The Trends

Since fashion always comes full circle, look no farther than Haight Street's vintage stores to see which styles are all the rage. What's hot right now: bold '80s patterns, '60s mod and big skirts from the '50s.

bright patterns and colors

The '80s are still with us, though they've taken a punk direction that nudges into the late '70s. Following suit, customers at **Held Over** (1543 Haight St., 415-864-0818) are stocking up on bright patterns and colors, pairing them in quasi-clashing combinations.

full skirts

The folks at **La Rosa Vintage** (1711 Haight St., 415-668-3744) report that everyone's been asking for full-skirted numbers reminiscent of Audrey Hepburn in *Sabrina*. Since you've been scanning the mags for tips on how to wear those circle skirts, why not snag one with true vintage?

'60s mod

Mod's hot at **Wasteland** (1660 Haight St., 415-863-3150), which means A-line miniskirts and dresses in bright colors and geometric prints (à la last season's Marc Jacobs). Complete the look with a white leather coat and big sunglasses, also big sellers.



Wasteland

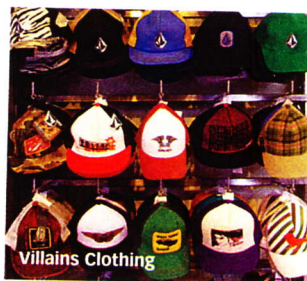
place to go for colorful pumps and sneakers; right across the street in an old bank, **VILLAINS VAULT** (1653 Haight St., 415-864-7727) sells higher-end lines with quintessential Villains flair. Don't miss the three locations of Shoe Biz, a veteran purveyor of footwear for both genders. The largest, **SUPER SHOE BIZ** (1420 Haight St., 415-861-0313), has a clean gallery atmosphere and specializes in dressy

styles; this summer, they'll open an Adidas shop upstairs with exclusive wares from the company's European and Japanese catalogues. **SHOEBIZ I** (1446 Haight St., 415-864-0990) carries funkier, less-pricy urban kicks, and **SHOE BIZ II** (1553 Haight St., 415-861-3933) stocks an all-sneaker lineup with must-have footwear from Onitsuka Tiger, Nike, Adidas and Puma.

new on the block

Bia's Restaurant and Wine Bar

Thanks to a spruced-up menu and the addition of a wine bar, **Bia's** (1640 Haight St., 415-861-8868) is slowly making a name for itself after opening last July. Red and yellow walls and lots of plants give the dining room a sultry feel; the well-loved outdoor patio is the place to sip sangria with a stylish European crowd. The penne pasta in a spicy vodka tomato sauce is one favorite on the mostly organic, vegetarian-friendly Mediterranean menu, but don't pass up the bluenose sea bass with rock shrimp.



IF YOU'RE READY TO DROP,

settle down with a fair-trade organic coffee at **PEOPLE'S CAFE** (1419 Haight St., 415-553-8842). Save room for a homemade brownie from the snack bar during a matinee at the **RED VIC MOVIE HOUSE** (1727 Haight St., 415-668-3994). This month, catch *American Dream 2.0*, a documentary that chronicles three lives during the dot-com rise and fall. Postmovie, stop in at **AMOEBIA MUSIC** (1855 Haight St., 415-831-1200), a cavernous lair that may well be aural nirvana; take a lap around the perimeter to witness the astounding array of genres. Toronto band Hayden plays tracks from their new release, *Elk-Lake Serenade*, live at the store on May 15. Got a few minutes before dinner? Browse the artist-designed vinyl action figures at **KIDROBOT** (1512 Haight St., 415-487-9000). After you score that bionic Sasquatch, it's time to think about food. One possibility is **KAN ZAMAN** (1793 Haight St., 415-751-9656), whose small plates of falafel, pastries and dips made for sharing draw a young, cool crowd. The real attraction is the dim, haremlike scene, complete with belly dancers and hookahs. Another fun option is **CITRUS CLUB** (1790 Haight St., 415-387-6366), a pan-Asian noodle house with high-voltage ambiance and low prices. Diners chow down on soups, salads and stir-fries (try the garlic beef with shiitake mushrooms). As night deepens, it's time for a drink. Rum's the word at **HOBSON'S CHOICE** (1601 Haight St., 415-621-5859). Order the homemade punch and grab a seat on an antique sofa to watch the evening gain momentum. Next stop is **CLUB DELUXE** (1511 Haight St., 415-552-6949), a retro lounge with killer concoctions and live jazz, swing or rockabilly. If you're not ready for the night to end, head to **MILK** (1840 Haight St., 415-387-6455) for underground hip-hop. DJs spin from an elevated platform as well-dressed patrons crowd into booths. Down your drink and watch the hours slip away—tonight it's just you and the Haight.

one of a kind

Through the refrigerator door in the back corner of Held Over, the **Meat Locker** (1543 Haight St., 415-864-0818), houses reconstructed pieces rendered new by local artists. Pick up an empire-waist minidress with a sparkly bodice, or an '80s bomber jacket made modern with contrasting elbow patches. At last—original pieces at prices that won't make you wince.



RAGS TO RICHES: Kyla Borges, left, and Xiao Liu at work in the Meat Locker. (left) Borges models one of their designs.

