

NOT INCLINED

DIGITAL

Not reclined.

Touching moments
do not linger,
save in memory.

BRANDED NEW

Another
brand new
old brand.

PINNED

She was a
butterfly.

— Guy R. Cochrane

Hayward CA

THE VILLAGE COFFEE SHOP

Be good to your food.

— French's mustard

TOMORROW: MEAT LOAF the bulletin board declares.
The new linoleum is the color of head cheese;
I drop my spoon and the waitress says,
"You didn't need that anyway,"
then she yells to the cook,
"Tony, you're cookin' too fast.
They haven't had time to eat their salads."
I overhear parts of customers' conversations:
"That's how I'm getting uglier,"
"Tony, that toast you made me last Friday
was the best I ever had,"
"Toast, plain toast?"
One fellow mashes peas
into his mashed potato;
the waitress wears a t-shirt
from some fashionable cafe
in Santa Barbara.
A radio in the kitchen softly plays
"When You Wish Upon a Star."