

NOT INCLINED

Not reclined.

BRANDED NEW

Another  
brand new  
old brand.

DIGITAL

Touching moments  
do not linger,  
save in memory.

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."