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## THE MAJESTIC

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If you want to know what "upscale comfort food" looks like, you can hardly do better than to order the meat loaf and mashed potatoes at **The Majestic**. What makes it upscale? Well, two things -- the fact that the meat loaf is baked, then grilled, and the fact that the plate has been strewn with beet sprouts. The Majestic can call itself a diner, or a retro diner, but no real diner denizen in his right mind would allow himself to be seen with a plate of beet sprouts. Here's the thing, though: The meat loaf is terrific, soft and light and assertively seasoned, and the time on the grill gives the thick slices a fine, almost smoky crust. And the mashed potatoes are just about perfect. Let me give a little dap to the kitchen staff for not larding them up with butter and creamy, which would have been easy -- and expected; these taste of, well -- what do you know? Potato. And they're as fluffy and rich as they need to be.