

## BOOKS AND VISUAL ARTS

# Some birthdays are happier than others

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Toronto artist Clint Griffin's collages and snapshots, now at Galerie Trois Points, seem to be of people long since permanently barred from heaven. The birthday in one sullen image titled *Happy Birthday* is not exactly what we'd call a festive event. In fact, it is as bleak as a blank wall - or as the face of the birthday person in the image, whose features have been scratched out.

Only the birthday sign cheerfully draped above the person's head and a lone light switch come off relatively unscathed. In the final analysis, though, these obsessive pictures are lovely.

✦ *Clint Griffin's **Happy Birthday** is at Galerie Trois Points, 372 Ste. Catherine St. W., Room 520, until Feb. 7. For information, call (514) 866-8008.*



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