



Atlanta's budding "international" flavor can be sampled best at lunchtime, on the lower mall at Peachtree Center downtown. In addition to the lavish Franco-Danish Midnight Sun restaurant, the more moderately priced Cafe Mediterranean serves such continental delights as dolmades, moussaka and David Chicken with kumquats. The neighboring Konditorei has freshly-ground espresso and Violets in the Snow: eight inches of vanilla ice cream, sprinkled with candy violets. When the weather's agreeable, diners may pretend they're in Paris while lunching al fresco at the umbrella tables of the Little Mermaid Cafe.

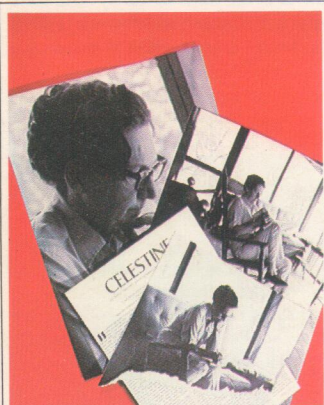
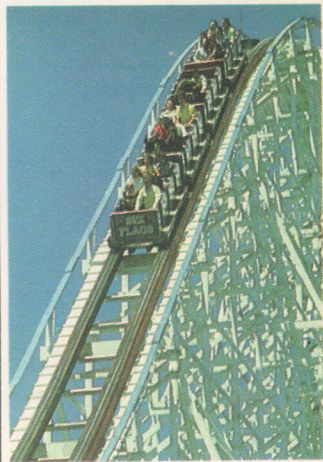


For a more basic slice of Atlanta life, have a brace of "The World's Greatest Hotdogs" at the Varsity Drive-In near Georgia Tech. Top off the dogs with a fried peach pie, catch an afternoon soap in one of the many TV rooms, and watch Atlantans of all social and economic persuasions file by.



The brightest lights of the entertainment world are booked into the Venetian Room of the Fairmont Colony Square Hotel. Since opening in 1974, the parade of stars has included Peggy Lee, Patti Page, Tony Bennett and Ray Charles.

Six Flags Over Georgia, the mammoth amusement park, holds one of the biggest thrills in town. It's a rambunctious roller coaster they call the The Great American Scream Machine, reputedly the biggest and swiftest in creation. After the initial drop, riders seldom feel like arguing the point.



Atlanta's best-loved journalist is Celestine Sibley, who writes a warm, folksy column in The Atlanta Constitution. Her many best-selling books provide an insight into the inner workings of the Southern psyche.



Visitors who've brought their tennis togs but don't have access to a private club, will find the facilities at Bitsy Grant Center, on Northside Drive, NW, very close to country club standards. The center is operated by the city.



The bagels baked on the premises at The Royal Bagel, Ansley Mall Shopping Center, Piedmont and Monroe Drives, uptown, are the city's most highly acclaimed. They're available in 12 varieties.