

Go! Tuesday

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Blame Canada

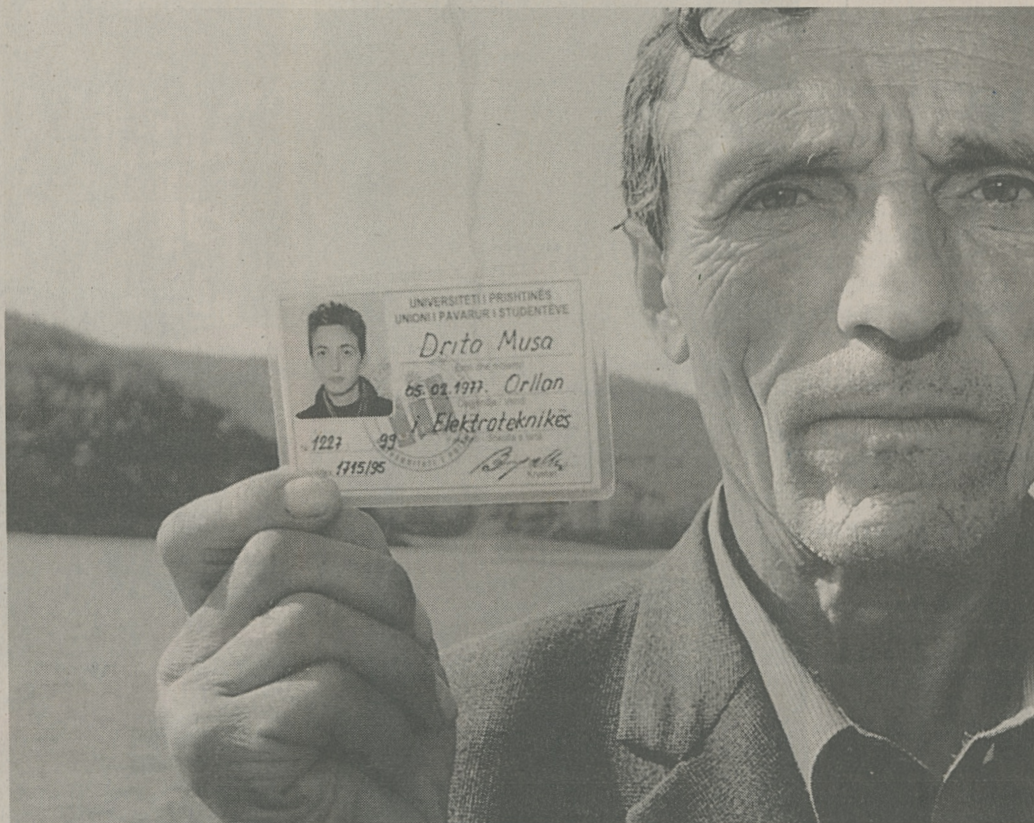
We excitedly hopped in the cars this weekend and sped off to Montreal, thinking we could soak up some quick culture and take advantage of the strong US dollar (hello Ikea) in the septentrional town. But there were a few things we didn't count on. The frigid temperatures made extensive walking a challenge. (And you thought Boston was chilly last weekend. *Please!*) But by far the biggest obstacle we faced was the lack of the 25-foot Celine Dion. We learned the hard way that never, under any circumstances, should you visit Montreal when Celine has a new album. The Quebecois worship this woman like a deity. Everywhere we strolled there were larger-than-life Celines with blank eyes and angry nostrils the size of bowling balls following us. We heard her oversinging in the boutiques. We saw magazines and books written in her honor. We walked by one of her former burger joints — called Nickels — on St. Catherine. And the biggest result: Celine, the fragrance. Where it was, in the windows of the department store La Baie. OK, it's not named in honor of *that* Celine, but by this point we were completely weary of the moniker alone. Tonight, we are in serious need of a Celine-free zone. Something like **Detachment Kit** show tonight at the **Middle East**. Plus, the arty, witty quartet has no his-

troupe **Kids in the Hall**. Proving that straight guys (and a gay guy) can effectively wear women's clothing and be funny at the same time, the five-man group reunites for a tour that brings them to the **Orpheum** tonight. We're quite excited for the classic moments. Tonight's show leads up to a KITH documentary called "Same Guys, Different Dresses" that opens in theaters this month. True, it's more expensive to see them in person (tickets for tonight's show are \$33 to \$46), but we suspect that the Chicken Lady and Cabbagehead will be far more fun in the flesh.

1 Hamilton Place, 617-931-2000.

April showers

Perhaps you find yourself in the same boat as Go! Frustrated that you can't escape to Paris, you head to Canada and risk overexposure to Celine Dion (which means you, dear reader, are stuck suffering through our unending written therapy session). Tonight, there's another option for French culture in the Hub. The tres accomplished jazz pianist **Pierre Hurel** brings his trio to **Regattabar** for a show called "April in Paris." The music starts at 8:30; \$12. Or, for a taste of the continent, **Caveau Wine Bistro and Bar** at **Marche** hosts a wine tasting with sommelier **Gordon Kavanaugh** tonight from 6:30 to 8:30; \$35.



Freeze frame

British photojournalist **Melanie Friend** is at **New Words Bookstore** tonight at 7 showing slides from her book "**No Place Like Home: Echoes From Kosovo**." Instead of focusing her lens on shocking scenes from the war, Friend instead took dignified, portrait-style photos of her subjects: refugees such as Mustafa Musa (above) and the homes they returned to after the war. The talk is free.

186 Hampshire St., Cambridge, 617-876-5310.

Quick Hits

Dance

Learn some moves from the experts tonight at the **House of Blues**. 2001 US Open Under-21 Latin American dance vice champions **Dan Kitsis** and **Giselle Peacock** swing their hips tonight at 8. There's also beginner swing and salsa dance lessons. Tickets \$10. 96 Winthrop St., Cambridge, 617-491-2583.

Clubs

T.T. The Bear's Place has **Young Astronauts Club**, **Happy Valley**, and **Driver X** at 9. . . . **Johnny D's** has Irish band **Bohola** at 8:30. . . . **Harpers Ferry** has the **Electric Coalburners** at 9. . . . **Sky Bar** hosts **13th Ray**, **Sifted**, and **Two Steps** at 9. . . . The **Phoenix Landing** hosts **Spectrum**, the breakbeat DJ night with **DJ Flack** and **DJ C** at 10.

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