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Montreal Mayor Gérald Tremblay and wife Suzanne Tailleux Tremblay attend the Daffodil Ball.

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## STARRY NIGHT

With its glamorous Hollywood theme and Montreal's own set of dazzling stars, the Daffodil Ball was a spectacular fundraiser

**W**elcome to Jonquillewood (like Hollywood, but much, much better): Time again, Montreal, to recap one of the belles of 'em all - the 14th edition of the internationally acclaimed Daffodil Ball. Produced, as always, by terrifically talented **Alison Silcoff** (who wore Harlow-inspired platinum Vera Wang and attended with fave benchman **Judge Joel**), Canada's largest cancer-related fundraising gala was the season's see-and-steal-the-scene society spectacular. For your Sunday pleasure, the Oscar golden highlights: **The (jet) set**: Designer extraordinaire **Dick Walsh** gets credit for the exemplary execution of this year's Hollywood-themed ambience at Windsor Station. His glittering inspi-



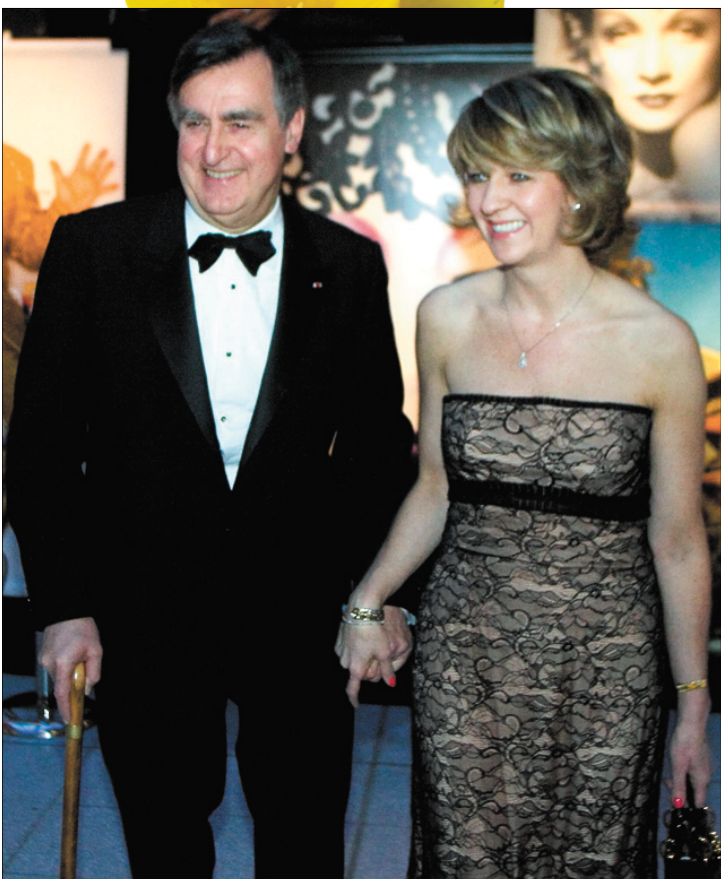
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ration (Dick recently relocated to L.A.) sent him leap years ahead of even Oprah's event-master Colin Cowie. Walsh-wow touches included hoards of ego-boosting "snappazzis," the most brilliant Windsor Gallery showcasing Hollywood royalty, 10,000 electric twinkling stars partout and table settings befitting Tinseltown's most coveted ticket - the Governors Ball. Each table was

swathed in reams of Celebrations' custom gold lamé and topped by breathtaking daffodoliers that incorporated 40,000 blooms). **Fare worthy of Wolfgang (as in Puck)**: The strict pre-ball dieting had motivation beyond putting Cameron Diaz's post-Timberlake abs to shame (though goddesses like **Bea Pungartnik** did just that!) Once on daff-ground, all foods (no matter how colossally caloric) were fair game. Cocktails offered a sophisticated take on American classics (i.e. mini-burgers) while dinner (also prepared by the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth) maintained gourmet momentum with Spago-spectac dishes including melt-in-your-mouth "John Wayne" surf & turf. (FYI: The evening's wines, generously sponsored by **Richard Renaud** and wife **Carolyn**,

were equally mesmeric). **"Oscar" awesome entertainment**: For those of you captivated by trendy swivellers like Shakira, the hip-spin bar was permanently raised by Les Goldsingers (who routinely perform for European glitterati like Prince Albert). Also high on the amusement scale? Perennially perfect 1945. **680 were red-carpet ready**: Impeccably co-chaired by Hydro-Québec president/CEO **Thierry Vandal** (with **Isabelle Phoenix**), Garda president/CEO **Stéphan Crétier** (with wife **Stephany Maillery**) and Toronto-based Dundee Wealth Management president/CEO **Ned Goodman** (with wife **Anita**), Jonquillewood easily outdid its West Coast competition.

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Lucien Bouchard and Solange Dugas.



Justin Trudeau and Estelle Blais-Grégoire.



David Fugère and Lucie Laurier.

