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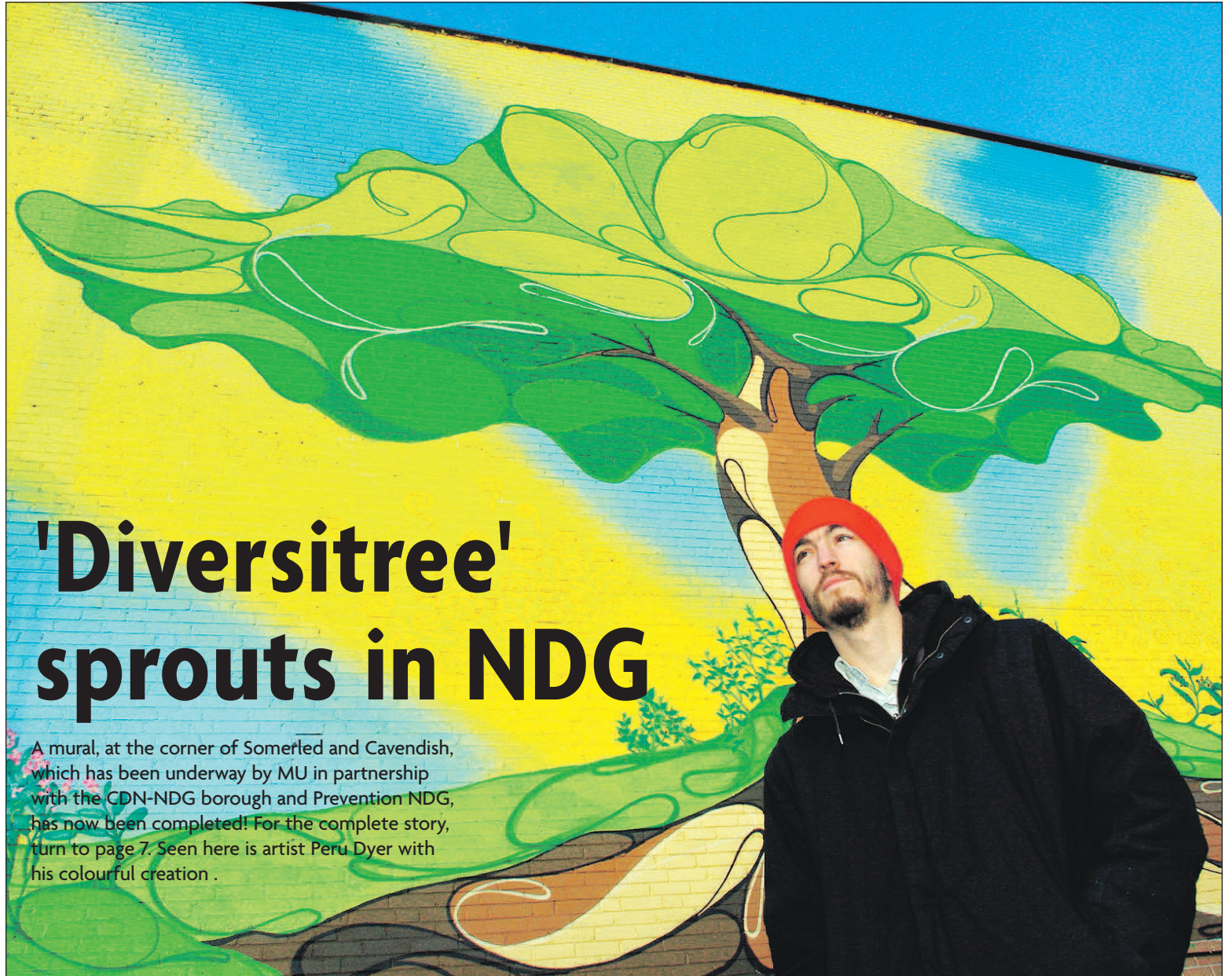
Hampstead artist displays Men in Showers, Women in Jars

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WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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'Diversitree' sprouts in NDG

A mural, at the corner of Somerled and Cavendish, which has been underway by MU in partnership with the CDN-NDG borough and Prevention NDG, has now been completed! For the complete story, turn to page 7. Seen here is artist Peru Dyer with his colourful creation.

Borough to unveil Benny Sports & Rec Centre plans on Nov. 10

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In preparation for groundbreaking on the Benny Sports and Recreation Centre, expected to take place in the spring, the Borough of Côte des Neiges-Notre Dame de Grâce plans to offer a glimpse of comprehensive plans and scale-models for the project, during a public meeting being held on Nov. 10.

The borough set a \$15 million goal to pay for the centre, to be located at the south-west corner of NDG's Benny Park, using land now occupied by the outdoor Benny Pool. The pool, which was

assessed as needing major repairs and which saw its last use this past summer, is slated to be demolished.

According to an estimate made by Borough Mayor Michael Applebaum last December, the borough has set aside a reserve of \$4.3 million for the project, as well as \$2 million from an infrastructure budget.

The City of Montreal deposited an additional \$3 million in infrastructure funding, bringing the total to \$9.3 million. Discussions with provincial officials, including four local MNAs and the Liberal sports and recreation minister,

have also been underway to make up the difference with subsidies from Quebec.

"We're going to be talking about the facility, how it's going to look, how it's going to be integrated, and what's going to be in the building," Applebaum said this week about the meeting, adding that services to be offered at the centre will not be on the meeting agenda.

"We will turn the first soil in the spring. Once we're able — because you've got to realize we're going in the park so we don't want to damage it

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