

Escape to paradise

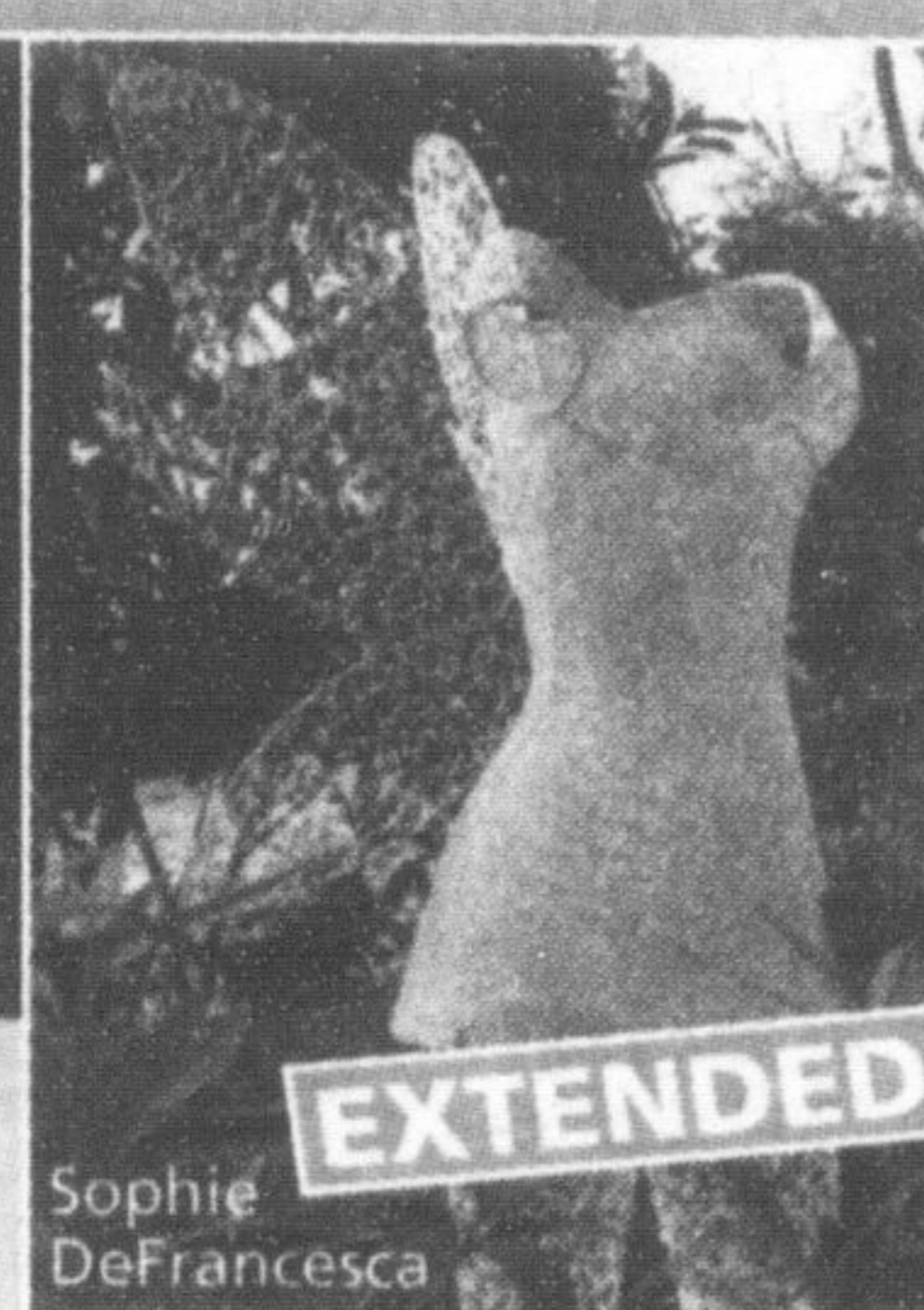
 **ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS**
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LAST WEEKEND

Holiday Traditions

Saturdays and Sundays, November 29 to December 14; 10 p.m. to 4 p.m.; RBG Centre
Holiday crafts for children, live entertainment and more. **HIGHLIGHTS:** December 13, 12 and 2 p.m. Dickie Bird December 14, 10 and 11:30 a.m. Erick Traplin and at 1 p.m. Santa's Helpers **Santa at the Gardens;** 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Meet Santa and have your photo taken (available for purchase).



EXTENDED



Pilar Ovale

Art in paradise

SCULPTART

October 27 to January 18; Mediterranean Garden; RBG Centre

Visit the indoor Mediterranean Garden filled with artworks. Curated by Maryrose Coleman, PRIME Gallery.

WINTER EARTH ART

November 16 to January 18; RBG Centre

Indoor environmental art installations. Curated by John Grande.



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BECOME A MEMBER

— An annual membership starts at only \$50. Membership benefits include free or preferred admission to garden areas and events, plus discounts on educational programs and at the gift shop and café. Gift memberships available. Sign up or renew your membership online at www.rbq.ca/217.

REGULAR FALL/WINTER DAILY ADMISSION Adult: \$8; Senior: \$6; Student/youth (13 to 18 years): \$6; Child (five to 12 years): \$3; Family: \$20. RBG members and children under five: FREE. RBG Centre, 680 Plains Road West, Hamilton/Burlington. 905-527-1158, 1-800-694-4769; www.rbq.ca/217

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Has great attitude: coaches

• from WOODCROFT on page A19
Jim Hunter last season.

"James was one of the guys who really lightened up the dressing room. And every time he was called on to do something out there he'd come through."

While not exactly serving as a standout, Woodcroft has certainly been connected to some successful teams as of late. Along with Windsor, he won the Sutherland Cup last spring with the Chiefs, who before he showed up hadn't even won a playoff round through six seasons in Tecumseh.

"Yeah, I've definitely been hooked up with some strong teams recently," said the high-energy forward, who assisted on the

game winner against Saginaw September 20 for his one and only OHL point to date. "Other than winning the league title with the Vaughan Rangers when I was like 10, I haven't had anywhere near this type of team success before last year."

Of course Woodcroft would like to be having more of a direct hand in the Spitfires' prosperity, and admits it's been tough at times watching the action rather than being part of it. That's when patience and a positive outlook serve him well.

"I've just got to keep working hard. You can't slack off for a minute, whether you're playing or not. I've got to be ready for my next chance, whenever that is."

Speed skating meet at MSC tomorrow

Got the need for speed?

If so, you may want to swing by Milton Sports Centre Saturday morning. That's when the Milton Speed Skating Club — which includes members from town as well as Halton Hills and surrounding areas — will

host its first mini-meet.

Running from 8 a.m. to about 1 p.m., the event will include about 60 skaters (from such clubs as Oakville, Brampton, Niagara and Newmarket) and feature around 50 races.

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