

Region Manor gets computer

Halton Council has decided to spend \$8,448.72 for a new central processing computer and drive disks for Halton Centennial Manor.

The need for new equipment came after the Regional Health and Social Services Committee was told a 14-year-old accounting machine was beyond the point of repair.

The new equipment will include one central processing unit, two disk drivers, and one printer.

A limit of \$16,250 will be provided for the services of Roy Jorgensen Associates of Canada to provide for complete program specification writing, staff training and equipment programming.

Money for the purchase will come from the Halton Centennial Manor Trust Fund.

Ambulance group is re-constituted

A regional committee set up almost a year ago to review cutbacks in ambulance service has been revived.

Oakville Councillor Fred Oliver will chair the Ambulance Service Review Committee which has not met since last year.

The committee was originally formed with the Halton Mississauga Ambulance Service Ltd., a private company, announced it would be laying off staff due to an insufficient grant from the Ontario Ministry of Health.

Two preliminary reports on the situation were prepared but never discussed by the committee.

Milton wins sewer appeal

The Town of Milton has won an appeal against sewer surcharges accounted against the Rotary Pool.

The appeal was won when the Regional Sewer Rate Committee agreed with Milton that water coming into the pool is not returned to the sanitary sewer system.

Under the user pay charges, anyone using water is charged an additional 170 per cent for the amount which would go back into the sewers and would have to be treated at water purification plants.

Highway 25 plans approved

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation and Communication will be advised Halton Region approves of the preliminary plans to widen Highway 25 from 15 Sideroad to Acton.

A public meeting of residents in the area was held April 14 at the Speyside School where changes, particularly at 15 Sideroad were explained.

The road work will eventually include an extra "truck lane" south of Speyside leading to Highway 401.

No Acton bin

Acton will not get a temporary bin to provide a focal point for garbage collection. It had been suggested the bin be placed on the grounds of the Acton water treatment plant and that residents be allowed to bring solid waste to the spot for dumping.

This would have been a small scale version of the transfer station on the closed landfill site in Georgetown.

Regional Council approved a Public Works Committee recommendation that setting up a bin would "be deemed inappropriate" at this time and that Acton residents should use the facility in Georgetown.

Buy Canadian

Halton councillors believe in a "Buy Canadian" preference policy, but it is not always possible.

Some councillors had suggested the region adopt a policy of only buying services and equipment built and run by Canadians.

Councillor Joan Allingham said the region did not need to put such a policy into action, because it already has a stipulation on the books that the Canadian content rule be used "wherever possible."

In some cases, such as large equipment, it is sometimes only available from foreign builders.

Sensitive areas

Halton Region has approved a study of environmentally sensitive areas in Halton this summer, by a team from the University of Guelph.

The study will cost \$1,800 and the money will come from an Ontario grant.

A University of Guelph professor and four graduate students will be looking into the effect of housing and development on the many environmentally sensitive areas in Halton.

A final report will be sent to the Regional Planning Committee for inclusion in the data bank and can be used when development applications are sent to the region.

Administrative changes passed

In a recent special meeting of Regional Council, sweeping changes to Halton's administration were approved. Highlights of the changes include:

- A complete reorganization of the region's treasury department, including the creation of five new full-time positions: Manager of Accounting and Systems; Operating Budget Analyst; Financial Analyst; Systems Analyst; Secretary.

- Retention of three standing committees of council: Administration and Finance; Health and Social Services; former Planning and Public Works Committees to be made into one committee with solid Waste Management and Sewer Rate Committees to be dissolved and made into subcommittees of it.

- New duties of the chief administrative officer: resolution of ambiguities in responsibility between regional departments; providing staff with guidance on policy and level of service priorities; provide that councillors receive sound advice from senior Halton officials.

- A new job position to be created—executive assistant to the chief administrative officer.

- A shift in accounting procedures to full encumbrance accounting to be carried out in 1982.

- Regional Chairman to ensure that council reaches consensus on fundamental policy issues. Chairman also to be spokesperson for region and present information to the public.

Riviera customers say goodbye, Tony



Goodbye, Tony. Customers of La Riviera Restaurant, Steeles Ave., threw a surprise party for co-owner Tony Casale last week. Among the gifts was a cake, decorated like the front of the restaurant. Paula and Tony Casale are shown with his brother Mike, right. The Casale brothers have sold the restaurant to a group of local businessmen and Tony is returning to Italy while Mike plans to stay on as chef. (Photo courtesy Donna Sargeant).

When the word went out, just three weeks ago, that popular co-owner Tony Casale of Milton's La Riviera Restaurant was leaving Milton, a few friends decided to throw him a going-away party.

And quite a party it was, as over 100 of his restaurant customers organized a gala surprise send-off in Tony's honor Tuesday evening of last week. And they held it in his restaurant, the ultimate surprise of all.

Tony and his brother Mike have run the Italian restaurant in the Dorset Park Plaza, Steeles Ave. at Ontario St., for the past six years. Tony has always been the official "host" and spends a lot of time greeting his customers, making them feel welcome, and even joining them at the table for a chat when time permits.

"He is quite a fellow," summed up Debra Sankey, one of the party organizers. "He is very warm, treats everyone graciously, he seems to give a warmth and dignity to the restaurant."

Others described a visit to the restaurant "like a family visit" because of Tony's outgoing personality and the way he has treated his customers over the years.

Tony and Mike recently decided to sell the business and Tony plans to go back to his native Italy for an extended holiday, maybe for good. Brother Mike, who has always been the head chef in the restaurant, decided to stay on as chef under the new owners.

The restaurant has been purchased by a group of local businessmen — restaurateurs Rick Lillo, Jim Powers and Bruce Wolschinski, and businessmen Claude Warren and Don Stinson.

Mr. Wolschinski has been with the restaurant for some time and will stay on as manager.

Tony's friends didn't want the occasion to go unnoticed, so they secretly organized a collection toward a gift and invited as many regular restaurant patrons as they could find, to show up for dinner last Tuesday evening.

Mayor Gordon Krantz assisted in the subterfuge, booking a big share of the seats that evening for a "civic function". The Newell Real Estate office next door became headquarters for the gift collection. Restaurant staff were in on the deal, too — all but Tony.

He got a surprise when so many of his regulars showed up on the same evening, then a further surprise when he found out the night was just for him.

Organizers purchased a beautiful oil painting of a local scene, done by David Dance of Norval, to remind Tony of this area. Mayor Krantz presented a town scroll plus a pin bearing the town crest.

An album of pictures of all the guests was presented by Bill Hamilton, with photos arranged by Donna Sargeant. She was also the official photographer for the night. Bruce Wolschinski contributed a poem. Emcee was Allan Orth. He and Joyce Henry and Mrs. Sankey were the main organizers.

Although the party was primarily for Tony his wife Paula, who frequently helps in the restaurant, and brother Mike were also praised by the crowd for their years of loyal service, good food and good times.

The guest of honor admitted later he didn't know he had so many good friends, and expressed his appreciation to all for giving him such a big send-off.

Phone number mix-up affects pizza sales

Sam Catenaro is hoping a few discouraged customers are going to give him a second chance.

The owner of Sorrento's Pizzeria on Main St. in Milton has un-

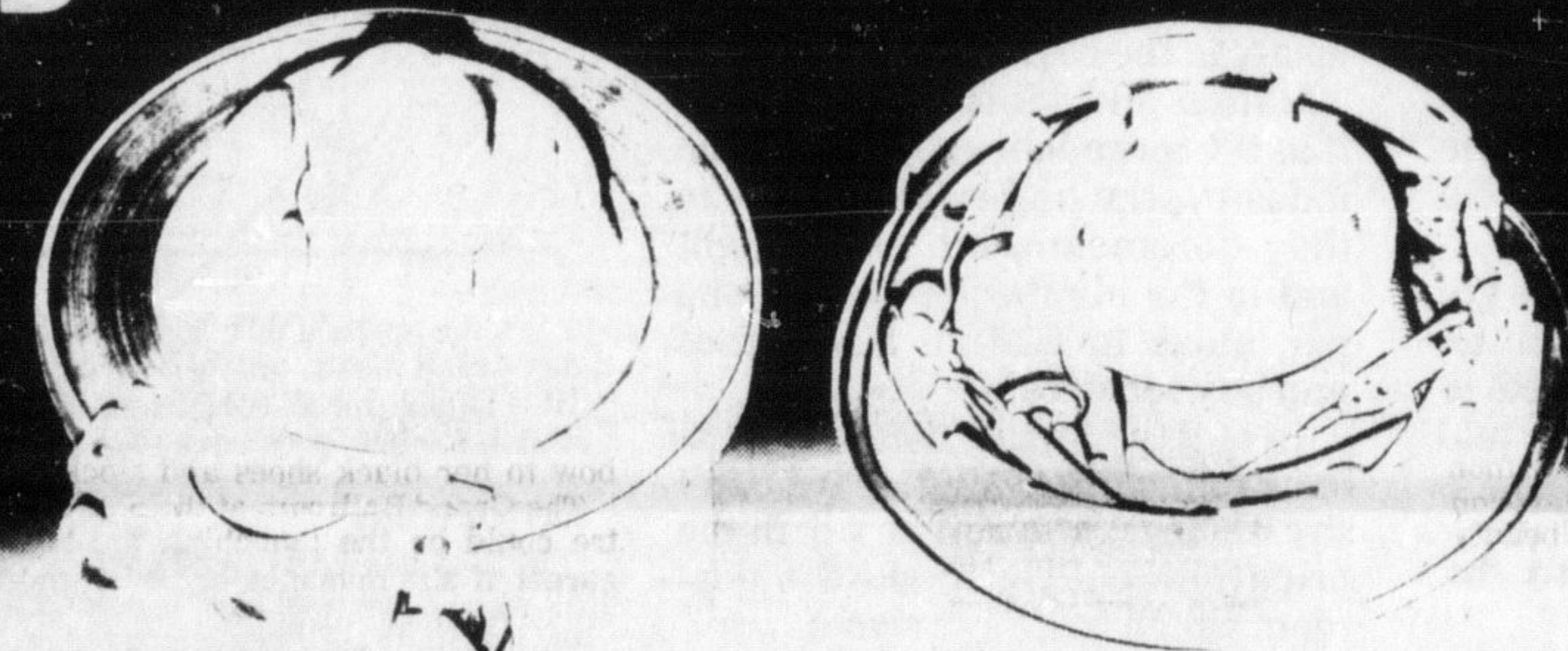
fortunately lost out on a number of pizza orders due to an error involving his business phone number, which was advertised with an 878 prefix instead of 876.

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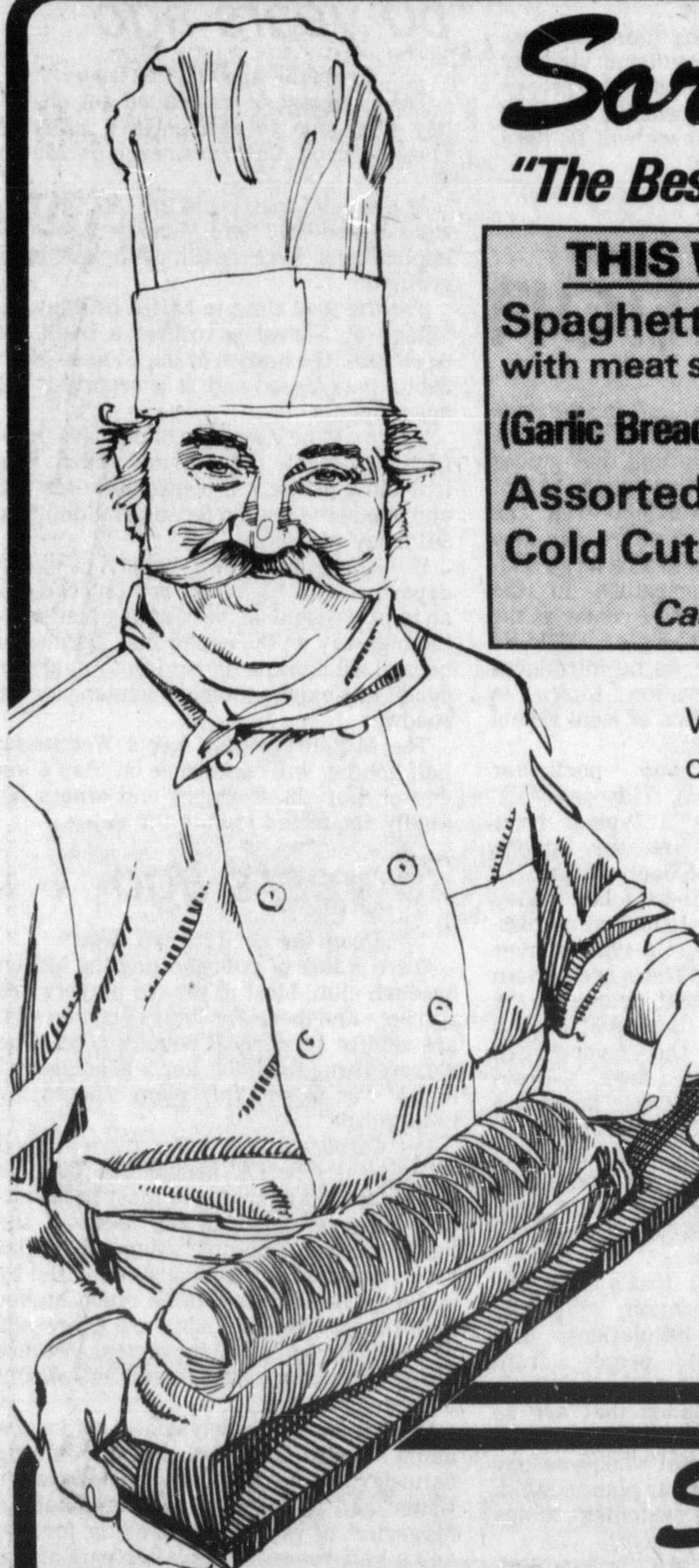
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