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Pure Pizza Company owner Thomas Peng displays a large Toscana pizza served at the Aurora restaurant.

Desserts prepared on premises

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The specialty pizzas are each available in regular (\$13.50 to \$19.75) and large (\$16.95 to \$25.95). We indulged in the Venezia (regular \$14.25, large \$18.45) generously topped with crisp fresh bacon, fresh garlic, onions and Italian herbs. It was, in a word, exceptional. It will be hard to go back to the Pure Pizza Company and not order it again and again and again.

If you are in more of a pasta mood, the Pure Pizza Company offers your choice of pastas (penne rigate, fusilli, linguine and garganella) with your choice of sauce (pure tomato, creamy

tomato, roasted red pepper, creamy salmon, oil and garlic and alfredo).

You choose the pasta, you choose the sauce and then top it with a variety of optional items, including sausage, sundried tomatoes, goat cheese and mushrooms.

If all of this is too overwhelming, they do offer lasagna and a variety of entree specials. We sampled the pure tomato sauce and roasted red pepper sauce and they were both delicious served on top of a heaping plate of perfectly prepared pasta.

It may be difficult, but do save room for dessert. Unlike most

restaurants these days, the desserts at Pure Pizza Company are all premise-prepared fresh—and can you ever taste the difference.

We shared an order of tiramisu that was the perfect light and creamy finish to a simply wonderful Italian meal.

We invite you to share your favourite restaurants and tell other readers what it is about these establishments that keeps you going back for more. Send your suggestions, tips and restaurant picks to York Region Newspaper Group editor Tracy Kibble, at tkibble@yrng.com, attention Diversion. We'll publish as many as we can in the Diversion section, which runs Sundays.



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Firefighters Chris Lane of Markham Fire Department (left) and Mike Petrova of York Central Fire Services serve up a whole year of hunks to Sianne Wilson of Holland Landing at a special signing event of the 2004 York Firefighters' Calendar at Jack Astor's in Newmarket Thursday.

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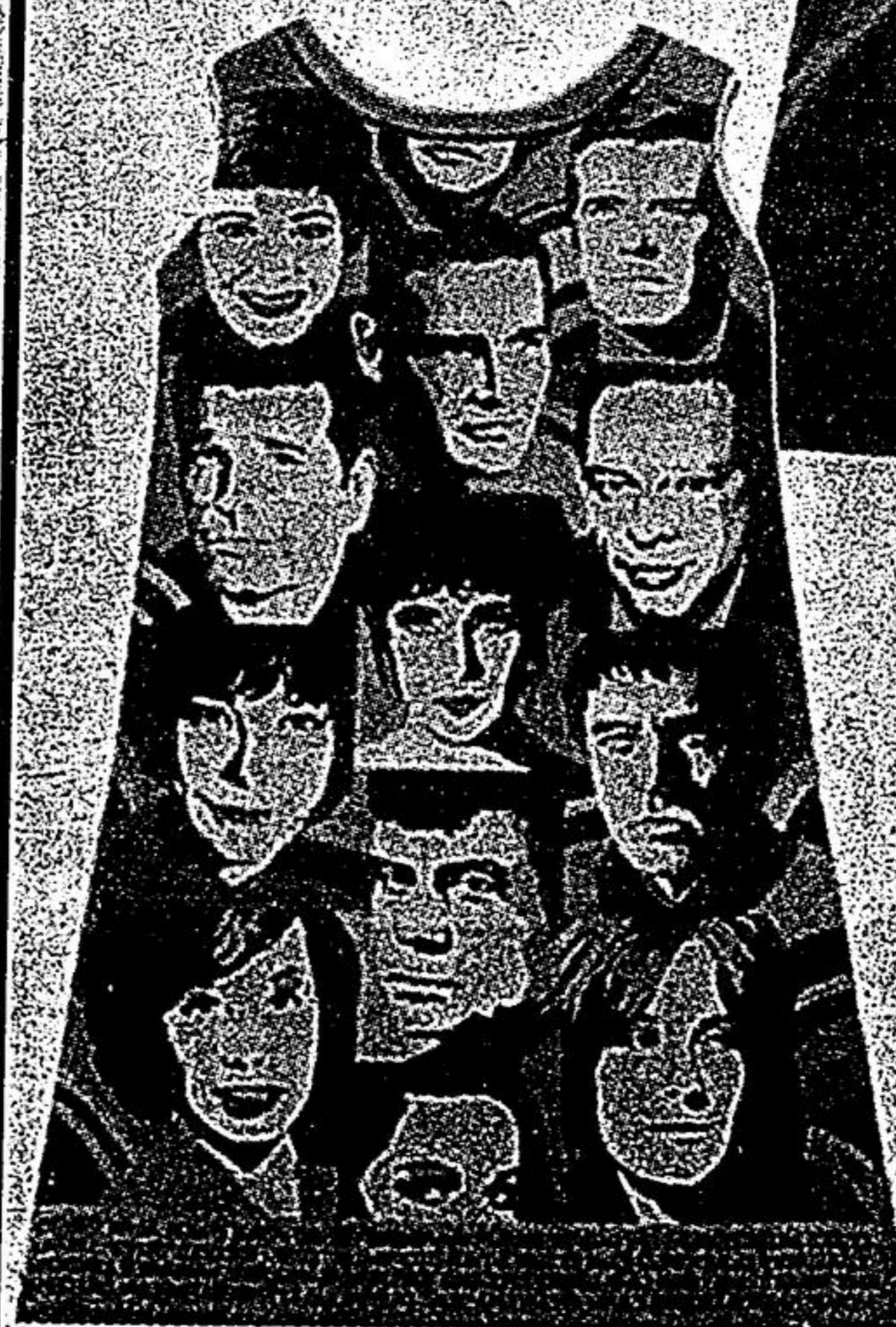
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