

# Hospital joins new program promoting organ donations

By KRISTIN ALLEN

Georgetown District Memorial Hospital has a new committee concerned with organ donations, which will now be a part of the Multiple Organ Received and Exchange Program of Ontario (MORE).

MORE's main objectives are to promote organ and human tissue donation, retrieval and exchange in Ontario, and to educate the public

about the need for organ and human tissue donations.

There is a great need for donors because there are more than 600 people waiting for transplants. The organs and tissues most in need are eyes, hearts, kidneys, livers, bones and joints, lungs and skin.

In order to be a donor, you must be declared "brain dead" — all brain functions must be irreversibly stopped. Once brain death occurs,

the heart and other vital organs stop functioning as well.

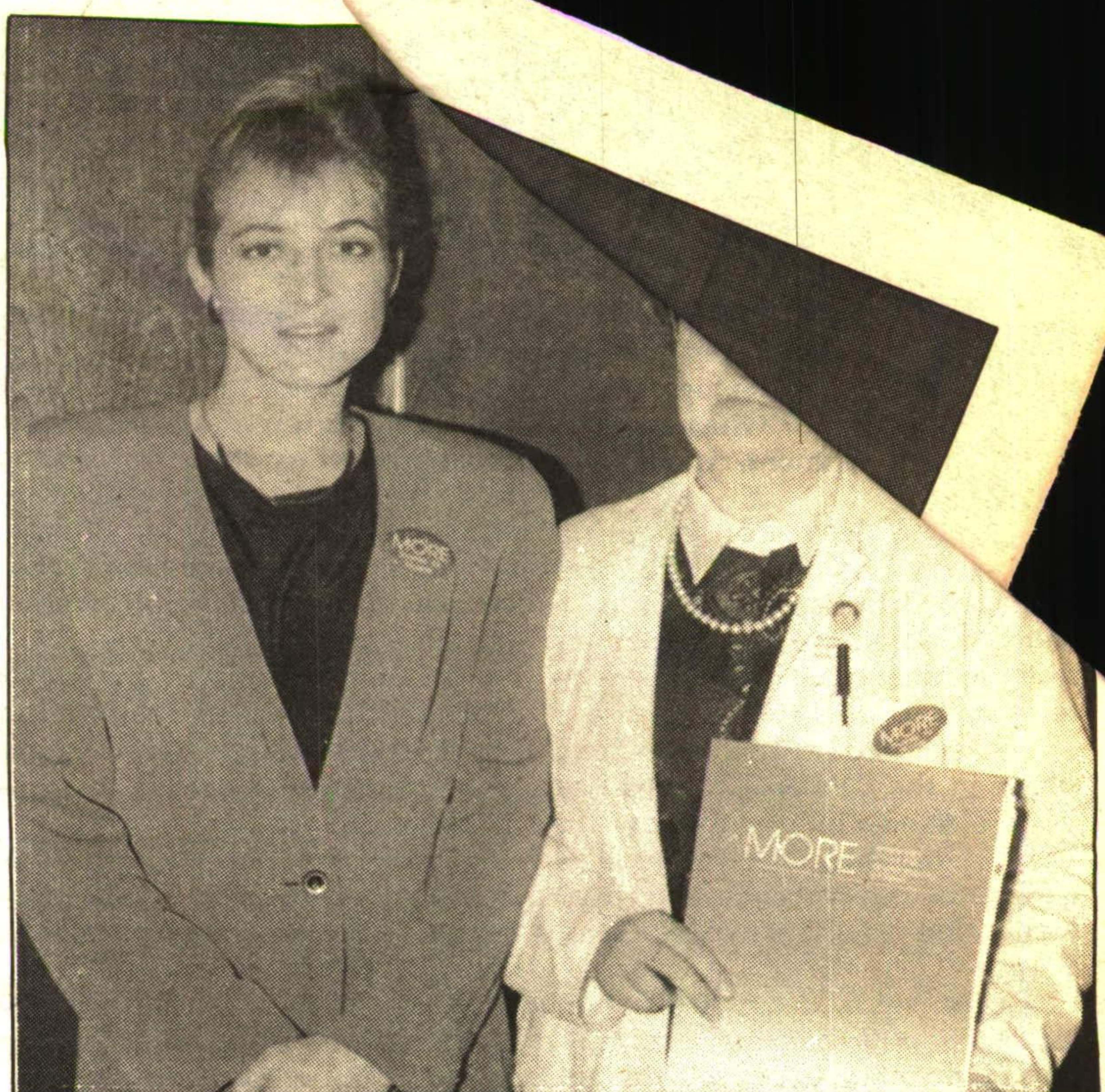
Hospitals are required under Public Hospitals Act to establish procedures to encourage the donation of organs and tissues, including the identification of potential donors and making them and their families aware of the options of organ and tissue donations.

Georgetown hospital is a Level 1 hospital: it will not decide when a person is brain dead, but will transfer them to another hospital for that decision to be made. Georgetown will be involved in eye and bone donations only.

Some draft policies and procedures have been worked out by the hospital committee about its role in organ donations, but they are still being worked on.

If you wish to become a donor, make sure you fill out the organ donor card on your driver's licence and, also, speak to your family about your wishes.

Kristin Allen is a Georgetown District High School student working for The Independent/Free Press on a co-operative placement.



Christina Marshall (right), Regional Communications Coordinator of MORE, spoke to Eunice McGower, chairman of the Organ Donations Committee at Georgetown Hospital, and other committee members about how the hospital can help in the search for suitable organ donations.

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A community-based Milton group would like to hear from young adults with physical disabilities who are interested in living in a small group residence with 24-hour attendant care.

Primarily planned to serve the Milton, Acton, Georgetown area, the project is still in the preliminary stage. It presents an opportunity for prospective tenants to become involved in actual design, policies development, staff selection and staff training.

Project organizers are particularly interested in hearing from people with high care needs.

For additional information, the contact person for the project is Joyce Scott.

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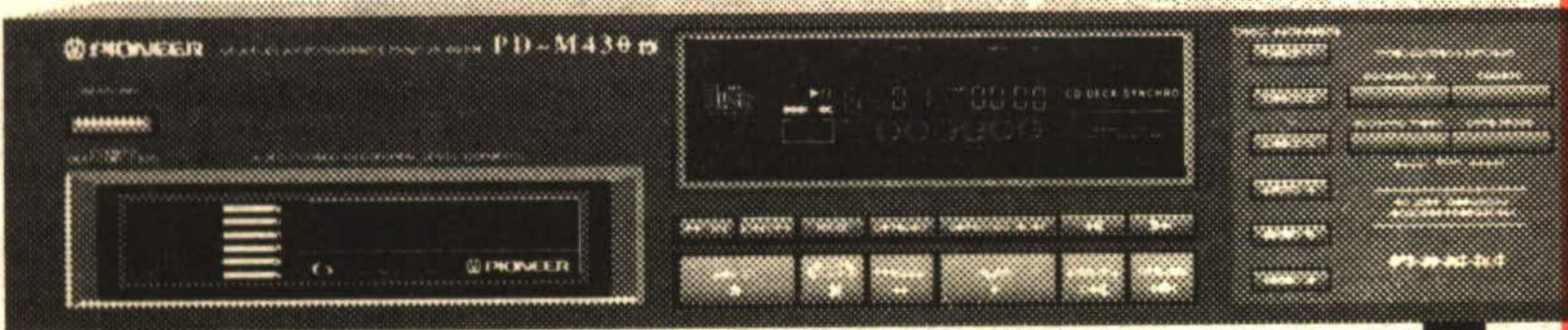
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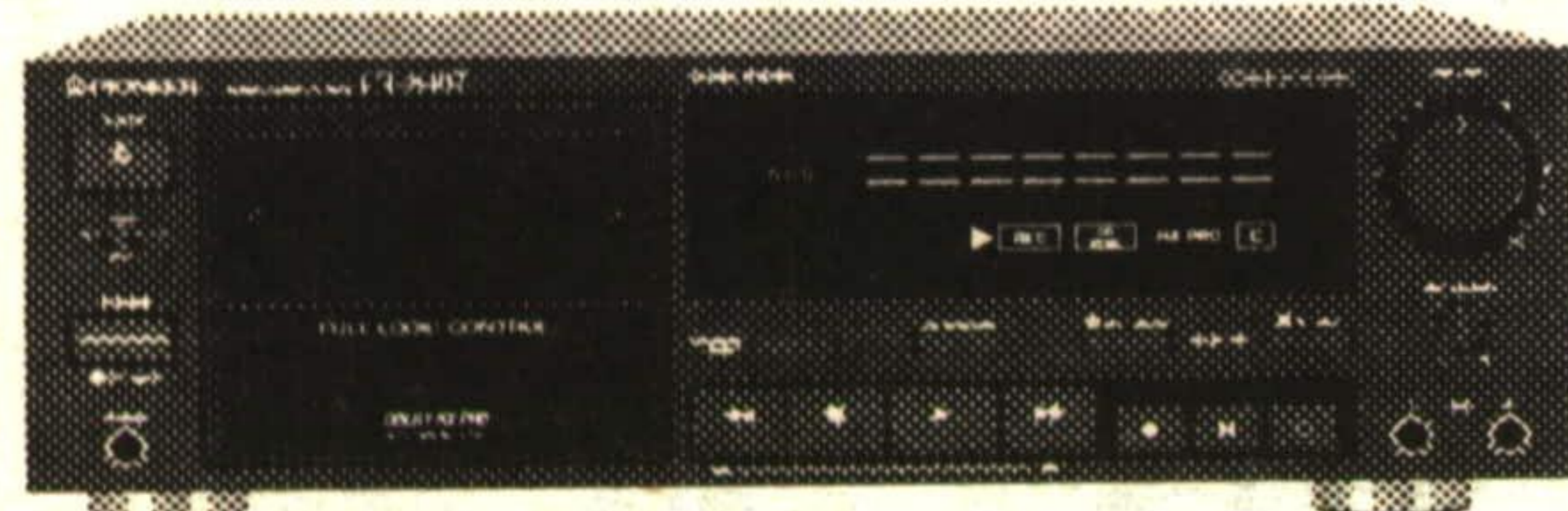


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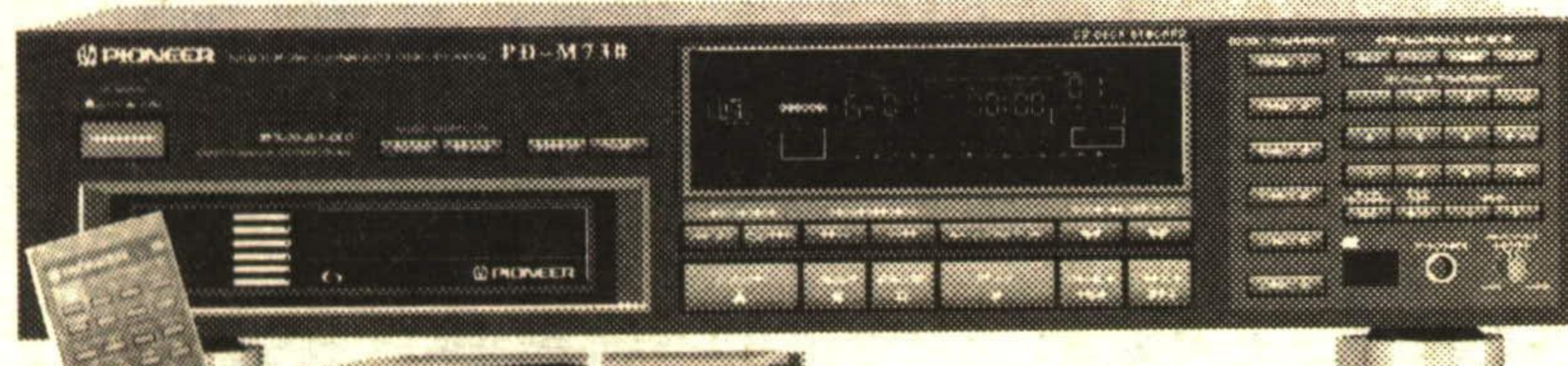
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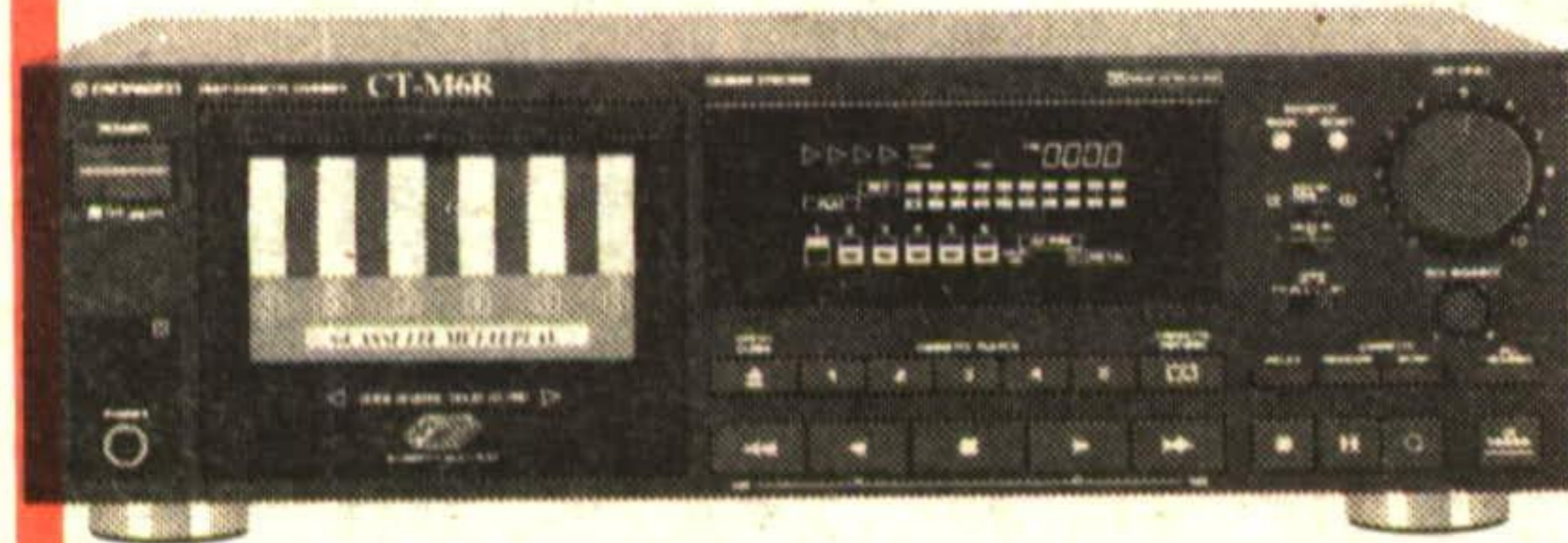


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## Bankruptcy trustee warns Chamber of tough times

By JANET BAINE

Bankruptcy trustee Aldis Makovskis said he is more of an undertaker than a saviour of businesses these days.

"It's not as rewarding as it used to be. There's not too many (companies) that can be saved," he said after speaking to the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce Tuesday about surviving the recession. "Too many companies are closing their doors."

Makovskis blames the high rate of bankruptcies on the recession and disincentives business people currently have to face like responsible for money they owe the government for things like the GST, PST, Employer Health Tax and even employee's wages.

A receiver works for the secured creditors, while a trustee in bankruptcy works for unsecured creditors, he said. Often both can be involved with one bankruptcy, he said.

Makovskis is vice president of Doane Raymond Ltd., a Mississauga firm which is a trustee in bankruptcy.

"I think that (the economic outlook) is not too good for the immediate future, and by that I mean the next six months. Only because in Ontario we're still heavily into the recession, and there is no incentive for anybody to invest or start a business in Ontario," he said. Makovskis blamed the NDP

government for not helping business people

Makovskis had some hard, cold words for business people, when they asked a common question, "What kind of a business plan should you show your banker?"

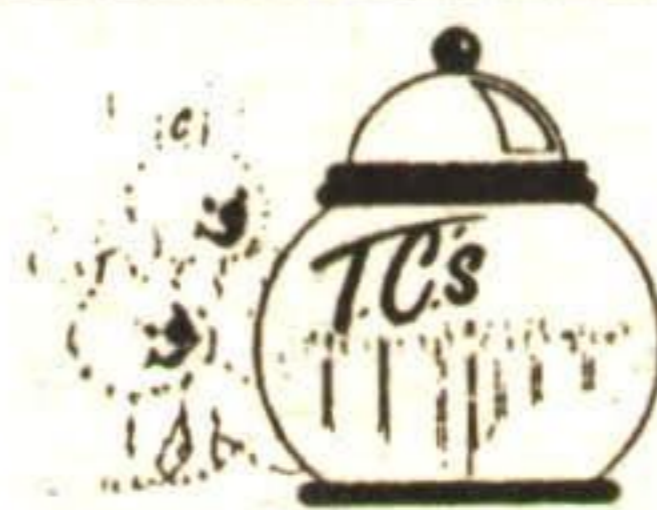
"You can only fool yourself and the banker for so long," he said. "The banker won't lend you money unless there is something positive at the end of the rainbow." Any "pie in the sky" forecast not based on reality won't get a business person very far. "If you're not going to make money, what's the point of being in business?" he said.

The most important thing for business people to do is to have a business plan, which sets down on paper the direction the business is headed and it should be revised annually, he said.

"When business gets bad, there is a real tendency to not keep employees informed," he said. It's important not only to keep them informed, but to get ideas from them which might help cut the costs or increase sales and productivity.

"If you come to the end of the road, it is a lot better to recognize that fact than to continue," Makovskis said. "Don't be afraid to go to your professional advisors to get a different perspective."

"If you have it in your head, you'll plod along and regrettable, you may become a client of ours," he said.



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