

Watch for the talkers and the doers over the next three years

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Whew! it's finally over. The election, that is. Now I'll be the first to admit municipal elections are a boon to newspapers. They give journalists something to write about every three years — whether we need it or not.

And, for the most part, they're fun and exciting. It's always a challenge to try and second guess how the voters will respond to the candidates.

And this campaign, in particular, has been a little more memorable than many in the past. There has been more dirt thrown during this one than any in my memory.

But after a while, even journalists receive their fill of election hoopla, and are glad to see it end. I

feel like I've heard about nothing but arenas, condos, garbage in the Acton quarry and water, water, water. I don't deny these may be important and valid issues, but a person can only listen to the same speeches just so many times before becoming a little tired of it all.

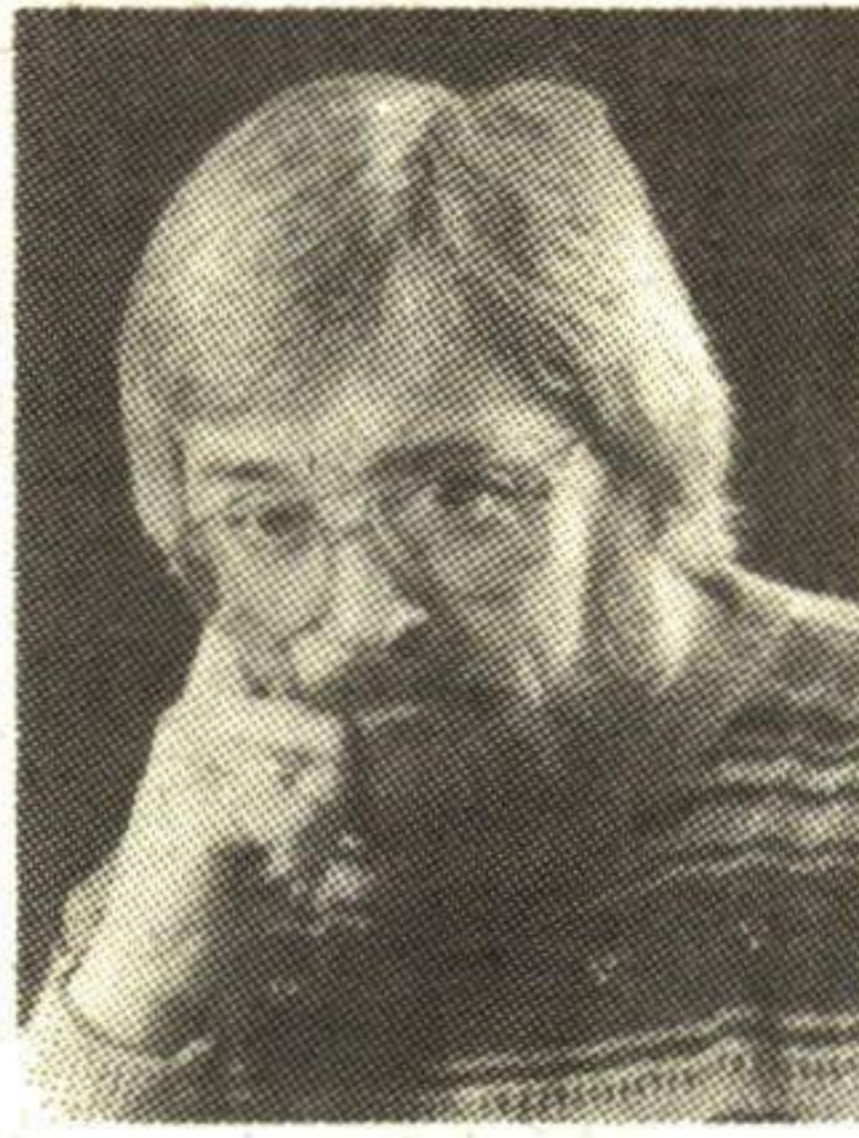
But now the dust has settled and successful candidates are sitting back happily contemplating their next three year term on council, while the unsuccessful ones are standing around kicking the dirt. (I avoid calling them losers, so I won't.)

I'm sure the winners are patting themselves on the back, saying they knew they would win all along, (while secretly breathing a sigh of relief.)

And I'm equally sure the unsuc-

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cessful candidates are disappointed, frustrated and perhaps a little angry as they ask themselves what went wrong with their campaign. Why didn't they garner the votes? What could they have done differently? What will they do differently next time?

I'm a little disappointed myself, when I look at the absolutely dis-

gracefully low voter turnout. Where was everyone? Don't they realize how important it is to cast that ballot?

In my job, I have many opportunities to chat with several different kinds of people. Often times they complain about their council members, the policies set down and high taxes.

But with such a paltry number of voters actually taking the time to vote, I can only say the residents of Halton Hills should shut up and stop complaining. Less than 40 per cent of the eligible voters in Halton Hills have elected our council.

The rest didn't bother. For me it's simple; if they didn't vote, they aren't in a position to complain.

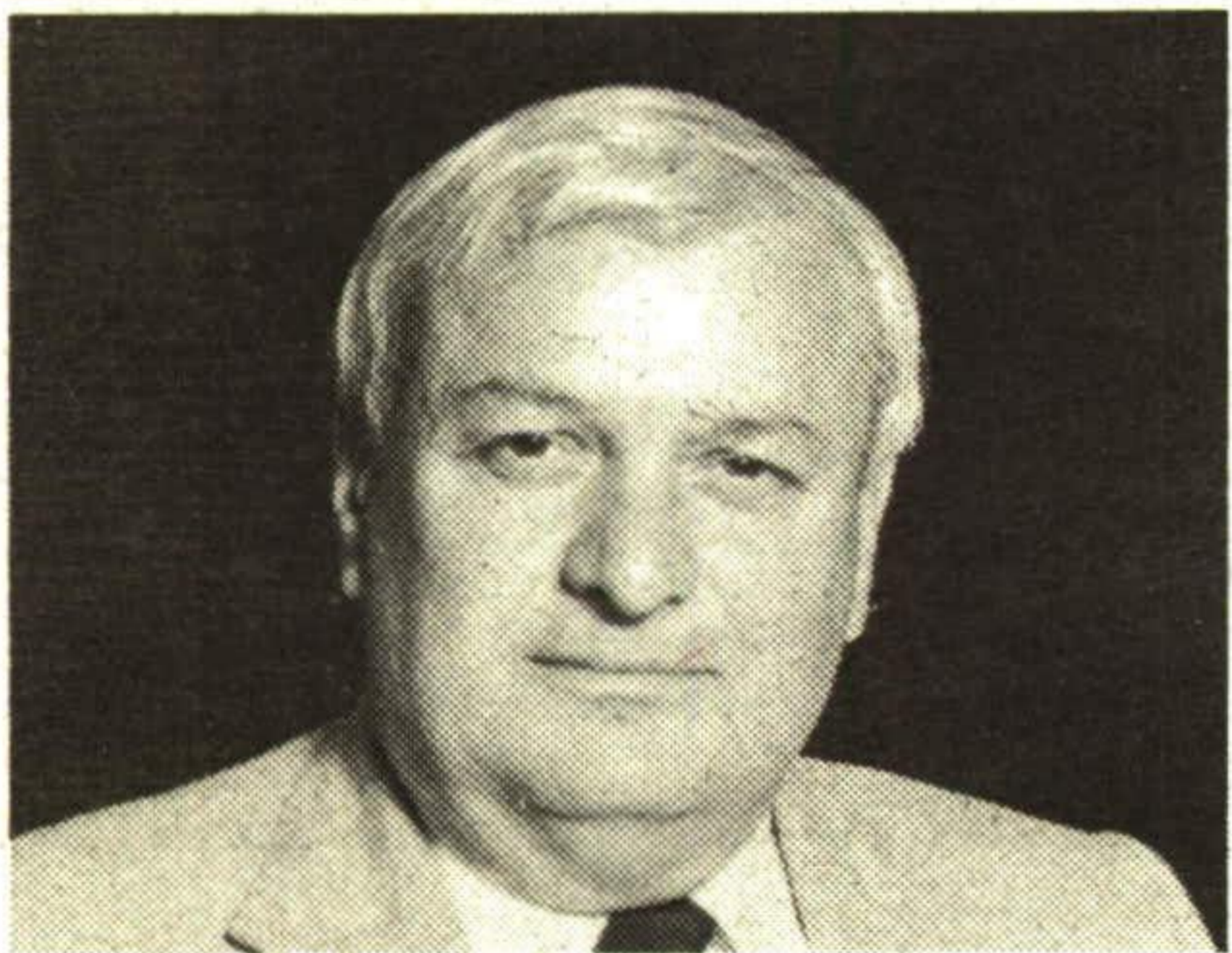
So now we have our council for the next three years. Some of the

faces have changed while many remain the same. They will all face a number of issues over the next three years that will probably try their patience as well as the patience of the residents of Halton Hills.

Will they keep their election promises? Will they work in the best interests of the Town? Will they make this town a better place for us to live in?

Or will they simply occupy a seat in the council chambers, content to be seen rather than sincerely represent those who voted them into office and voice their concerns?

Only time will tell, and hopefully, we'll all remember who were the talkers and who were the doers the next time they approach the people. I know I will.



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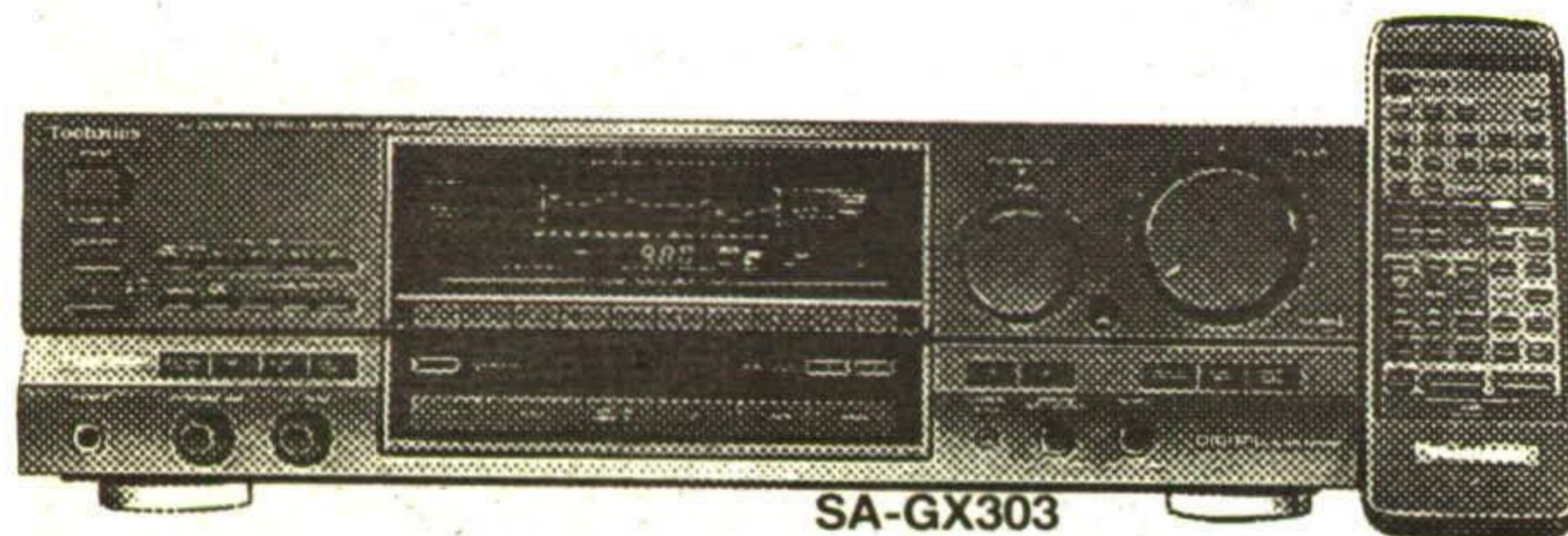


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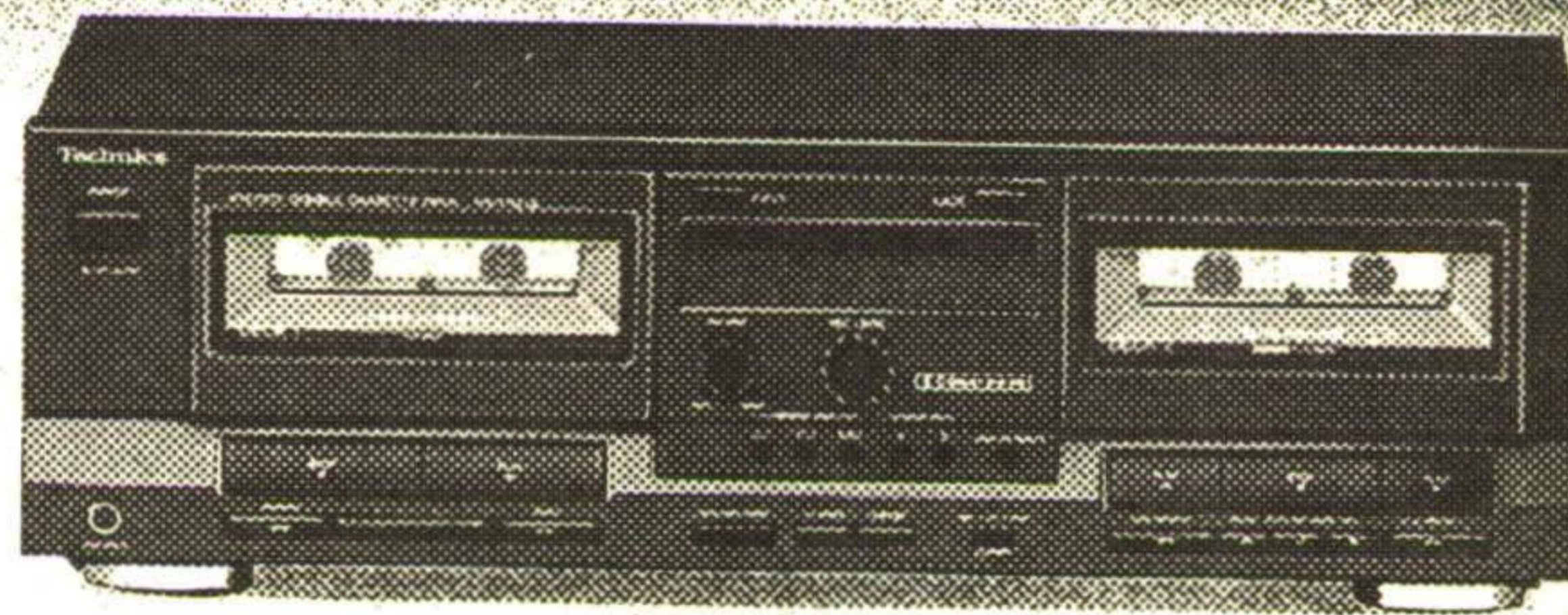


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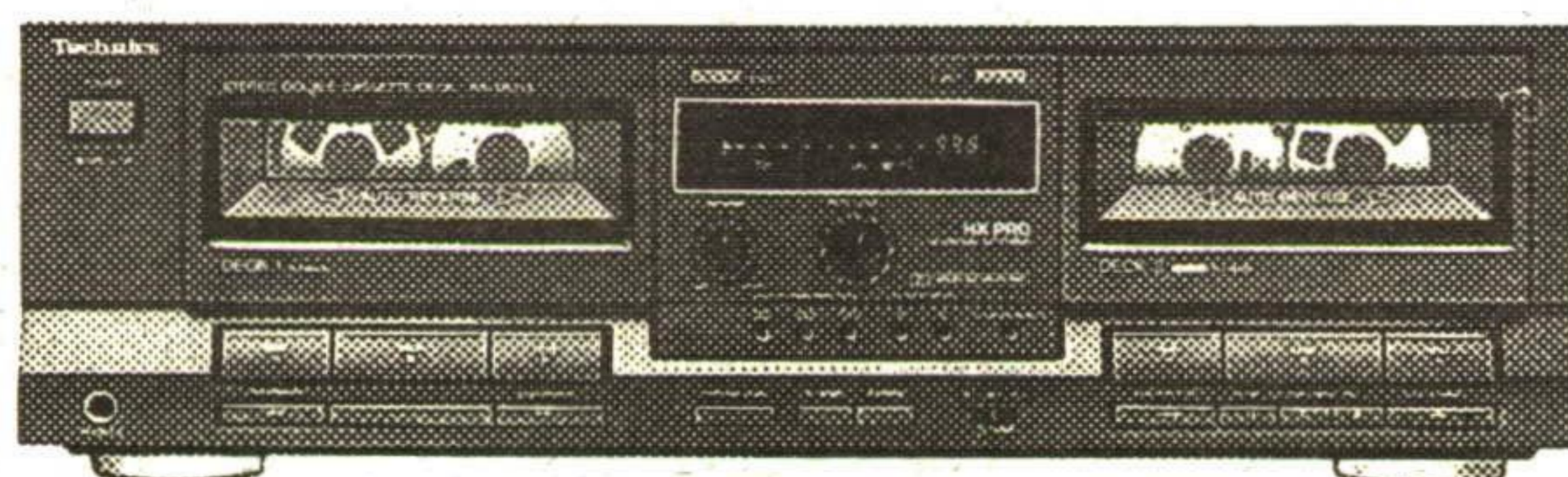


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