

# HRC offers ideas for kids

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The Champion

The Milton Community Resource Centre is inviting teachers, parents and childcare providers of all sorts to visit its Halton Resource Connection (HRC) service for some fresh ideas for spring.

The centre took over the service four months ago, and outreach co-ordinator Kate Williamson said community response so far has been positive.

"It's a nice fit with us, since we deal with children every day," Ms Williamson said of taking over the HRC.

Located at 917 Nipissing Rd., the HRC provides everything a teacher, childcare provider — such as a Scout leader or Sunday School teacher — or parent might need to offer new and exciting ideas for kids.

Some of the resources offered are dye-pressers, a laminator, a heat press, computers, puppets, small group activities and a resource library that includes theme-based 'interest bins'. There's even a karaoke machine, Ms Williamson said.

At HRC's Creative Recycle Centre, a bag can be filled with craft items like artificial flowers, old greeting cards and CDs for just \$2.

For those planning workshops and conferences, the HRC offers a free database of speakers.

HRC also provides training including workshops and seminars on various subjects. Its next workshop will be held March 22 from 6:30 to 7 p.m., and aims to provide caregivers with new ideas for pre-school circle time.

"People are so time-strapped, so we're trying to give them as much information as we can in a half-hour," Ms Williamson said.

The cost is \$3.

Just recently, an HRC satellite location opened in Oakville and is also enjoying great success, Ms Williamson said.

The membership fee for this non-profit service is \$25 per year or \$5 for a day pass. The Milton HRC is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. except on holiday weekends.

For more information, visit [www.thrc.ca](http://www.thrc.ca) or call (905) 875-4600.

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Students of the Ontario Academy of Music in Milton recently showed what they were capable of as they completed their winter piano exams.

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Rubenstein and Leah Yokeswaren. Rubenstein; Grade 2, Mayuri Paranthahan, Meaghan Mitchell, Abbie Haskett, Emilie Tanti, Manchari Paranthahan, Holly Engstrom and Scott Cummings; Grade 3, John Johnston, Andrea Llanos, Patrick Laidlaw and Drew McMillian; Grade 4, Kattie Laur; Grade 5, Houshikan

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The following students received honours: Grade 1, Heather Maskell; Grade 2, Catherine Almeida and Julian Boada-Maya; Grade 3, Olivia McAllister, Grant Collins and Mario Llanos; Grade 4, Alyssa Venere; Grade 6, Sonya Barbir.

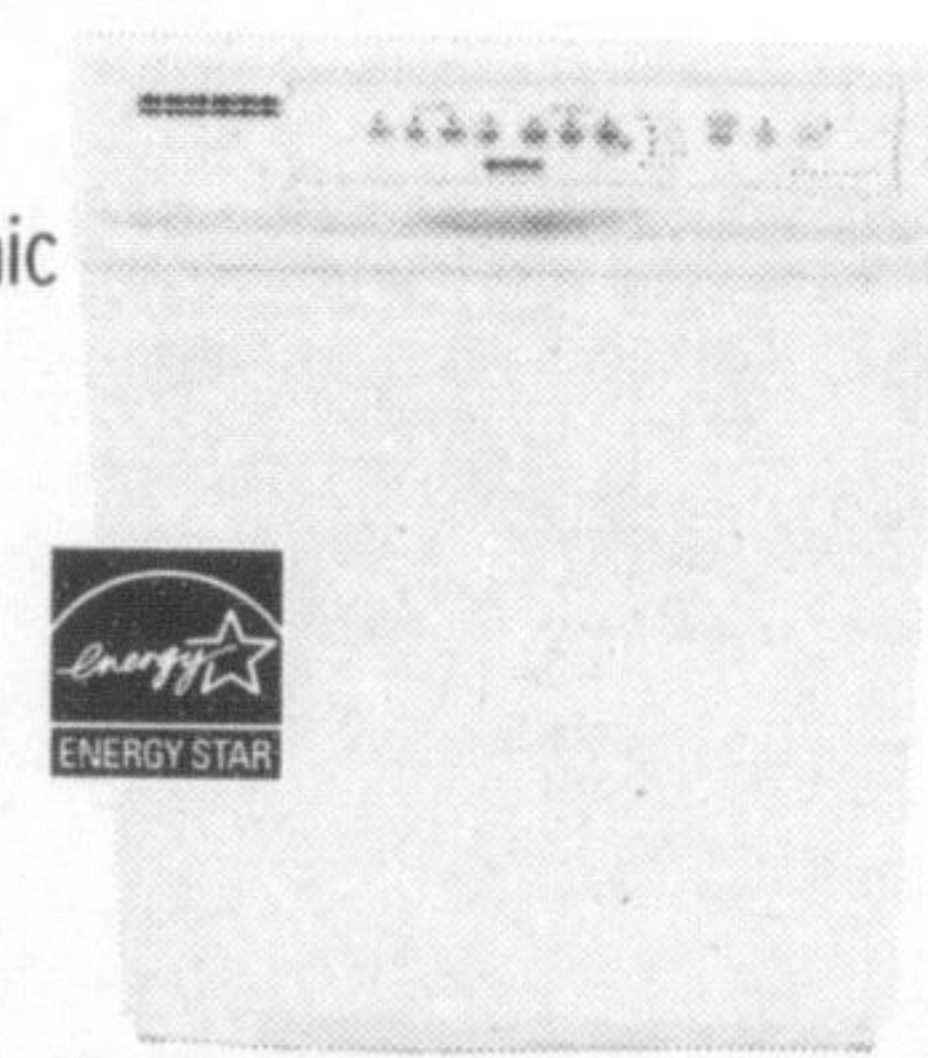
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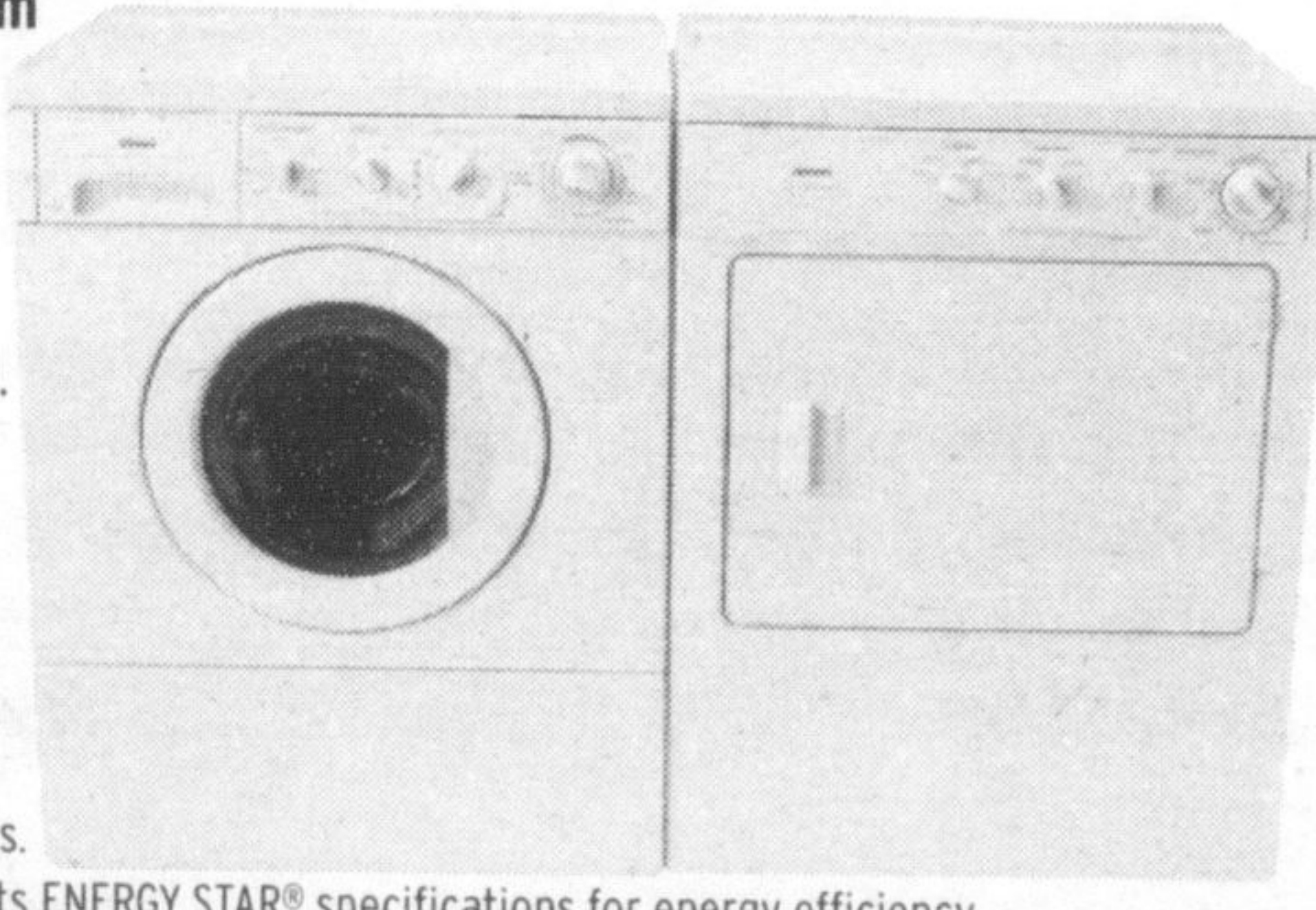
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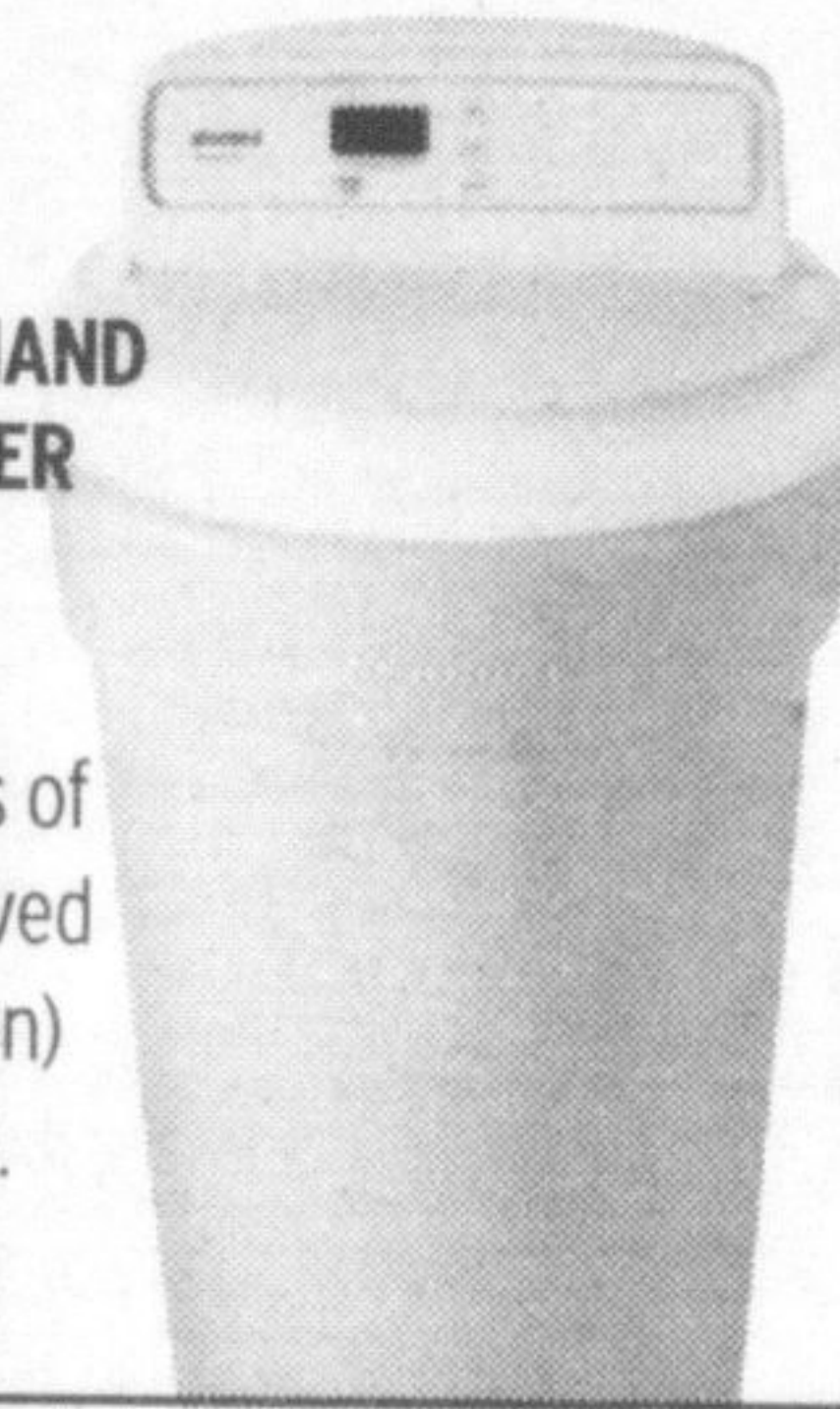
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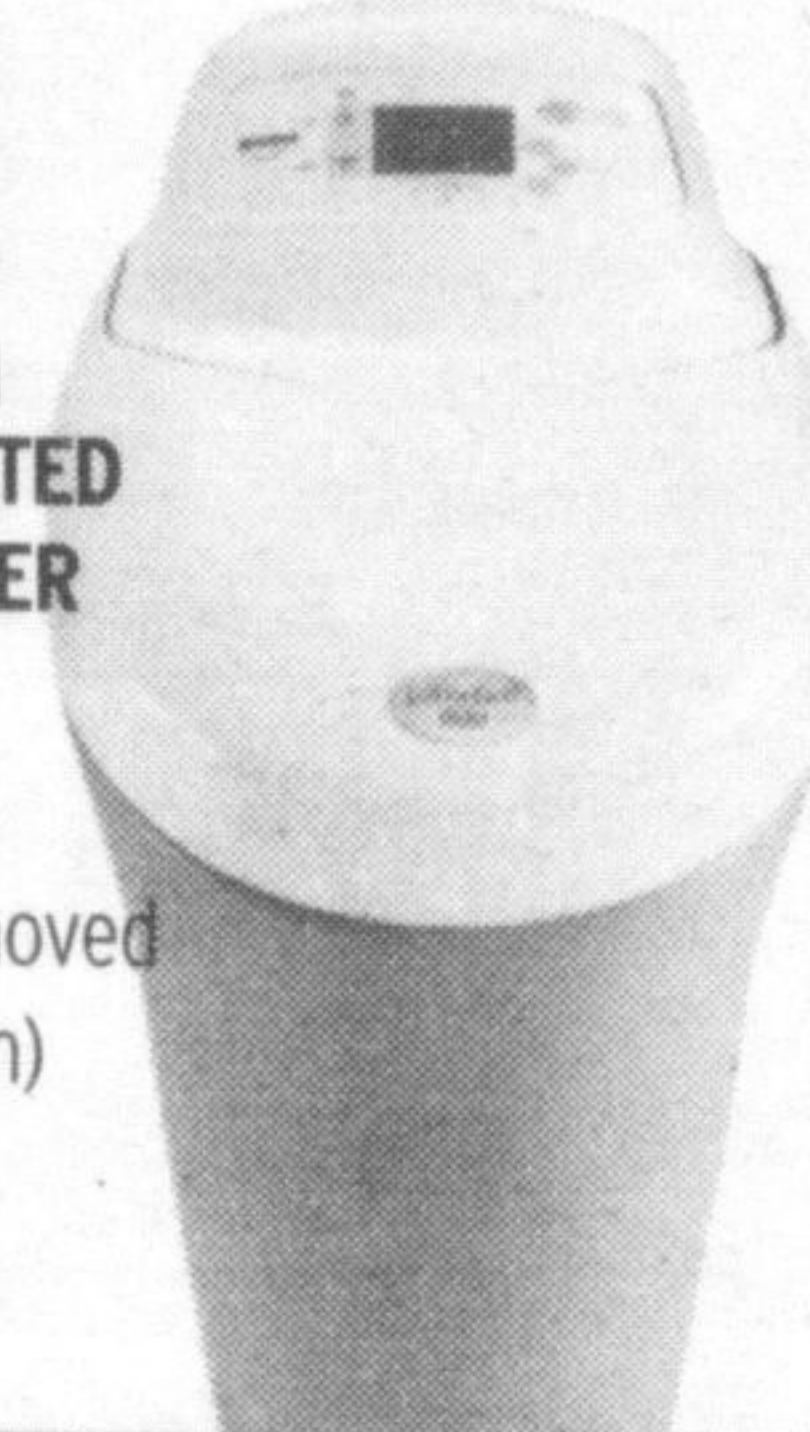


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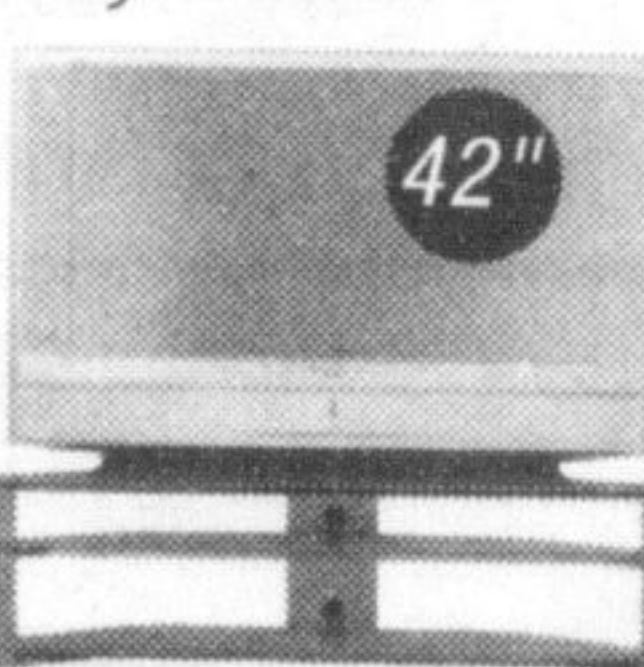
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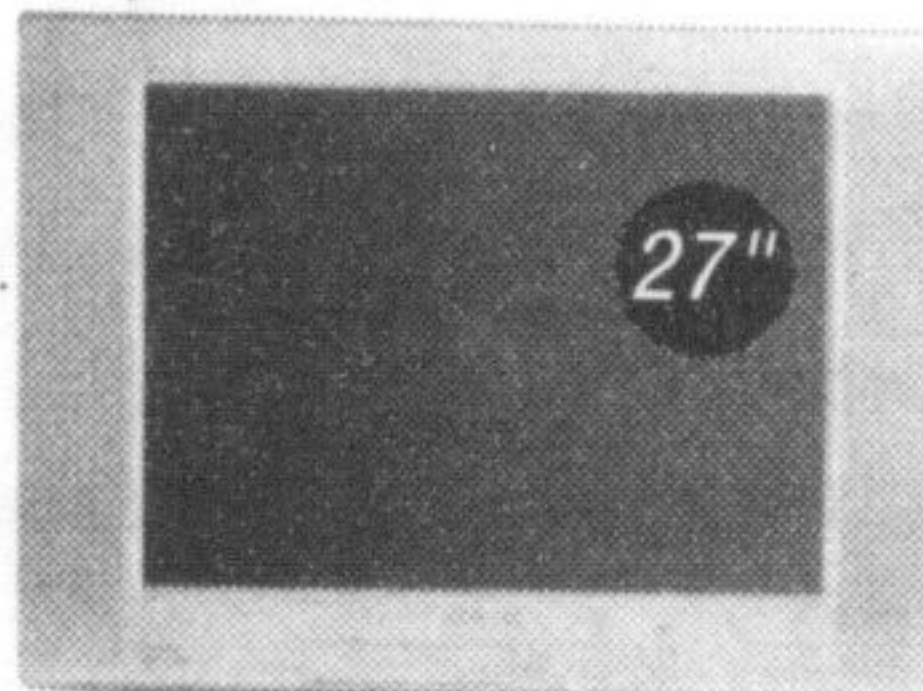
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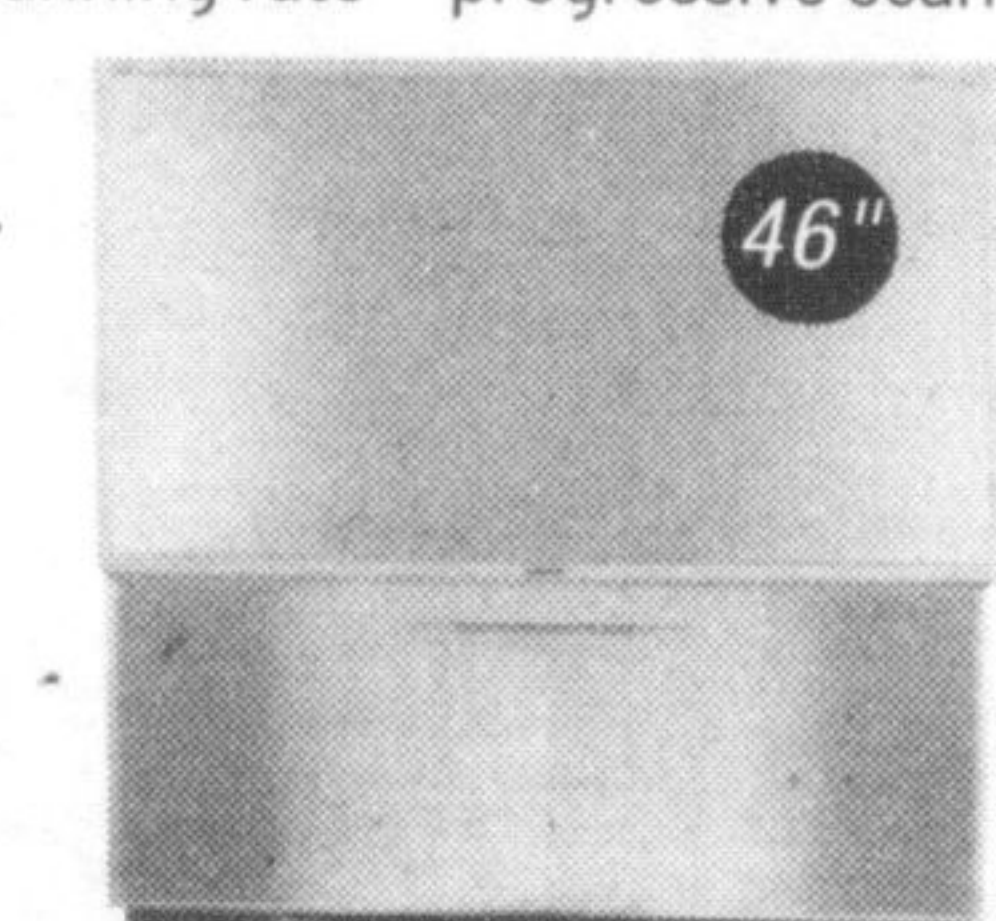
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