

Home, Lawn & Garden

Health & Home: Health concerns push growth of fresh air systems

(NC)—Did you know the air inside your home and at work can be up to 100 times more polluted than the surrounding outdoor air and people spend up to 90 per cent of their time indoors?

According to health experts, respiratory disease is steadily on the rise. In fact, asthma has increased by 160 per cent over the last 15 years. One household out of four

has a family member who suffers from asthma, allergies, or another chronic respiratory disease.

These alarming facts are just some of the reasons why so many Canadians today are turning to air exchange systems to help control the level of indoor air pollution levels in their homes.

There are many types and sizes of air

cleaners on the market, ranging from relatively inexpensive tabletop models to sophisticated whole-house systems. Some air cleaners are highly effective at particle removal, while others, including most tabletop models, are only effective in limited areas, such as a bedroom or living room and don't bring fresh outside air inside your home.

What makes an effective system?

The effectiveness of a fresh air system depends on how well it collects pollutants from indoor air and how much fresh air it draws through the cleaning or filtering element. The most important factors in determining the effectiveness of an air exchange system is its ability to eliminate excess humidity and control indoor air pollution lev-

els. The best way to achieve these goals is to increase the amount of outdoor air coming indoors through ventilation. Proper ventilation allows pollutants that are not eliminated by filtration, such as volatile organic compounds, carbon monoxide and other harmful gases, to escape the home. Only an air exchanger will work to bring fresh air inside your home. Furnaces, heat pumps or filtration systems do not supply ventilation.

New Canadian technology

The most recent innovation in the industry is the HEPA 3000 Air Exchanger manufactured by Canadian-based Venmar Ventilation. Venmar is the first manufacturer of ventilation systems to offer a unit that integrates heat recovery ventilation technology with HEPA filtration at an affordable price.

"With our system you can get the best of both worlds," says Jean Deslandes, Marketing Director for Venmar. "It works to provide fresh air through ventilation and at the same time ensures the best indoor air quality by trapping airborne allergens such as pollen, dust, pet dander mold and bacteria through its HEPA filter. The HEPA filter traps and removes up to 99.97% of airborne allergens and assists in distributing fresh air throughout the home.

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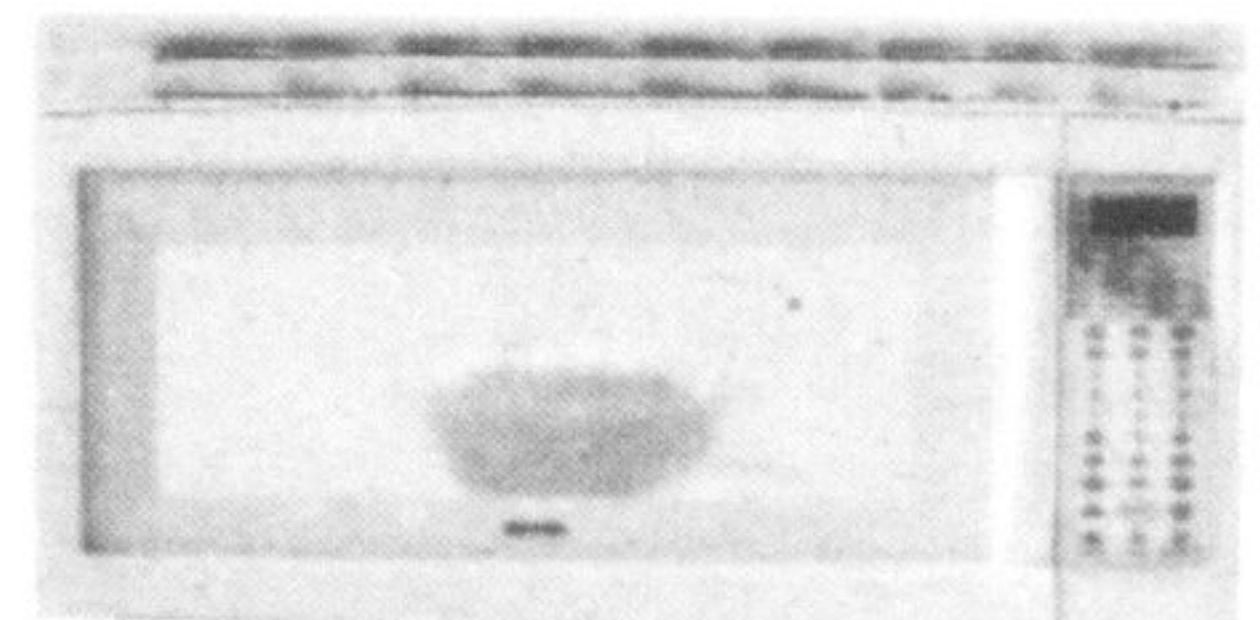
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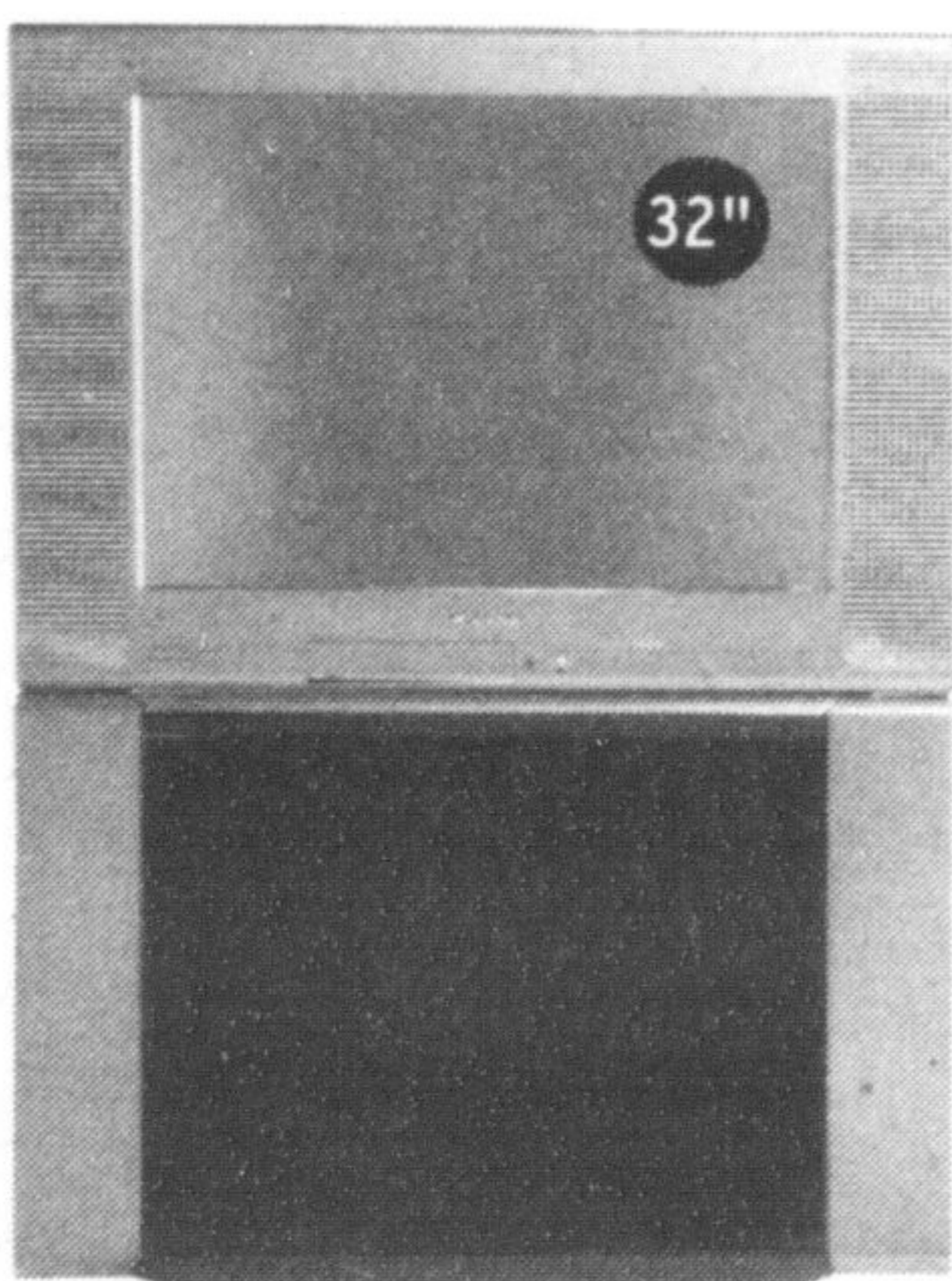
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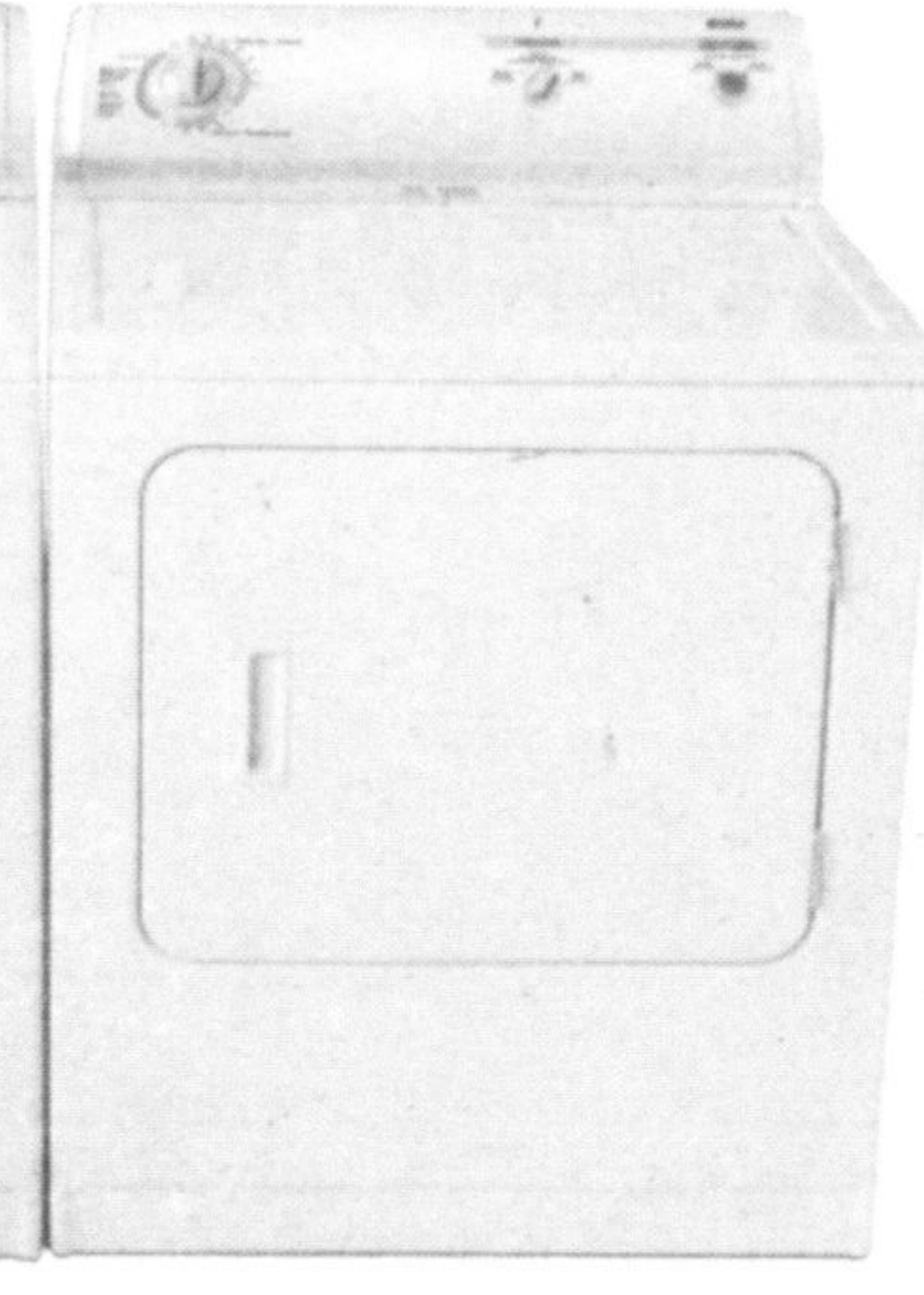
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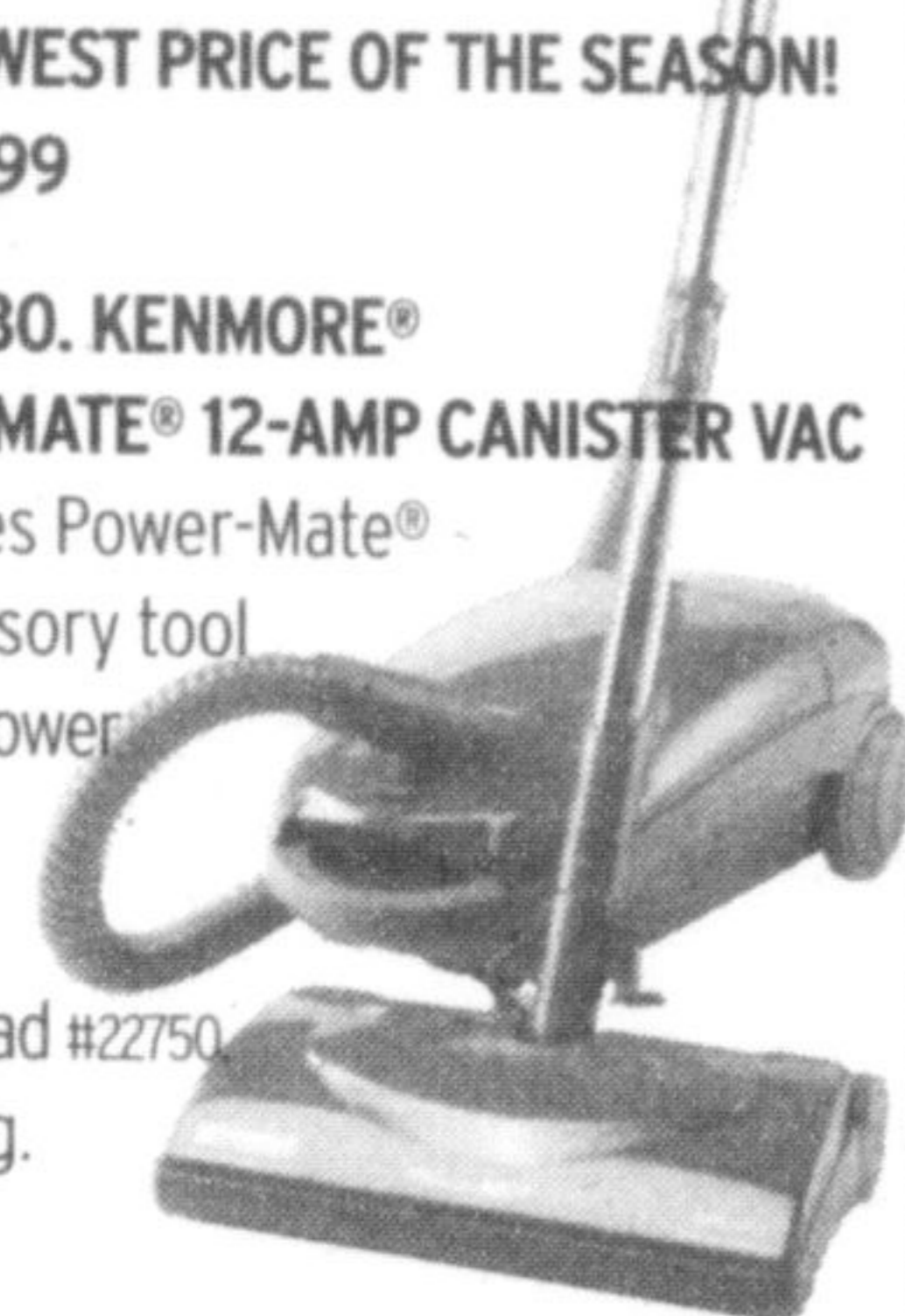
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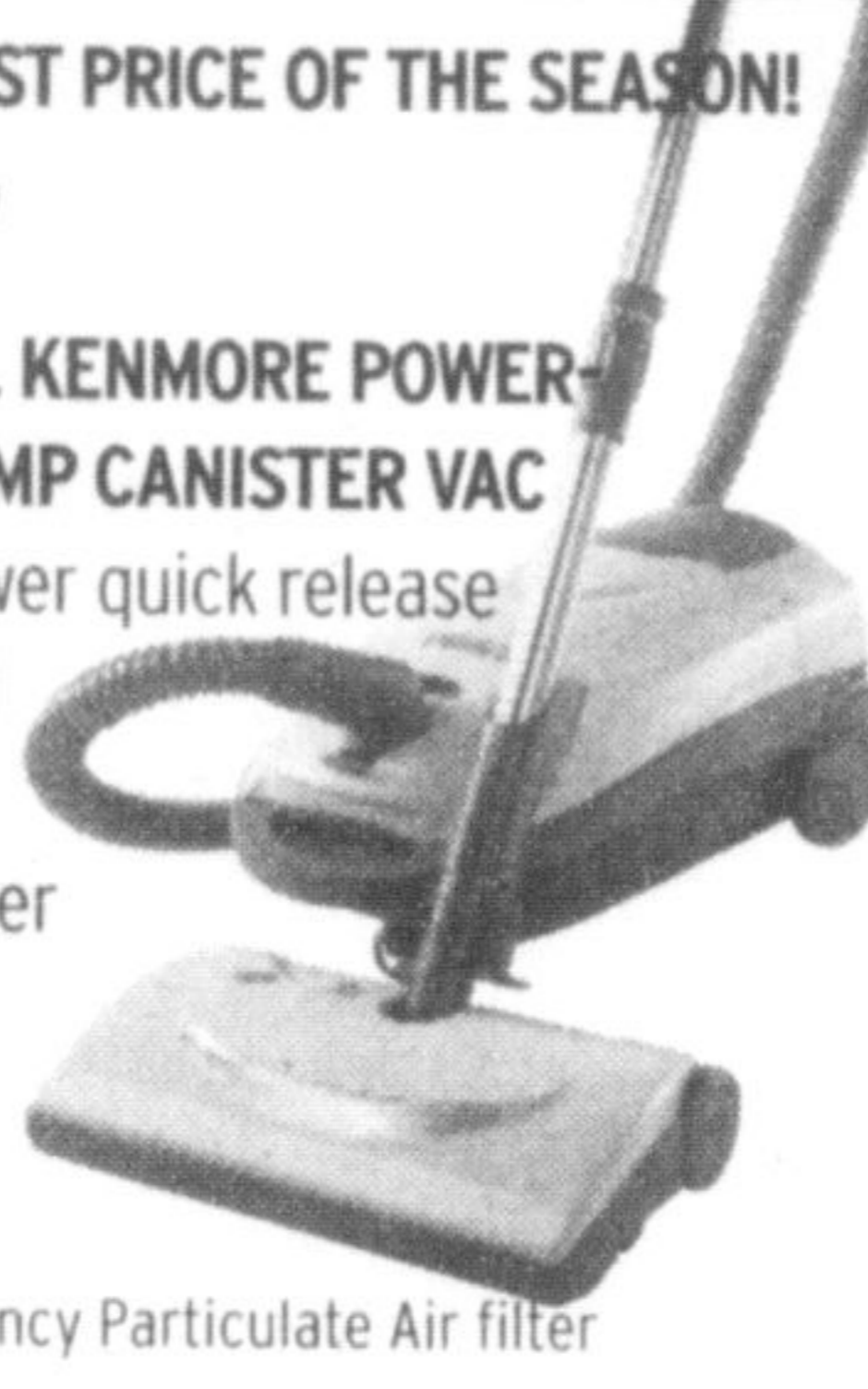
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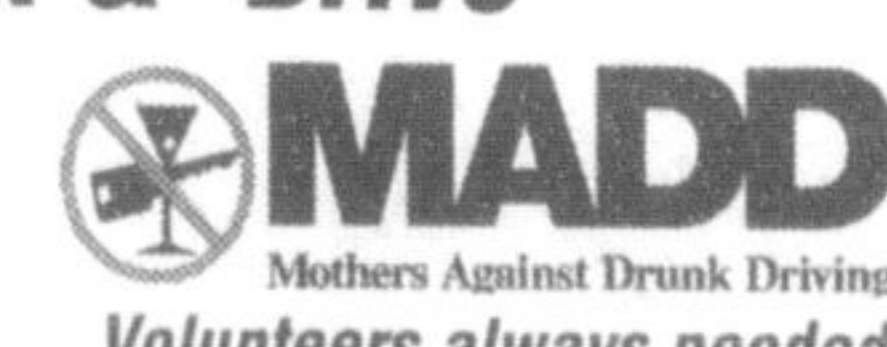
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