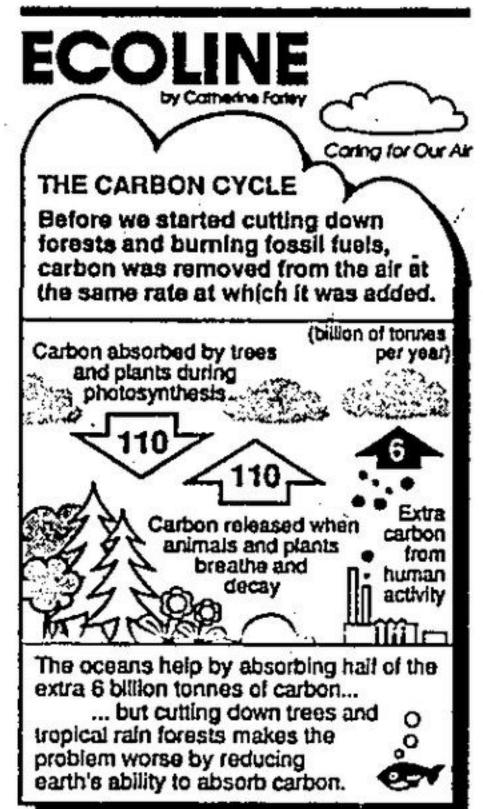
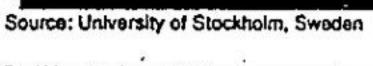
Environment——Greenpeace does get results

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Get Results

An activist organization that gets results is Greenbeace. In a recent bulletin from them those pose the questions: "Do you feel safe with the quality of drinking water in your community? With the quality of the air you breathe? ... With nearly 50,000 tonnes of hazardous waste produced each day in Canada alone, toxic wastes - silent, pervasive, deadly - are a growing threat to the health and safety of each and every one of us."

Many people believe that the problem of toxic wastes is just too big to do anything about. Greenpeace is one organization that is taking direct action against the polluters of our water, our air, and our land. They are attempting to cut off toxics at their source.





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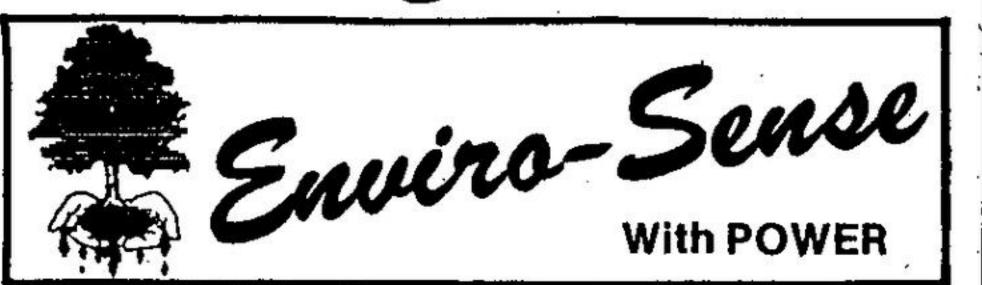
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The evidence shows that they are having a significant effect by forcing the situation into the public eye. 1) In Canada, Greenpeace has forced paper manufacturers to admit that the unnecessary chlorine bleaching process they use releases hundreds of dangerous chemicals into the environment and leaves residues of cancer-causing poisons, including deadly dioxins, in products like milk cartons, coffee filters and paper towels that we all use in our homes every day.

2) Along the St. Lawrence and across the Great Lakes, the dramatic voyage of the Greenpeace research vessel, "Beluga", focused worldwide attention on the damage being done to these vital waterways by industries concerned more with profit than preservation of our environment.

3) At Niagara Falls, Greenpeace activists scaled the cliffs surrounding the falls and unfurled a banner protesting chemical pollution of the Niagara River. As a result, the State of New York began working with Greenpeace to produce source reduction guidelines for toxic wastes in this "chemical corridor."

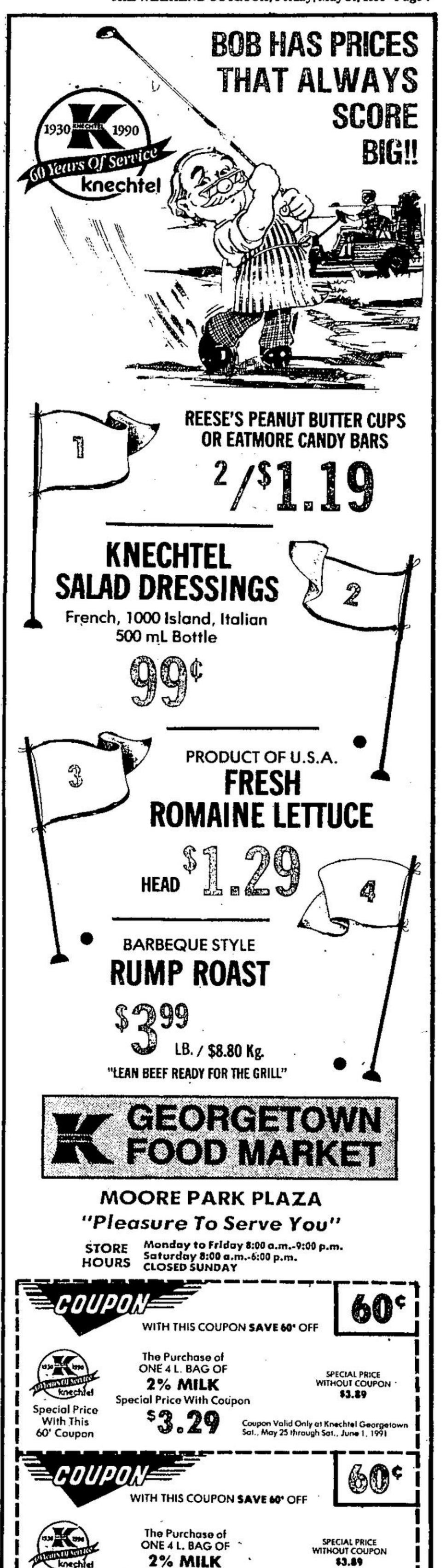
While the methods of Greenpeace are not something we feel comfortable with, they do get results. Maybe Halton Hills can learn something in their struggle to keep garbage from all of Ontario from rolling into the Niagara Escarpment.

Greenpeace hopes you will join in pressing federal and provincial governments to require changes in the way we manufacture our products, and in the products themselves, in order to reduce the amount and the toxicity of industrial waste. For more industries today, waste reduction and prevention are economically and technologically viable just by improving internal processes, often by minimal review of systems and procedures.

As citizens we can't sit back and wait for government to make changes. We have to take a stand as individuals and become active. You can make a difference!







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