## Web site ranks Roxul Inc. as town's biggest polluter

Company says it has reduced its emissions by half since 1999

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Roxul Inc. ranks as the highest polluter in Milton according to Pollution Watch, an Internet service launched in early April that helps the public find out who's polluting its community.

According to the Pollution Watch web site, 1999 data shows Roxul, a producer of mineral wool insulation, emitted 29,600 kg of triethylamine, 21,400 kg of phenol, 21,000 kg of ammonia and 3,500 kg of formaldehyde into the area.

But because the data used by Pollution Watch is two years old, it might not reflect the current amount of pollution being sent into the environment, said Roxul president Trent Ogilvie.

"Milton ranks 55th out of 100 (communities listed on web site)," he said, adding he didn't know of the web site's existence until recently.

"We fully support the National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI) — where Pollution Watch receives its data — which is based on the community's right to know (who's polluting)," he said.

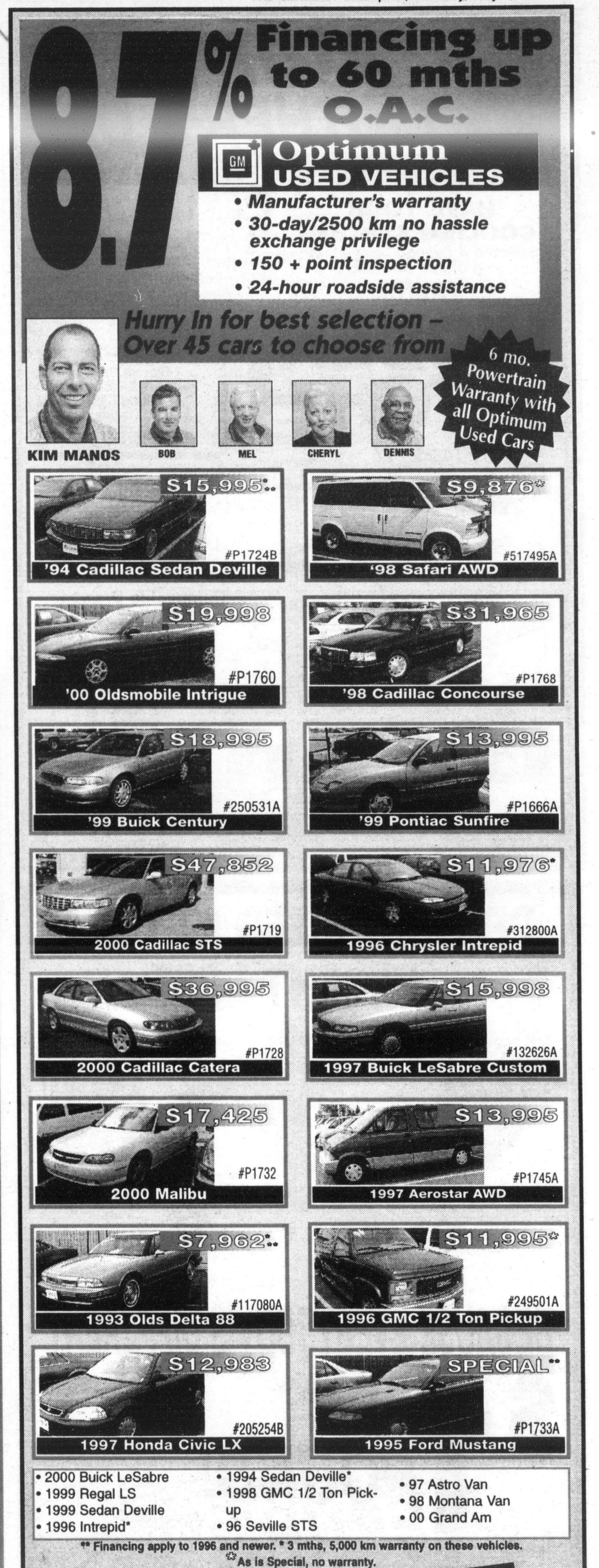
"Between 1997 and 1999, Roxul's recorded NPRI emissions have been reduced by more than 50 per cent. This is a considerable achievement, since we've doubled our production output. So while we're producing twice as much insulation as we did in 1997, we're producing less than half the emis-

Mr. Ogilvie added Roxul only produced four of the 245 reported substances by the NPRI.

"Our emissions are well within the standards set by the Ministry of Environment," Mr. Ogilvie said. "Based on the 1998 data for example, the MOE standard for formaldehyde places the maximum safe emissions level at 65 micrograms per cubic meter. Our emissions were at 9 micrograms per cubic meter. For ammonia, the MOE considers 3,600 micrograms per cubic meter to be maximum allowable amount that's safe. In 1998, our emissions were at 64, which is only 2 per cent of MOE's health protective standard."

Emissions for phenol in 1998 were 4 per cent of the MOE's standard, he added. Since the time Roxul submitted its 1999 numbers to the NPRI, they've already reduced emissions through a number of environmental initiatives,

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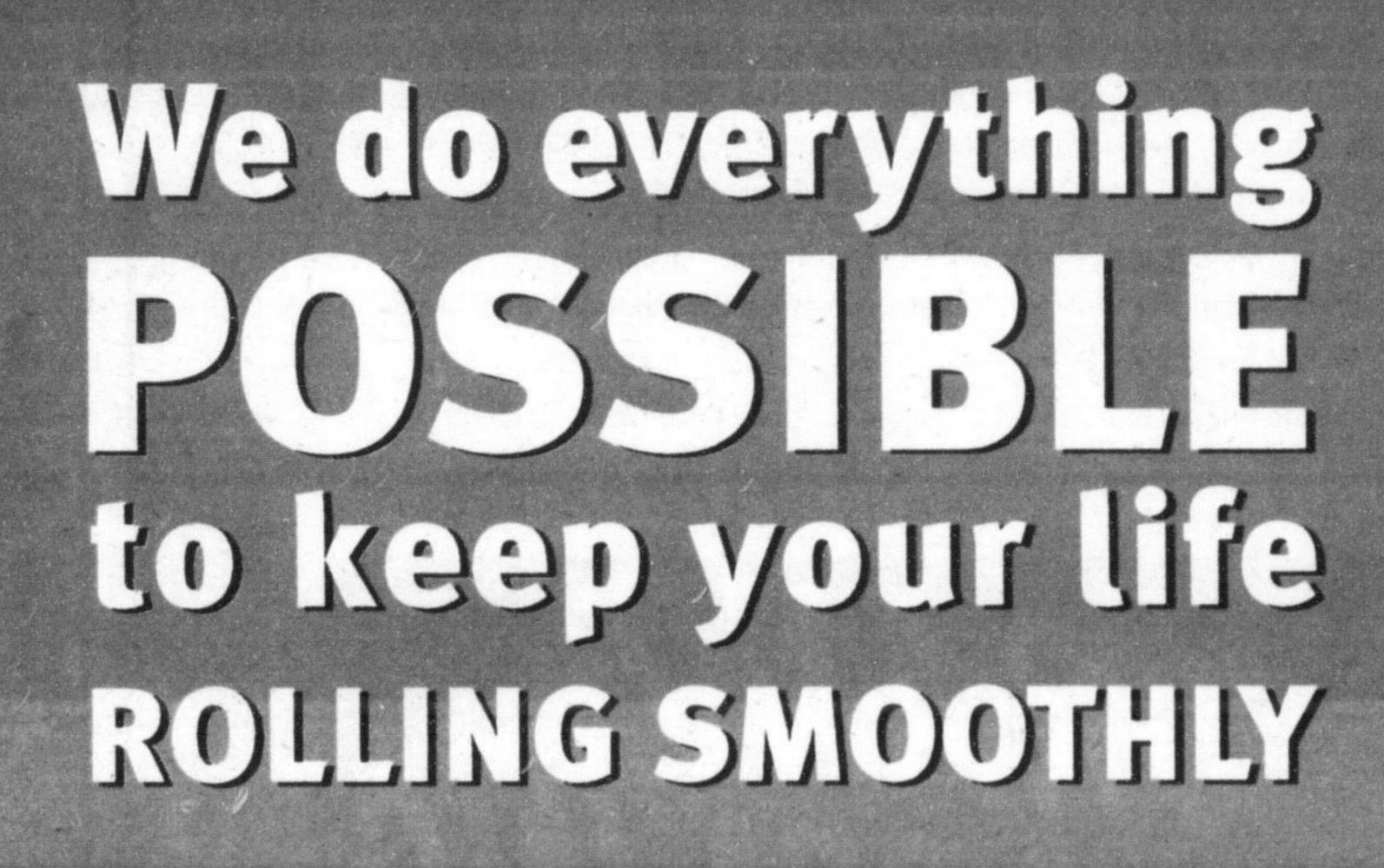
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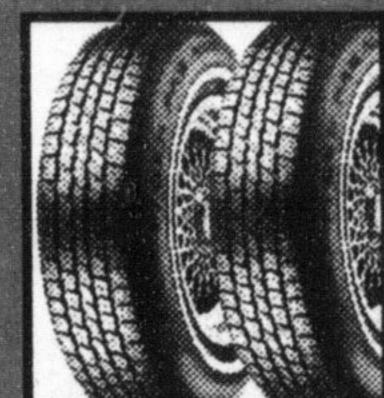
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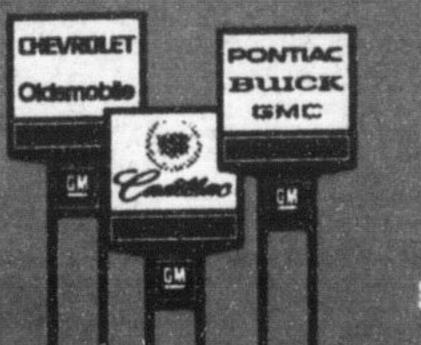
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