

## Vaccine not readily available

• from NO MENINGITIS on page 1

Waterloo Region were first reported.

"It went down a bit over Christmas but we've probably seen an increase of 30-40 calls per day in the last few days," Ms Carson said.

"We've had many calls from people concerned about travel plans to Kitchener-Waterloo over the holidays and calls from doctors wanting to find out more about symptoms and precautions so they can be informed."

The bacteria is spread through saliva and nasal secretions and any contact that may put a person at risk of being exposed should be avoided.

Ms Carson advised that sharing cigarettes, food, lip balms and water bottles are potentially risky and children should not touch their lips to a drinking fountain.

"Basically, avoid any activity where

there is a potential exposure to saliva," said Ms Carson.

Although anyone can become infected with the disease and not all become ill, children, teens and young adults are the most likely victims with approximately one in 10 cases resulting in death, Ms Carson said.

"It may be because adults have had more exposure so they have better immunity, but it's really not known why young people are more likely to get it."

The disease causes inflammation and swelling of the membrane covering the brain and spinal cord, and symptoms can include a general feeling of unwellness, aches and pains, fever, headaches, vomiting and a stiff neck.

Some victims may become excited or confused and a body rash may develop.

Unfortunately, it can be hard to distin-

guish from common flu and there is no pattern to its progress.

"The symptoms can happen very quickly, so it's very hard to put an order to them," Ms Carson explained.

Children are vaccinated against a Type B strain that was the leading cause of bacterial meningitis before the 1990s as part of their regular immunization program, she said.

Other strains are less common and vaccinations are not routinely administered.

Anyone who develops a fever with accompanying symptoms should see a doctor as soon as possible.

Several qualified nurses in the Halton Region Health Department have been designated to field inquiries.

Those wishing information should call 825-6060.

## USED CARSPECIALS

1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo, 4 dr., blue	\$29,995
1997 Dodge Stratus, 4 dr., red	\$15,995
1997 Plymouth Breeze, 4 dr., green	\$15,995
1996 Plymouth Voyager, wagon, green	\$15,995
1995 Plymouth Voyager SE, wagon, red	\$14,995
1995 Plymouth Voyager, wagon, silver	\$12,995
1995 Plymouth Voyager LE, wagon, green	\$16,995

1995 Dodge 1500 SLT, pickup, red, silver.. ...\$17,995 1994 Chrysler Intrepid, 4 dr., blue..... ..\$12,995 1993 Dodge Spirit, 4 dr., driftwood ..... .\$ 7,995 

**PLYMOUTH** DODGE TRUCKS CHRYSLER



Plymouth, Chrysler, Jeep & Eagle **500 BRONTE ST. MILTON** 876-2580

LEASING SERVICE **PARTS** 

SALES

\*\*\*A PROUD SUPPORTER OF LOCAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS\*\*\*



REDUCED LEASE PRICES.



AMAZING MULLIEUN SALE BEGINS





ALL SALES FINAL

Large Selection of Designer Cotton T-Necks

> REG. UP TO \$39.00 NOW ONLY

MILTON MALL 878-1414



ALL SALES FINAL

# RAD SERVICE

- · Radiator & Fuel Tank
- · Aluminum Welding
- · Silver Soldering

400 MOROBEL DR., UNIT 4, MILTON, ON. L9T 4N6

0878-5924

R.N., LLB

Barrister & Solicitor

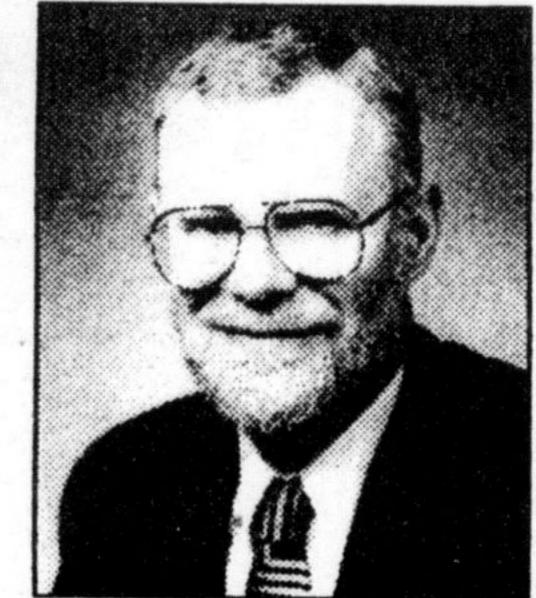
Suite 301 205 Main Street East Milton

876-4656

FAMILY LAW & DIVORCE

### What Dollar-Cost Averaging Can Do For You

How about an extra \$43,150 when you retire! The chart below illustrates the effects of the compound growth rate when \$500 per month is invested on a regular basis versus a lump sum contribution at the end of the year.



Monthly compared to Annual Contributions \*compounded annually at 10%

Annual compound rate of return Contribution method \$500 /mo. \$6,000 lump sum

**PAC** advantage

Value of RRSP after 25 years\* \$454,500 \$616,650 438,650 590,100 15,850 26,650

\$843,150 800,000 43,150

The table is used only for the purpose of illustrating the effects of the compound growth rate and is not

### This is not About the Future

A monthly Pre-Authorized Chequing plan (PAC) allows you to dollarcost average your mutual fund purchases and enhance the growth in your RRSP. Dollar-cost averaging means you are buying fewer mutual fund units when the unit values are high, but more units when the unit values are low. By dollar-cost averaging, you reduce the risk of investing at a time when the fund value is at a temporarily high price. Depending on market activity, averaging the unit value of your fund purchases may prove to be advantageous compared to making a single lump-sum investment. It also allows you the most efficient use of your money.

It's About Improving Your Future

For an appointment call (905) 875-3237



W.R. (Bob) Reid Donaldson Bourgon Financial Services

Associated with the Investment Centre (905) 875-3237