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Halton truck driver has West Nile Virus

But health officials believe he contracted disease while in U.S.

The provincial Health Ministry confirmed last Friday that a Halton man has the West Nile Virus.

John Stevens, 51, of Burlington is the first confirmed case of infection in Canada.

A blood sample tested at the National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg indicated the presence of the virus.

The bird-borne disease, which spreads to people via infected mosquitoes, can cause serious illness including fever and inflammation of the brain.

Many infected persons, however, suffer only minor symptoms and a greater num-

ber never show signs of infection.

"It's important to put the risk into perspective," said Dr. Colin D'Cunha.

"Ninety-nine per cent of people who contract West Nile Virus either don't become ill or suffer only mild symptoms. The flu poses a much greater threat to your health."

Dr. D'Cunha said last week that Mr. Stevens, a truck driver with a local company, was likely infected during a recent trip to the U.S.

So far at least 450 confirmed cases of West Nile infection in the U.S. have been reported.

Dr. D'Cunha urged people to continue taking precautions to prevent West Nile infection.

They include avoiding mosquitoes, wearing long-sleeved clothing, ridding yards of stagnant water and using insect repellent that contains DEET.

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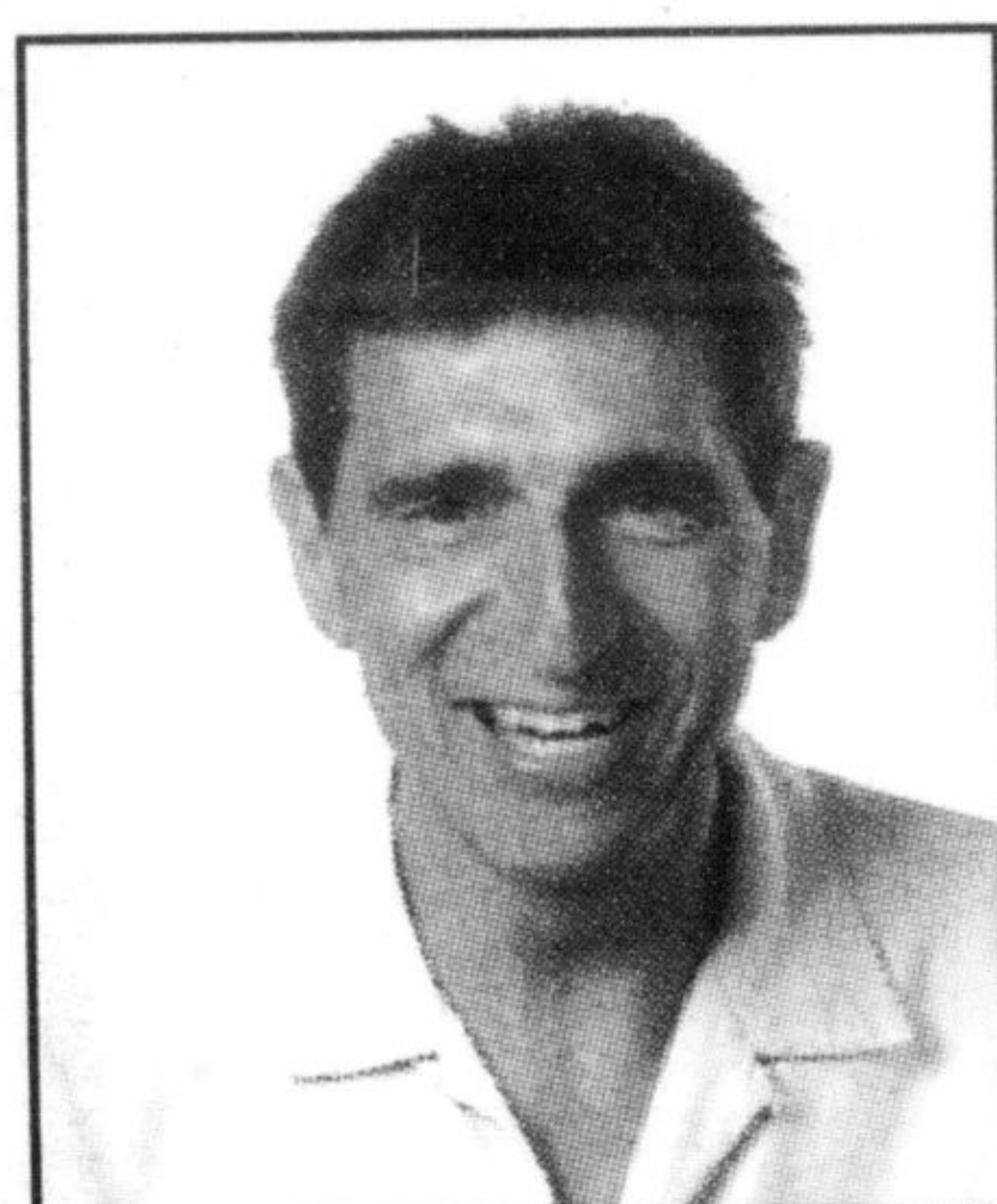
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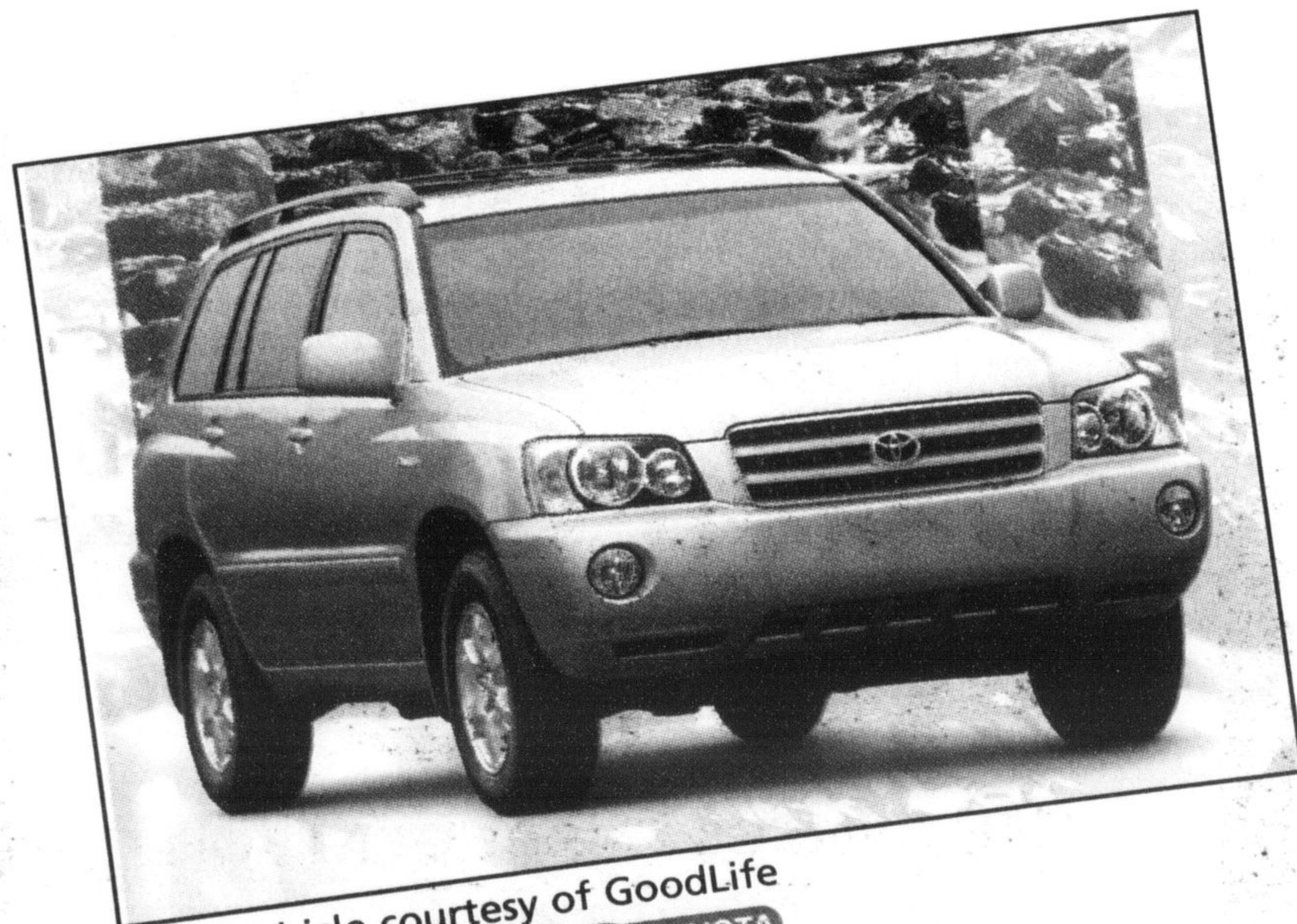
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