

Harringtons Small Goods, said the company will be running "sausage seminars" and sausage sizzles in central Wellington throughout the week.

Tax phishing alert

TAX REFUND company, NZ Tax Refunds, is warning customers that a phishing scam is using its logo on hoax emails. The emails claim recipients are eligible to receive a tax refund of \$234 and directs them to a link bearing the company's brand. The scam has been reported to the Department of Internal Affairs' anti-spam compliance unit. This latest hoax, in time for July 7 tax returns, comes only three months after Inland Revenue warned its customers about a phishing scam using its own branding. That scam was traced to the US.

The grate iron robbery

THIEVES HAVE been stealing street stormwater grates. Manukau City Council has seen 20 grates a week go missing for the last month, while Waitakere has replaced 150 grates since last July and Dunedin City Council lost 30 grates a week last year. The grates cost up to \$300 to replace and contain about 20kg of cast iron. Scrap metal merchant Grant Harris said most scrapyards would not buy them. If they did the metal would earn about \$8 per grate.

Road safety wrapped up

A NEW road safety product trialled in Auckland is to be rolled out nationally. The Raptor is a two-part plastic cushion that wraps around trees and power poles. Bolted together in the middle, each side has four energy absorbent cartridges that act like airbags to cushion cars that crash. Developed by Armorflex, the devices cost around \$4300 each.

granted extensive access to NATO personnel during their two-week trip, visiting the provincial reconstruction team at Bamiyan as well as the bomb disposal team, and travelling to Kandahar in southern Afghanistan.

Auckland University political studies lecturer Paul Buchanan told the *Sunday Star-Times* there were physical risks

strues it," Buchanan said.

The *Star-Times* has been defence chiefs were under intense pressure to counter negative coverage of the deteriorating situation in Afghanistan and its mission there as a result were keen to have cover their troops' work in Afg

Greenhouse gas scheme poorly understood

MORE THAN half of all New Zealanders have little understanding of the Emissions Trading Scheme or how much it will cost them, poll results show.

The scheme came into effect last Thursday and businesses increased their prices to cover the emission units they have to buy to offset the greenhouse gases released as their goods and services are used. The impact of those price rises is expected to increase household costs by \$3 a week.

But a Research New Zealand poll suggests most Kiwis don't understand why they are paying more and many believe the impact on households will be much greater than estimated.

The telephone poll of 501 people aged over 15 was conducted in the last week of June and found 57% had little or no understanding of the scheme. Only 16% said they understood it well or very well. The level of understanding was highest in those over 55.

On learning that the scheme was

BRAKES MAY AGAIN

New exhaust emission rules for 2011 could cut the supply of Japanese used car imports – and push up

New Zealand is lifting its exhaust emission standards gradually, but causing fluctuations in the number of cars being imported.

The last change, in January import numbers plummet from 30,000 in the March 2008 quarter to 10,000 in the March 2009

The next step is due in January and the Imported Motor Vehicle Association is predicting a repeat supply shortages.

Association chief executive Vinsin said the new standards are creating artificial shortages and people from upgrading.

He said his group was preparing a submission seeking to have the standards deferred because the goal of reducing emissions conflicted with another government goal – to

aimed at reducing carbon emissions by making emitters pay more, 49% of themselves in favour of the scheme, 44% remained opposed. But a portion of those in favour



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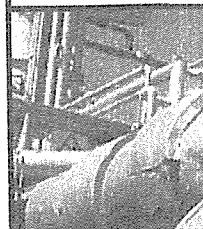
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