POLICE/FIRE REPORT

Potential hazard

Police report an unknown suspect broke into the Region's wastewater treatment plant on Churchill Road South between noon on July 30 and 7 a.m. on the 31st.

Police said the suspect got into the grounds by prying off the padlock on the main gate, and once inside, used some tools found there to open levers and unlock valves "allowing a potential for serious environmental repercussions."

Halton staff reports the security of the plant was not breached and there was no environmental concern.

The tools, valued at \$500, were stolen.

Wood theft

Lumber valued at approximately \$2,000 was stolen from a Finoro Homes housing construction site on Rachlin Street.

Between July 23 and 25, 100 9-foot 2x4s were taken from the Devon Place subdivision. The thief went back, and overnight July 27/28, 200 10-foot 2x4s were stolen.

Blame free trade for high insurance To the editor,

"Those insurance rates" of which you spoke (New Tanner July 28) and the chance of public insurance

like B.C., Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Quebec have are a dream not to come true if I've heard correctly about the Free Trade agreement.

Under free trade if the government were to bring in publicly run corporations now that the trade agreement is in place, and it were to cost the U.S. companies losses, those companies can sue for lost AND anticipated profits.

I've also heard that one

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of the driving forces that keeps our insurance rates up are shareholder returns. People have invested money in the insurance industry. They would quickly pull them out if the returns in another industry were more favourable.

Therefore, it would appear insurance rates have to go up to compensate shareholders for the low rate of interest the companies are getting from lending.

Ian Pasmore

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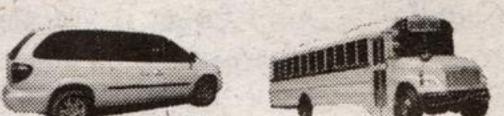
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Cut in fire insurance rates...

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"I found out when I got my burn permit for my fire pit in April," Raycroft said. "There was an information booklet with the permit and this was in that booklet. I faxed the page to my insurance company and asked them if they were aware of it. I also asked whether they recognized it. I never expected anything like the response I got. They refunded me a quarter of my premium. It's like I suddenly had a hydrant installed at my place. Basically I'm in town now."

Meades said to earn the certification, a department must be able to provide a minimum of 900 liters/ minute (200 Imperial gallons/minute) of water to the fire within five minutes of their first apparatus arriving at the fire scene. In the rural area that first piece of equipment would be the pumper, he said. The second requirement is the ability to keep that

flow running uninterrupted for two hours. While local insurance

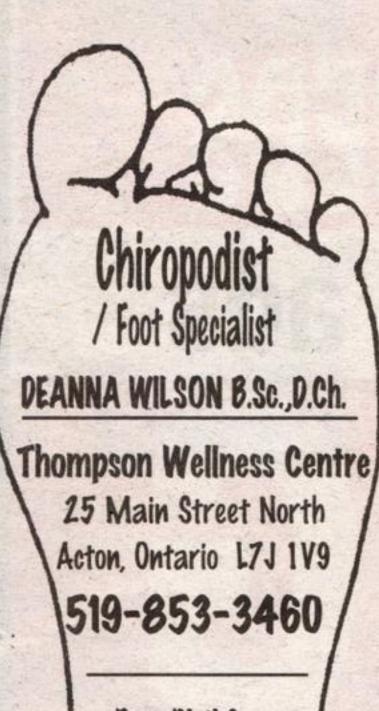
firms were sent a copy of the information about the department's new accreditation, brokers and firms outside Halton Hills were not contacted, Meades said. The Insurers' own

agency is the group that administers the test for accreditation, so insurers are generally aware of the value of the accreditation. That doesn't mean they will all recognize it, but the majority do - to varying degrees.

Raycraft is so impressed

with the value this accreditation will mean to him in the long run, he plans to donate his rebate to the department and wonders whether other residents who receive refunds might also be willing to join him "since the money was spent anyway."





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