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Jantzen, INC. Workers In Vancouver, Wash., Eligible For NAFTA Trade Act Assistance

The U.S. Department of Labor announced that workers at Jantzen, Inc., in Vancouver, Wash., have been certified as eligible to apply for assistance and benefits under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) transitional adjustment assistance (TAA) program.

This certification covers the period from March 12, 1997, to April 7, 2000, and could provide extra benefits to approximately 430 workers if they are laid off or reduced to part time work.

Employees at the company work in the production of swimwear for children, women and men. The Labor Department's investigation found the company is transferring production to Mexico, of articles like, or directly competitive with those produced by the Jantzen, Inc., workers, qualified the workers for NAFTA-

TAA assistance.

The transitional adjustment assistance program is authorized by the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act. The program became effective Jan. 1, 1994, and covers workers laid off or forced to work part-time because of increased imports from Mexico or Canada or shifts in production to those countries.

Under the program a group of three or more employees who believe they are affected by imports from Mexico or Canada can petition the governor of their state for assistance.

A union or company official, or an authorized community-based organization also can petition on behalf of a firm's workers.

Petitions are available from state employment service offices or other

officials designated by the governor. Based on the petitions, the Labor Department investigates to confirm whether workers were adversely affected by increased Mexican or Canadian imports or by transfer of production to those countries.

After they are certified eligible, workers may apply for benefits at a state employment service office. They may receive a broad range of reemployment and retraining services, including career counseling, job placement assistance, job search and relocation allowances, income support during long-term training, and support services such as child care and transportation assistance.

Benefits are administered by the Washington State Department of Employment Security, with funds provided by the federal government.

Safety Message Takes Center Stage

14th Annual Keep Kids Healthy Funday on May 9

Families with young children should mark their calendars for the 14th annual Keep Kids Healthy Funday on Saturday, May 9. Highlights will include safety-related educational games, play stations, contests and other activities for young people and their families.

All activities are free and will be presented at Marshall and Luepke Centers, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Keep Kids Healthy Funday is jointly sponsored by the City of Vancouver Fire Department, Clark County Fire District 5 and the Clark County Safe Kids Coalition in cooperation with other businesses and

agencies.

Free C-Tran shuttles will transport participants every 15 minutes from the southwest corner of Hudson's Bay High School and the northeast corner of the Clark College Campus (near the child care center) to the Marshall/Luepke site. Return shuttles will leave on the half-hour. No parking will be available at Marshall and Luepke Centers.

Activities and displays will focus on fire safety; personal safety; health and nutrition; bike, skate and sports safety; drug and alcohol awareness; and water safety. Members of the Vancouver Fire Department will be on hand to teach children about home

fire drills.

Free photo and fingerprint identification services and free snacks will be available. Stage show entertainment will feature Lizbeth, Friend's Puppet Company and Recycled Man.

Special characters in attendance will include: Hamburglar from McDonald's, McGruff the Crime Dog; Smokey Bear; Vince & Larry Crash Dummies; and the Nike World Cup Mascot.

Based on the turnout at previous Keep Kids Healthy Fundays, anticipated attendance is about 4,000. Featured activities are wheelchair accessible, and interpreters will be on hand for people who are hearing impaired.

Classes help get fit for spring

Are you hungry all the time and have you tried many diets to no avail? The Freedom from Fat weight loss program may be the answer. Learn the latest information on healthy weight loss, taught by a SW Washington Medical Center dietitian, certified behavior counselor and fitness instructor. The focus of the class is on positive lifestyle changes and improving eating patterns. Participants receive a textbook, nutritional and personal profiles, body composition analysis, videos and more. Classes meet for one hour per week for 16 weeks. Choose either Tuesdays at noon at City

Hall, 210 E. 13th St., or Thursdays at 6 pm at Bagley Center, 4100 Plomondon. Spring session starts April 28 and 30. Cost is \$110/90 city resident.

Learn your cholesterol count and what it means through a blood chemistry analysis.

This is a full lipid panel including cholesterol, triglycerides and HDL-LDL, plus a glucose test for diabetes.

Best results are achieved with an overnight fast. Blood chemistry analysis will be Tuesday, April 21 from 6:30 to 9:30 am in the Lewis River room at Bagley Center or Tuesday April 28 from 6 to 9 am in the lunch room at

City Hall, 210 E. 13th St. Cost is \$29/25 city resident. Attend a free interpretation of the test results on Wednesday, May, from 7 to 8 pm at Bagley Center.

A special Senior Weight Room Orientation will teach older adults to strengthen bones, balance, and muscle.

See the new state-of-art equipment and learn the answers to your questions Thursday, April 30, from 1:15 to 2:15 pm at the City Fitness weight room in Bagley Center. A certified weight trainer will give weight room orientation for people 50 and older. Cost is \$3/2 city resident.

Salary Review Commission Schedules Second Meeting

Vancouver's Salary Review Commission has scheduled a meeting to set the salaries for Vancouver's Mayor and City Council members. The meeting

is Thursday, April 23, at 6 p.m. at the city's Human Resources and Risk Services Department, 703 Broadway, Suite 500.

The five-member commission

plans to present its findings to the city council by May 1.

The commission meets every two years to determine salaries.

Cultural Commission Has New Meeting Time And Date

The City of Vancouver Cultural Commission has changed its regular monthly meetings to the first Wednesday of every month. The volunteer advisory panel had been meeting the third Wednesday of every month.

The next meeting of the Cultural Commission will be Wednesday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Vancouver Clark Parks and Recreation Department, 603 West Evergreen Blvd. All meetings

are open to the public. The nine-member Cultural Commission is appointed by the Mayor and the City Council and advises the council on cultural affairs including arts and heritage programming.

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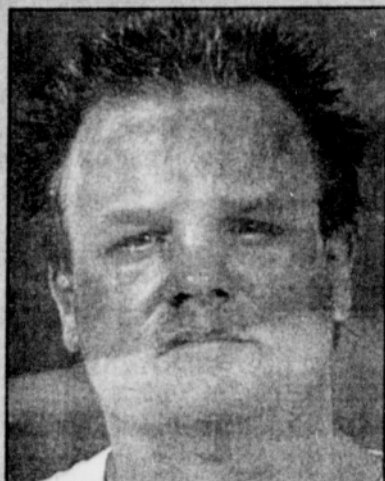
POLICE NEWS

Crime Stoppers Wanted Subject

Portland Police, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in locating and apprehending Stephen Donald Sauter.

A felony arrest warrant, charging Sauter with Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle is on file in Multnomah County. Bail on the warrant is set at \$75,000, and additional warrants are on file.

According to investigators, Stephen Sauter has been linked to a number of thefts and/or fraud type cases where, claiming to be with a legitimate company, he orders and picks up parts from



Stephen Donald Sauter

supply houses, who then bill the company whose name

Sauter used.

Stephen Donald Sauter is a 35-year-old white male, with a date of birth of August 25, 1962.

He is 5'10" tall and weighs approximately 220 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, which leads to an arrest in this case or any unsolved felony crime, and you can remain anonymous.

Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

Wanted Subject

Beaverton Police Department Detectives, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in locating and apprehending Jason Ray Wilson, also known as Heath Leeroy Burgardt.

A no bail arrest warrant, charging Wilson with Assault, is on file in Multnomah County. In addition, Beaverton Detectives want to question Wilson in connection with a series of counterfeit check forgeries.

Jason Ray Wilson is a 24-year-old white male, with a date of birth



Jason Ray Wilson

of February 15, 1974. When using the name Heath Leeroy Burgardt, Wilson claims to be 21 years of age, and uses a date of October 2, 1976.

He is 5'11" tall and weighs approximately 140 pounds with brown hair and hazel eyes.

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Mother Of Baby Star Identified

On April 9, 1998, Detectives from the Multnomah County Child Abuse Team identified and contacted a woman believed to be the mother of Baby Star, the abandoned infant left at Legacy Emanuel Hospital on Sunday, April 5, 1998. Information about

the identity of the woman was given by an anonymous caller concerned about the mother's welfare.

A thorough investigation, to include interviews with the woman, is being conducted at this time. After the completion of this investigation, the case will be

presented to the District Attorney's Office for review. No arrest was made.

The identity of the woman believed to be the mother of Baby Star is not being released. Additional questions may be directed to The Multnomah County Child Abuse Team.

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 3605 E. 13th St. Vancouver, WA.
 Saturday: April 25th @ 9am-3pm
 Mentor & Fellowship Day at Bagley Community Center
 4100 Plomondon
 Vancouver, WA.
 Sunday: April 26th @ 11am
 Worship Experience at Community A.M.E. Zion Church
 3605 E. 13th St. Vancouver, WA.

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