

Doomed?

The Forum at the Library explores, “Will our local newspapers survive the current economic crisis and readership changes?” at its 7 p.m. Thursday, June 18, forum in the Vancouver Community Library, 1007 E Mill Plain Boulevard.

Panelists are **Scott Campbell**, publisher, *The Columbian*, **Marvin Case**, publisher, *The Reflector*, and **Peter Bhattia**, executive editor, *The Oregonian*.

Long-time forum representative **Bob Moser** will moderate. There is no charge for the Forums at the Library.

TECO signs lease with port for part of former Panasonic facility

Turner Engineering Company, also known as TECO, has signed a lease with the Port of Vancouver to move its operations into a portion of the former Panasonic complex at the port.

“We welcome Turner Engineering into the port’s industrial tenant family,” said Port of Vancouver Executive Director **Larry Paulson**. “While TECO is not a company that’s new to Vancouver, the opportunity they had to gain more space and keep their 40 or so jobs in this community was important, and it is a great fit with the port’s mission.”

Turner Engineering is moving from Columbia Business Center into a 59,400-square-foot section of the former 142,800 square foot Panasonic Building.

SWWDC says 700 summer jobs to be created in southern Washington

A Summer Youth Employment Program administered by the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council will place 14-24-year-olds in jobs so they can attain workplace skills, earn a paycheck and develop a strong work ethic.

The program will provide 180 hours of paid work experience over a six-week period this summer in a variety of local jobs.

The project is financed through \$2.2 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds.

Recruitment is underway with work assignments slated to start in July. Those who want to apply for the program should go to www.jobeligibility.com to determine whether they qualify and to identify whom to contact.

First Independent employees helping former homeless find jobs

First Independent employees have created a career closet for women trying to re-enter the workforce after being homeless.

Bank employees have collected new and gently used professional clothing as well as toiletry items for women in Second Step Housing, a local nonprofit organization providing transitional housing for homeless women and their children.

Some bank employees have also volunteered additional time for career counseling and are providing tips for successful interview skills

People

Jan Westerberg, a kindergarten teacher at Union Ridge Elementary School, has been named employee of the year in the Ridgefield School District. Also recognized by the district were **Kim Allais**, physical education teacher at Ridgefield High School, certified employee of the year, **Joel Koeth**, an employee with the grounds/maintenance and operations, classified employee of the year. **Doug TenEyck** received an award for support services employee recognition for his work as a specialized student services teacher at South Ridge Elementary

Bonsai—Blooming azalea is one of dozens of Bonsai trees that retired Vancouver dentist Bob Laws has raised since becoming interested in the art of Bonsai in 1983. Laws has since served as president of the Portland and the Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs and he has served as trustee for the American Bonsai Society. Photo of the miniature plant is by *Insider* photographer Larry Easter.



School. <> Vancouver Realtor **Karen Stanley** has earned the REALTOR e-PRO® Certification from the National Association of Realtors ®.

News brief

Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center is the new name of Legacy's medical facility north of Vancouver. Legacy's parent company, Legacy Health System, has shortened its name to Legacy Health.

Calendar

The Port of Portland's Airport Citizens Noise Advisory Committee is meeting in Vancouver at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 11, in McLoughlin Middle School, 5802 MacArthur Boulevard.

Wednesday on the Air**Seattle Mariners at Baltimore (live)—4 p.m. FSN, KTRO**

Port of Vancouver Commissioners (6/9)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Hazel Dell Parade of Bands (5/16)—5:18 p.m. CVTV

Parks Foundation Annual Meeting (5/9)—7:30 p.m. CVTV

Loaves and Fishes Annual Luncheon (4/28)—8:30 p.m. CVTV

WSU Vancouver Commencement (5/16)—9:30 p.m. CVTV

Turtle Place Opening Ceremony (5/1)—11:15 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Doug Ballou giving hand to Lord's Gym makeover. <> **Jan Bader** understanding. <> **Sara Prince** pushing Girl Scout cookies. <> **Dana Nash** offering help. <> **Dennis Grunes** disrupted by gas company <> **Wednesday**, rainy, 56-72. **Thursday**, morning clouds, afternoon sun. 56-76. **Friday**, mostly cloudy, 57-78.