

### Steve Stuart tells supporters he is candidate for election

**Steve Stuart**, appointed to the three-member board of Clark County commissioners last December, yesterday announced he will be a candidate for election to the post this fall. Provided Democrat Stuart is elected in November, he will still have to run again the following year to earn a full four-term on the board.

Stuart was introduced to scores of supporters, in the Pearson Air Museum, by Vancouver businessperson **Kris Vockler**, marketing director for ICD Coatings.

Stuart is a graduate of Prairie High School, Linfield College and the University of Oregon Law School. He was director of 1000 Friends of Clark County when nominated by county Democratic precinct officers for appointment to the position of the board of commissioners vacated by **Craig Pridemore**, who successfully ran for the state Senate from the 49th District.

Regarding county growth, Stuart said, "There's no gate to lock to keep people from moving to Clark County. It's a great place in which to live. But we also can't bury our heads in the sand and hope that our services—and jobs—keep up with the number of people moving in.

"We need more sheriff's deputies, more real schools instead of overcrowded portables, for our kids, and we as commissioners need to be sincerely accountable to the public for how we're shaping the future of the county."

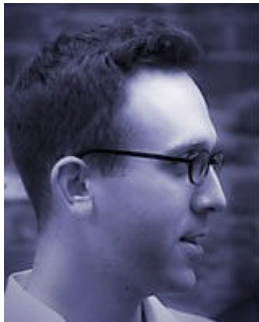
### Daylong celebration of bird watching set for Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge

Vancouver Audubon volunteers and the staff of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge will conduct tours of the River S Unit of the wildlife refuge from 9 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 14, International Migratory Bird Day.

In addition to free guided bird walks, sponsors are offering educational games for youngsters.

For further information and directions to the refuge, go to [www.ridgefieldrefuges.fws.gov](http://www.ridgefieldrefuges.fws.gov), or call **Toni Scholder, 887-4106**.

### People



**Jeff Horenstein**

Vancouver's **Jeff Horenstein**, who for two years taught choral music at Fort Vancouver High School and currently is pursuing a masters degree in choral conducting at Central Washington University, is the bass singer with the vocal group **Groove for Thought**, which won the national championship for vocal groups at the Harmony Sweepstakes competition in San Francisco last weekend. The group had earlier won the 2005 Pacific Northwest Regional Harmony Sweepstakes, also winning best original arrangement and audience favorite awards. The group's composition, "Walk the Straighter Road," was named the best original song in national competition.

### News briefs

An open house to discuss proposed changes to the Clark County Code is being sponsored by the county Community Development Department at 5 p.m. today in the Dragonfly Café in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. ☎ Clark County commission chair

**Betty Sue Morris** is a guest at the Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association meeting at 7 p.m. this evening in the Church Community room, 400 NE 179th Street.

### Bravo! Vancouver contest e-mail address corrected

Entrants in the Bravo! Vancouver contest to name the one-word spiritual composed by **Jester Hairston** for the 1960s movie *Lilies of the Field*, must submit answers to **Michael Kissinger** at [mkissing@pacifier.com](mailto:mkissing@pacifier.com). The *Daily Insider* reported wrong email address yesterday.



**Steve Stuart**

[Thursday headlines from at home and around the world:](#)

[Vancouver Fire officials call 7-year-old Cody Kotzen a hero for 9-1-1 call--Columbian, \*\*Howard Buck\*\* WSU Vancouver to award 700 degrees Saturday; Jeanne Firstenburg to be commencement speaker--Columbian](#)

[Negotiators meeting nearly daily G-P contract that will affect 920 hourly workers--Columbian, \*\*Julia Anderson\*\*](#)

[State's county auditors get citations to testify in court challenge of the election of Gov. Christine Gregoire, but it's mostly an antique formality--Seattle Times, AP](#)

[Underwater cameras finds giant trout living in Spirit Lake--KATU](#)

[Party-line vote sends John Bolton's nomination as UN ambassador to full Senate--USA TODAY](#)

[Geneticists say modern human beings came from single band in Africa--New York Times, \*\*Nicholas Wade\*\*](#)

### Thursday on the air

Neighborhood Associations: Is Clark County in Denial—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Portland Beavers at Albuquerque (live)—6 p.m. KKAD

Clark County Land Use Hearings—7 p.m. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the weather

**Bill Marshall** sold a car today. 🍷 **Michael Heywood** thinking creatively. 🍷 **Dan Ogden** at the head of the line. 🍷 **Barbara Kerr** enjoying Clark County. 🍷 **Bill Hidden** opening doors. 🍷 **Jane Jacobsen** meganurturing legacy. 🍷 **Thursday**, sun to break through clouds, 73. **Friday**, partly sunny, 70. **Saturday**, some more sun, 69.