

# CLARK COUNTY CONNECTIONS

## Vancouver

### **College Latino leader appointed to panel**

Rosalba De La Rosa Pitkin, coordinator for Clark College's Latino outreach and English as a Second Language programs, has been named by Gov. Chris Gregoire to the state Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

The appointment is for one year. The commission advises the governor, Legislature and state and local agencies on policies and practices affecting the Latino communities in Washington.

In her position at Clark, Pitkin helps develop and implement ways to recruit and retain nontraditional students in professional and technical programs. She also coordinates the English as a Second Language, GED and adult basic education programs. From November 2002 to May 2006, she was a general adviser to students, including international students, and promoted college events.

From September 2003 to May 2004, Pitkin taught Spanish to high school students and adults in Kecskemét, Hungary. She also has worked as an assistant of protection at the Mexican Consulate in Portland and an intern in the office of Democrat U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman in New Mexico.

Pitkin holds a bachelor's degree in international business from New Mexico State University and two associate degrees.

She was born and reared in a farming family in Mexico and moved to Las Cruces, N.M., in the mid-1990s. Pitkin moved to Vancouver in 2001.