

# The Luna Light



*“The People’s College”  
Becoming The Premier Rural Community College in America*

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## Overcoming the odds Luna CC student Leonard Romero says Multiple Sclerosis won’t bring him down

*By Jesse Gallegos  
A Different  
Perspective*

Ten years ago, Leonard Romero was a four-sport athlete for the Mora Rangers. He ran cross-country in the fall, played basketball in the winter, and ran track and played baseball in the spring.

But like an on and off light switch, something that just took a blink of an eye, doctors discovered that Romero had Multiple Sclerosis, an auto immune disease that affects the brain and spinal cord ( the central nervous system).

In an instant he went from making three pointers for one of the most notorious teams in the state, to having trouble walking. Most people may have thrown in the towel. But not Romero. He is about challenges. He is not only about accepting challenges, but overcoming them.

“My hopes and wishes are for me to beat MS, not for MS to beat me,” says Romero.

Romero very well could be the poster individual for MS. Romero, 27, is married, has three kids, goes to college and works as a trainer.

“I don’t like anyone to feel sorry for me,” says Romero. “There’s nothing to feel sorry for me for. I have legs. I have hands. When I fall down, I get up by myself.”

A sports performance major at Luna Community College, Romero someday would like to teach Spanish, counsel students and coach. But more importantly to his professional goals, Romero wants to fulfill the most important obligation a father has—to be there for his children.

“I want to see my kids grow up,” says Romero. After clearing his throat he says with determination. “I will see my kids grow up.”

He married the love of his life Shileen. They have three beautiful children—two boys and a girl. The oldest is Angelika who is six. Angelika has two younger brothers Dante who is four and Gile who is three.

“Something that breaks my heart is not doing what I did



**Luna Community College student Leonard Romero is taking 16 hours, coaches his kids in T-Ball and works as a trainer. Romero suffers from Multiple Sclerosis.**

before,” says Romero. “I have never played tag with my kids. Even though there is not a cure for MS, I will be the hardest challenge this disease has ever seen. I’m going to beat MS and someday play tag with my kids.”

How much does Romero fight MS? How inspired is he? Maybe this will give you an indication. Romero coaches his kids T-Ball team.

“Kids are only little one time and I want to spend as much time with them now that I can,” says Romero.

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## **We need 10 actors, ages 7-10**

Who are good readers to Help Present a Series of Stories  
About Children in New Mexico History

# **SOMBRERO**

A Play from the life of young Alfonso Esquibel in the early 1900s

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TRANS: *"If you flee from what you fear, it will follow you all your life"*

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Thursdays & Fridays for 8 weeks

**Hours:** 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm – after school

**Tuition:** \$80.00 *ask about scholarships*

**Where:** Methodist Church, 8<sup>th</sup> Street & National



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*in partnership with Luna Community College, Community Education programs*



# Luna CC speaks out

## What is the outlook of the 2011 LCC baseball season?



**Mike Ormseth**  
**Business Administration**  
“We’re looking good. I think we will have some success.”



**Mike Martinez**  
**Sports Performance**  
“We want to make it to Tennessee (the playoffs). We want to put Luna Community College on the map.”



**Matthew Martinez**  
**Fire Science**  
“It’s steadily getting better. Each day we’re working harder to get to the ultimate goal to win ourselves a championship.”



**Nick Chavez**  
**Sports Performance**  
“We’re looking good. If we work together we will be successful.”

## Mass Media Program on the right track

**By Rand Kennedy**  
**Mass Media Director**

Although still in its infancy, the Mass Media program at LCC is growing rapidly. Earlier this month the LCC Board approved the implementation of the new Film Technician Certificate Program, the vocational track for our Mass Media programs. This focused two term program is designed to train technicians in the film industry and is conducted in partnership with the film technicians' union.

Our classes are only as good as our teachers. This semester the mass media program is proud to introduce three outstanding new faculty members. Maria Sanchez is teaching the introduction to journalism class. Maria works in the newspaper industry and brings years



**Day-by-day the Mass Media Center is making progress. This picture was taken on Saturday, Jan. 29.**

of experience and knowledge as well as enthusiasm to her teaching. Amalinda Arguello teaches the introduction to media arts class (that reached maximum enrollment this semester). Amalinda is also working for the Area Health Education Center here on campus. We are excited to have the multi-talented Amalinda as part of our Luna family. Finally, Kenneth Bachicha is the new coordinator for the Film Technician Certificate Program and also teaches our digital filmmaking classes. Kenneth is a New Mexico Highlands University graduate who has returned from working on films in California to share his filmmaking skills, knowl-

edge, and expertise. With these three new teachers, watch for great work by our mass media student this semester.

# Bobby “The Bullet” Santiago

*This is the fourth of a series of articles written on old-school athletics by Luna Community College sports performance instructor Henry Sanchez.*

Bobby Santiago known as “The Bullet” during his glorious football career must be regarded as one of the best running backs the state of New Mexico has ever produced.

He attended Lincoln Junior High and went up the road and attended Albuquerque High and graduated in 1959. At Albuquerque High, he had a career that legends are remembered for. He was selected in 1958 and 1959 to the all-city and all-state teams as a halfback. In his senior year, he led the state in scoring and was selected to play in the state North/South All-Star Football Game where he led the north to a 13-7 victory.

He was recruited by the University of New Mexico where he started for the freshmen football team (it must be remembered that freshmen were not allowed to play on the varsity during these years). For the next three years, he was a starter on the football team and during the spring he sprinted and long jumped for the track team.

In 1962, he led the Lobos to their first Western Athletic Conference Championship. In 1961, he made first-team All-Skyline and in 1962 he was first-team Western Athletic Conference. His career at UNM was so spectacular that he became only the fourth Lobo Athlete to have his number (No. 42) jersey retired.

In 1962, he was selected to the All-American Team by the United Press International. In the same year, he led the Lobos to a 28-21 victory over Western Michigan in the first Aviation Bowl. He was selected the most valuable player of the game.

His credentials as a great athlete speak for itself, but his character, respectability and inspiration by the way he has lived his life serve as a model to the rest of us. After his athletic career was over, he was a teacher and coach in the Albuquerque Public School System, director of Migrant Education and elected to the Board of Education (he served as president). He also worked with troubled kids and was the director for American Student Travel which set up tours for high school kids all over the country.

He retired and still found time to be president of the UNM Letterman's Association, Drug Abuse Assistance Education, Del Norte Rotary Club, President of the Albuquerque High School Alumni Association and is one of the founders of the A-Club to name just a few of his many endeavors.

He married the love of his life Mary Lou and has three grown children, Mark, Anna Marie and Joseph. If there is ever a Hall of Fame created for parents and grandparents I'm sure “The Bullet” will head the list.

**Included in his many honors are:**

1988—Inducted into the UNM Alumni Lettermen's Association Hall of Honor.

1988—Inducted into the Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame.

2000—Inducted into the Albuquerque “A” Club Hall of Fame.



**Aside from being considered one of the best UNM football players of all-time, Bobby “The Bullet” Santiago is considered to be a great human being. (photo courtesy of UNM)**

**When he graduated from UNM he had career records in the following areas:**

- 347 rushes for 1975 yards (Broke Don Perkins' record)
- 20 touchdowns
- 5.8 yards average per carry
- 25 kickoff returns
- 649 yards on kickoff returns
- 97 yard kickoff return
- 91 yard run from scrimmage

**Career statistics at UNM**

Year	Att.	Gain.	Net	Avg.	TD	Pts.
1960	98	606	596	6.0	4	24
1961	98	543	535	5.5	5	33
1962	151	826	806	5.3	11	66
<b>Totals</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>1,975</b>	<b>1,937</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>123</b>

## Announcement

The Luna Community College Nursing Program will host a site visit review for initial accreditation of its associate nursing program.

The general public is invited to meet the Nursing Accrediting Commission Visiting Team and share comments about the program in person at a meeting scheduled for 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2011 in the LCC Allied Health Building.

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to:

Dr. Sharon Tanner, Chief Executive Officer

3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 500  
Atlanta, GA 30326

or e-mail:

[sitanner@nlac.org](mailto:sitanner@nlac.org)

All written comments should arrive at the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. by Thursday, February 10, 2011.

## NEED HELP NAVIGATING YOUR ONLINE CLASSES?

Then you need to attend one of LCC's

## Blackboard Student Trainings

- Tuesday, January 11, 2011
- Wednesday, January 12, 2011
- Wednesday, January 19, 2011
- Thursday, January 20, 2011
- Tuesday, January 25, 2011
- Wednesday, January 26, 2011
- Wednesday, February 2, 2011
- Thursday, February 3, 2011



All trainings will be held at 10:00am in the  
Student Online Learning Lab

Student Services Building Room 204

For more information please call 505-454-5362

*\* Times and Dates subject to change due to weather conditions and/or work schedule changes.*



LCC Food Service Manager Paul Sandoval is pictured here with Jessica Aragon next to an approved certificate by the New Mexico Department of Health which indicates that The Rough Rider Grill has passed as an A plus facility by DOH standards. It is the third consecutive year under Sandoval that the Rough Rider Grill has received an A plus rating. Not pictured is Shane Coca, who is currently pursuing his culinary arts certificate.

# Take it forward

By Dr. Pete Campos

I was inspired Friday afternoon by a two hour meeting with several Las Vegas community leaders and their positive attitudes and can-do approaches to keep the entities they lead vibrant – even during difficult economic times. We are doing well under the circumstances and I anticipate the northeastern part of New Mexico will overcome the effects of the downturn in the economy and rebound with a much wiser approach to our future.

We will be strong partners in the new global economy and provide online services, education and outreach to other communities throughout New Mexico and the world. These relationships that originate locally, ripple throughout our state and transcend beyond our state's boundaries will reap great benefits for our children, families and the quality within our lives. I believe the services we provide such as: preventive health care and good education for every student will reap long term gains for our part of the state and wherever our children choose to live. For example: the people of Albuquerque need us and we need the people of Albuquerque. Many of our residents have family members working or going to school in the largest community in the state. The same is true of many residents of Albuquerque – their offspring are attending New Mexico Highlands University or Luna Community College and in many cases they are attending both institutions. The bottom line: we are one state with a common purpose and that is to provide a wealth of opportunities for those who live here.

Then, the quest for excellence in livability becomes even greater when our loved ones move to Arizona, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas and other states or countries. We become an interactive society that invigorates global commerce, motivates us to gain diversity in the knowledge we accrue and harness a multitude of experiences – all to make our lives more meaningful, enjoyable and satisfying. The key – we are no longer just residents of the place we were born, raised, educated and are employed. Why? Because there are not enough jobs

available in Las Vegas to keep our youth here at home that meet their personal and career interests. But, on the positive side, they are finding jobs with Intel, Sandia Laboratories, Hewlett Packard and other top private and public sector employers that pay well and definitely help our children build their careers.

Now, it is time to break the chain, expand the grid and realize we have made a definite and positive difference in our state and in the

world. In fact, our relatives and friends are leaders in other states, are sending financial resources back here to their parents and they speak fondly of what Las Vegas and the region means to them and in many situations with hopes to someday return and retire here. It is time for us to support the rise of the Phoenix (a mythical bird that represents our capacity for vision and for collecting sensory information about our environment and the events unfolding within it) and realize that our future depends on the many young people we can educate and send out into the world of work – regardless where it is! Our blood will flow throughout the universe and return good things for Las Vegas and this part of the state. Think about it – we may lose population but the world has gained our influence. I believe we'll never regret the outsourcing and contributions our best and brightest have made in places like the UNM School of Law – thank you Mr. Leo Romero! Or, so many more of our very own residents who have moved on to represent us everywhere and are making a decent living without serving in a high profile position.

I learned a lot at our leadership meeting on Friday. Most importantly, I was reminded that we have made a positive difference in the lives of our residents and it is definitely time to promote and share with others what our children are doing in other places. They deserve our unconditional support. In return, we'll see them soar like eagles and make our world better than it was before. Ponder it! **Residents from Las Vegas and northeastern New Mexico are and will continue to change the world!**

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## Weekly Activities

### Monday, Jan. 31, 2011

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Dare To Be You Substance Abuse Prevention Program* (General Studies/Room 102-B)

6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. *Intro. Sport Performance & Nutrition Class* (LRC/Lect. Hall)

### Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Dare To Be You Substance Abuse Prevention Program* (General Studies/Room 102-B)

### Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. *Government Contracting* (Student Services/Conf. Room)

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Dare To Be You Substance Abuse Prevention Program* (General Studies/Room 102-B)

6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. *Intro. Sport Performance & Nutrition Class* (LRC/Lect. Hall)

### Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Dare To Be You Substance Abuse Prevention Program* (General Studies/Room 102-B)

### Friday, Feb. 4, 2011

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Dare To Be You Substance Abuse Prevention Program* (General Studies/Room 102-B)

### Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. *C.N.A. Testing* (Allied Hlth/Nrsg.Lab#3,Comp.Lab#7,MO-11)

# Leonard Romero...

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Romero says that he has never been bitter since day one that he learned about his illness.

"Whatever God has in store for me that's okay with me. I live one day at a time. I don't make plans ahead of time," says Romero.

When he is not in class, Romero is a trainer at the Mora Recreation Center. Romero prides himself in staying fit.

Romero is taking 16 hours this semester and says Luna Community College has been there for him from day one.

"Luna Community College has been good for me. It will help me lead me to success in life," says Romero. "Luna Community College is important to me; if I could get a bachelor's degree here, I would. Our instructors understand my condition."

Romero will be the first to tell you that higher education was not

in the plans for him.

"I never thought I was going to school. I wanted to go into the military," says Romero.

Today Romero finds himself as a member of the prestigious Phi Theta Kappa Organization and will probably be on scholarship when he transfers to Highlands University next year.

"I want to thank Luna Community College for everything it's done for me. In my heart, I will never forget Luna Community College," says Romero.

When we look at life, we all want to do great things. Let's pray that Romero accomplishes all his goals.

No matter what the future holds for Romero, you can't doubt his accomplishments so far.

"I'm a dedicated person, father, husband and friend," he says.



Luna Community College Softball Coach Meredith Gilpin instructs her team before a recent practice. The Rough Riders open their season on Sunday, Feb. 6 at home against Trinidad State. Although the games are on Super Bowl Sunday, people can catch the softball games at noon and 2 p.m. that day.

**LCC: "The People's College"**

# LCC Culinary students cater legislature reception



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Pictured clockwise (immediate top photo) are: Shantae Mares puts a seafood terrine in the oven; culinary students take a break from preparation for New Mexico National Education Association Legislator's Reception: (l-r) Andrew Pedraza, Ashley Hensley, Ramon Arenivar, Shantae Mares, Kristin Tiernan and Shane Coca; Shane Coca with homemade sourdough bread made for the party; Andrew Pedraza braises beef; Ramon Arenivar sanitizing insulated containers for catering; Kristin Tiernan vacuum packaging chicken stock; Dr. Anne Wu prepares paella in the tilt skillet and Ashley Hensley unmolds tortilla Española hor d'oeuvres.

For the third consecutive year, the LCC Culinary Arts Club has been asked to cater the New Mexico National Education Association Legislator's Reception in Santa Fe. This high-profile event for New Mexico's K-12 teachers and legislators is attended by approximately 300 guests. The club uses proceeds from catering events such as this to fund its group activities, scholarships and community outreach work during the academic year.



# Students give comments on distance learning

*The following were comments given by students taking distance learning courses last semester. The comments were provided by Title V.*

- This course was good and I recommend it to everyone and the instructor is really good.
- I really enjoyed this class. The instructor was very good and I would recommend this class to other students.
- I really enjoyed this class very much. The instructor was very good at this class and I would recommend it to other students.
- This course was awesome and well developed I would recommend it to everyone.
- I enjoyed this class it's the best English class I've had.
- I enjoyed this course. The instructor was very helpful. I learned a lot.
- I really liked this course. The instructor was useful and understanding. I enjoyed taking this course. I would recommend it to someone else.
- I found this course very educational. The instructor does a good job covering the material.
- I was very grateful to have this instructor as my instructor; he helped me in so many ways from understanding, to working with me and my time schedule. He was excellent! If I could have the chance to take him again I definitely would. As for the course, it was very interesting and fun to learn about. I loved it.
- This course was pretty interesting and the instructor was ok all in all I would recommend others to take this class online.
- The course was full of information and instructor was very clear and taught the class well.
- I had an awesome experience! I wish all my classes were offered online. The instructor was great and helpful.
- This is the first on-line course I have taken through Luna Community College and I must say it was fun. The instructor was thorough on explaining my questions and always made herself available if needed.
- My instructor was very attentive and always had a lesson plan so it was easy to study and understand the material.
- I enjoyed this online class. I hope LCC will be offering more online classes. The instructor was great and helpful when his assistance was needed.
- I really enjoyed this class. I learned a lot in a short amount of time, I can't believe we went through the whole book. Not only did I learn the book stuff, but I learned more about me. There is only so much I can control, and the genetics takes over. I would highly recommend this instructor and the course he is instructing.
- I really enjoyed it; the instructor was an excellent teacher, extremely knowledgeable. I was really worried about taking this class, but the instructor made it so interesting, I am considering taking other classes with him.
- I have found this class very interesting and not just credit hours. I feel as though the instructor was very knowledgeable in this subject. The Wimba sessions were quite informative.
- This online class was an exciting experience. If all my classes would be offered online, I would take them all online. The instructor was great and helpful every time his assistance was needed.
- Good instructor.
- Good class.
- It was a great class.

## RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES (and other events) WEEK OF January 31 thru February 5

Monday, Jan. 31— College Night meeting @ LCC, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 1— KFUN Radio, 8am. Promoting College Night 2011, Community Education.

Wednesday, Feb. 2 – KNMX Radio, 1 p.m., promoting College Night. Groundhog Day!

Thursday, Feb. 3- School visit, Vaughn HS

Friday, Feb. 4- Campus Tour, 11 a.m.

## *College Night*

It is time again to prepare for another College Night! College Night 2011 will be held from, **5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9 at the Abe Montoya Recreation Center.**

At this time I am taking your requests for tables/chairs and AC power (if needed) for your respective departments. E-mail or call Tom @ ext. 1204. We will be in touch with more information.

**Thank you,  
Tom Herrera**



**Luna Community College MdN AHEC Director Elaine Luna updates Advisory Board Members on the recent activity in which MdN is currently involved in. Topics discussed included the ongoing support of local students in health care fields, health career awareness, community collaborations, and AHEC's new Chronic Disease Self Management Program. The following attended our January meeting: Maridel Acoste - AVRH CEO; Frank Almendarez - AVRH CNO; Janet Remenyik - Advisory Board Chair; Lorraine Martinez - LCC Title V; Adam Metcalf - El Centro (Eastside) Manager; Jennifer Dominguez - El Centro; Bea Hurtado - NMHU BSN Program; Rosa Gutierrez - Tohatchi High School Counselor; Michele Trujillo - PHHC; Niki Sebastiar - PHHC Regional Manager; Bernadine Medina CDSMP Coordinator and Amalinda Arguello - MdN Office Manager.**



**LCC President Campos meets with CFO, Donna Flores-Medina, to refine the school's strategy to thrive in times of budget cuts. In lean times, creativity, efficiency and solidarity are keys to success.**

## LCC: "The People's College"

## Thumbs up to LCC

*The following was printed with permission for the author.*

This is Shirley Lopez, my son GL Lopez used to go to Luna, and I just want to give thumbs up to Regina (Regina Madrid, financial aid director), she has been so helpful the whole time we have been there. Even now that my son transferred to (a bigger school) it has been a horrible experience and even coming from my son today telling me that you guys had helped him out so much in the time he was there compared to (a bigger school). They don't even care about anybody.

My son told me today at lunch everybody there at Luna cared...

Anyway I just wanted to give some positive feedback because I really appreciate everything you have done for us and helped us and to let you know it's always good to hear positive stuff instead of negative stuff as like we've been dealing with at (a bigger school). It's been an awful experience here so **thumbs up** to all of you guys there and your crew because **you guys have done an outstanding job**, thank you so much.

In August of last year everyone helped out. Even Mr. Martinez (Dr. Vidal Martinez, vice-president for academics) helped me out so much I guess I was used to that kind of treatment because when I went here we felt like a number that was it, nobody helped, nobody knows anything, nobody knows where to go. My son told me today at lunch **everybody there at Luna cared**; the instructors there they were willing to help you out in anyway, if you had questions or problems. Here it's horrible they don't even care at all.

"Mom, I should have stayed there," he told me.

## Ready to Escape and Re-charge?

Register now for 8 week courses for only \$32 (per credit hour)

Course ID	Title	Location	Times	Start Dates	Days
ATHN221E-21	Cultures of the World (DL)	EWEB	2:00pm – 4:50pm	3/14/11 – 5/13/11	Mon/Wed
CNA100-42	Nursing Assistant Training	Offsite	8:00am – 5:00pm	3/15/11 – 3/22/11	MTWRF
CNA100-43	Nursing Assistant Training	Offsite	8:00am – 5:00pm	4/12/11 – 4/19/11	MTWRF
CNA100-44	Nursing Assistant Training	Offsite	8:00am – 5:00pm	5/11/11 – 5/17/11	MTWRF
CNA100L-42	Nursing Assistant Training Lab	Offsite	8:00am – 5:00pm	3/23/11 – 3/28/11	MWRF
CNA100L-43	Nursing Assistant Training Lab	Offsite	8:00am – 5:00pm	4/20/11 – 4/25/11	MWRF
CNA100L-44	Nursing Assistant Training Lab	Offsite	8:00am – 5:00pm	5/18/11 – 5/23/11	MWRF
CSA101-01	Introduction to the Internet	Main	8:30am – 4:30pm	2/19/11 – 2/26/11	Saturday
CUL107-01	Current Topics in Food Safety	Main	12:30pm – 2:10pm	3/15/11 – 5/13/11	Tuesday
DTEC118-02	Solid Modeling	Main	2:00pm – 5:50pm	3/14/11 – 5/13/11	Mon/Wed
ENG115-05	Freshman Composition II	Main	3:00pm – 4:40pm	3/14/11 – 5/13/11	MTW
MATH116-05	Intermediate Algebra	Main	4:00pm – 5:40pm	3/14/11 – 5/13/11	MTWR
PE117-02	Kickboxing & Step Combo	Main	1:00pm – 2:10pm	3/14/11 – 5/13/11	MTW
PSYC101E-20	Introduction to Psychology (DL)	EWEB	6:00pm – 8:50pm	3/14/11 – 5/13/11	Mon/Wed
PSYC242E-02	Developmental Life Span (DL)	EWEB	9:00am – 11:50am	3/15/11 – 5/13/11	Tues/Friday
PSYC258-01	Abnormal Psychology	Main	11:00am – 1:50pm	3/14/11 – 5/13/11	Mon/Wed
PE112-02	Physical Fitness	Main	TBA		MTWRF
PE113-02	Weight Training	Main	TBA		MTWRF

Note: Reduced tuition rates for Out-of-District and Out-of-State apply only to total enrollment of six (6) credit hours or less. Full rates apply to ALL credit hours once the student enrolls for more than six (6) credit hours with the exception of Senior Citizen rates. Tuition and fee rates are subject to change without notice. Registration and Laboratory fees are not included.

**REGISTER NOW!**  
**CLASSES START SOON!**



Former LCC employee Robert Ortiz was recognized by the college's cosmetology department during its open house last Thursday. Ortiz built 10 work stations for cosmetology students that are still being used today. Pictured with him is his granddaughter Gabriella Andrea Tafoya who sang a song during the presentation. She recently received the "Child Song of the Year Award" at the New Mexico Hispano Music Awards. Ortiz was employed at the college for 24 years teaching in the vocational area.



Luna Community College baseball players warm up for a practice recently. The Rough Riders lost all four games over the weekend to Paradise Valley (3-1, 6-1, 5-3 and 11-0). Head coach Antonio Siqueiros described the four-game series in these words: "Too many errors which led to too many pitches for our pitchers." The Rough Riders travel to Thatcher, Ariz. Friday and Saturday as they take on Eastern Arizona.