The Luna Community College commercial is one step closer to being completed. LCC Mass Media students shot the last scene on Friday. Pictured are the lead actors (l-r): Novyembre Lucero (representing cosmetology); Gilbert Garcia (representing culinary arts); Amber Lynn Lucero (representing liberal arts); Tim Cochran (representing auto collision) and Shannon Saiz (representing dental assisting). Mass Media students will now edit and put the commercial together.

Students can register online during break!!!
Editors note: the following poem has been rewritten by Luna Light, editor Jesse Gallegos. It is meant for people to enjoy his humorous side. This is the second consecutive year Gallegos has attempted to bring humor into people’s lives.

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the casa, Paul Sandoval had just run out of glasses and asked people to use a tasa.

The stockings were hung by the estufa with care, in hopes that facilities director Ron Gonzales would drive to campus to catch another bear.

The children were nestled all snug in their camas, thinking that Miguel Martinez would soon take them to Mora to see all the llamas.

And mama in her ‘kerchief, and I in my cachucha, We all heard Anthony Baca telling his auto students que le cieran lucha.

When out on the lawn there arose such a rido, Elaine Montaño looked outside and with a sigh of relief, she said it was a conosido.

Away to the window I flew like Superman, It was Moses Marquez coming back from a recruiting trip lying outside working on bis tan.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow, it was Ernest Encinas complaining as he bad just stubbed bis left toe.

When, what to my wondering eyes que me aparicco He said bis last name was Maestas, bis first name Joe.

With a little old driver, so lively and neat I knew in a momento it had to be Dr. Campos, bis middle name was Pete.

More rapid than palomas bis coursers they flew, And he whistled, and shouted, I learned math one plus one is two.

"Now Elaine! now, Donna! now, Lawrence and Maria! On, Albert! On, Rosalie! On Joseph and Don! To the top of the portal! We said these presents are heavy, they must weigh a ton.

As dry piñon that before the storm it got wet, it was John Tiernan and Lorraine Martinez who had just met.

So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, It was Mass Media Director Kenneth Bachicha directing bis students right on cue.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on top of the chante It was building trades instructor Joseph Montoya teaching his student John Bustamante.

Down the chimney Dr. Campos Was all wide-eyed and ready. He told bis lead team, “just keep this college going nice and steady”

He was dressed all in fur, from bis cabeza to bis pie, He looked tired and dehydrated, he may have had some se.

A bundle of Toys he had flung on bis back, he said bis favorite actor was Nicholson I think bis first name was Jack.

His eyes-how they twinkled! bis dimples bow happy! He was lost however, he stopped at a gas station and bought a mappy.

His droll little mouth was drawn up He looked like Yogi Berra, And be yelled out “I have the best recruiter in the land”, bis name—Tom Herrera.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in bis boca, it was clear he had just bad a smoka.

He had a broad face and a little round belly, however, it was time for him to take a shower, he was little smelly.

He was heavy and a little gordito He was late delivering presents, he asked us all to wait a little momentito.

A wink of bis eye be said he had twisted his knee, And to top it off be had lost bis key.

He spoke not a palabra, but went straight to bis task, And filled all the stockings, one even with a mask.

And laying bis finger aside of bis nose, And giving a nod, be chose not to pose!

He sprang to his sleigh, Some of bis workers gave a yell, His lead team freaked out, some of them even fell.

But I heard him exclaim, “where’s my tailor, this Santa outfit fits me a little tight Happy Christmas to all, I want everyone to have a very good night!”
By Vidal Martinez, VP for Instruction

To promote higher education and enhance the recognition of fire and emergency services as a profession, Luna Community College has aligned its Fire Science Program with a nationally recognized curriculum. Through the United States Fire Administration, the National Fire Science Degree Programs Committee has articulated course titles, descriptions, outcomes, and outlines for core and non-core fire science courses. This model is known as the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) Curriculum.

The purpose of aligning the curriculum to LCC is to establish a national model for an integrated competency-based system of fire and emergency services professionals, and to establish a system of higher education from associate degree to doctoral degrees. Furthermore, the alignment serves to develop a well-trained and academically-educated fire and emergency services professional. (http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/nfa/higher_ed/feshe.brochure.pdf)

In the last year, LCC has worked diligently to adopt the recommendations from the national committee, and as a result, LCC faculty are required to follow specific course objectives and learning outcomes. The instructors teach specific skills or concepts that students are expected to master throughout the duration of the course, and these skills or concepts must be measured and evaluated based on specific assessment tools. Also, the learning outcomes provide a framework for the faculty to design curriculum and instructional methods on the basis of what is expected to be learned.

With the new LCC catalog, the Fire Science Program will be modified by adding additional fire science courses with several changes to course descriptions and titles. For example, FS230: Firefighter Officer I will be changed to Introduction to Fire and Emergency Services Administration. Additionally, the program will continue to be focused on theoretical content with 36 hours of general education core requirements. To meet specific training needs, LCC will continue to offer courses such as Hazardous Material Response, Introduction to Firefighting and Vehicle Extrication.

What will be the benefits to LCC students as a result of the alignment of the FESHE curriculum? First, the alignment with a national curriculum is a sign of quality based on best practices for associate degrees in Fire Science. Second, by following a national curriculum, students are exposed to the same curriculum as other fire science schools around the country, and finally, the national curriculum provides benchmarks to measure student success. For additional information on spring 2012 course offerings, visit the LCC Website or contact the ACCESS center.

LCC SKILLSUSA students took second-place in the non-profit category in this year’s Light Parade. The float which was a ginger bread house with all the trimmings followed the parade theme Christmas in Candyland. The house was constructed by building technology SKILLSUSA students with the lighting, painting and decorating done by the automotive technologies and the cosmetology students. Pictured are Lee Rios, Dominique Anaya, Max Bustamante, Joseph Mares and Danielle Duran.

The next Luna Light will be printed on Monday, Jan. 9.
By Vanessa Rollings

Dec. 8 was the Springer Satellite’s Annual Christmas Party with staff and their families. It was a nice ending to the fall semester and a great jump start to the Christmas season. About 22 were in attendance.

During the party there was an ornament exchange and everyone was happy with the ornaments they received. Springer Satellite would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
LCC prepares for Christmas

Several Luna Community College employees got into the Christmas spirit putting up trees in their area of work. Pictured clockwise are Marcella Cannone; Emily Torres, Elaine Montaño and Susan Grohman and Santa Rosa Satellite employees Shawna Lerma and Marie Bachicha.

Luna Community College will be closed from Tuesday, Dec. 20-Monday, Jan. 2.

LCC: “The People’s College”
Weekly Activities

Monday, December 12, 2011
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Public Safety Seminar/ Sponsored: San Miguel Detention Center (LRC/Rm104)
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. DWI Class (General Studies/102B)

Tuesday, December 13, 2011
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Public Safety Seminar/ Sponsored: San Miguel Detention Center (LRC/Rm104)
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Mandatory Director’s Policy Training (LRC/Lecture Hall)

Wednesday, December 14, 2011
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. LCC Board of Trustees “Board Meeting” (Student Services/Conference Room)

Thursday, December 15, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Behavior Support Training/Sponsored: Citizens for Developmentally Disabled (LRC/Lecture Hall)
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Santa Fe Civic Housing Authority Mtg. (Mora Site/Library)

Friday, December 16, 2011
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Monthly Water Board of Director’s Meeting (Techn./126B)

Luna Community College Nursing Students Andrea Ulibarri and Jane Montaño do some last-minute studying for finals on Thursday morning. Both Ulibarri and Montaño are from Las Vegas.
Holiday presents bring opportunity

By Dr. Pete Campos

Holiday presents come in many different packages. There may be a new child born into your family; a small puppy may bring excitement to your children; you may walk into mama’s cozy kitchen filled with the aroma of fresh red chili, frijoles, tamales, tortillas, carne adovada and biscochitos that reminds you of the times when you were a kid and enjoyed playing with cousins and sneaking into the kitchen to wrap a piece of carne adovada in a freshly made tortilla or picking up a few biscochitos and taking big bites so you wouldn’t get caught and told the biscochitos are for dessert; and, your curiosity may get the best of you and you take a peek at the gifts under the tree. Regardless of the gifts, they come in many shapes and sizes. Some are miracles of creation, handmade or store bought and all of them are being given with love and sometimes with a little humor.

Whatever the case, families come together, some everyday during the holiday break and others just for an afternoon. The gifts you share with each other often bring opportunities never before experienced. That newborn child represents starting another generation, a small puppy can teach responsibility to family members, mama’s delicious cooking serves as the reason for families who haven’t seen each other for awhile to come together and talk, and the gifts unwrapped could be the toys or tools that lead to children wanting to become a nurse or contractor or dad fixing his daughter’s car.

Whatever the present, wrapped or not, brings new opportunities for families. Keep your hearts open; be observant of the gifts being given by a grandparent, spouse, friend and small child. This is the time of year when what you give each other could very well change your lives.

Dear Luna Family members you have already changed my life and given me my gift – you’ve grown and dedicated your lives to serving students, caring for your families and preparing for better times ahead. Your lives are filled with opportunity. Look out for that special gift which will be given to you.

May you take the gift you receive this holiday season (only you’ll know which one it is) and use it to bring you and your families love for each other, good health and prosperity.

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Christmas Light Parade
Wednesday December 14th
Downtown Santa Rosa 5:00 p.m.

Following Parade at City Hall

Toys for Tots
Hot Chocolate – S’mores
Prizes for Parade Floats

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LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING VACANT JOB POSITIONS:

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- Full-Time Faculty-Medical Surgical Nursing
- Full-Time Administrative Assistant-Early Childhood Department

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