The Luna Light



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Action 7 News anchor Melissa Montoya scheduled to speak at LCC orientation

Action 7 News anchor Melissa Montoya will be a featured speaker at Tuesday's Luna Community College faculty and staff orientation.

Montoya is scheduled to give her talk right around 11:15 a.m.

Montoya happily traded in the bitter winters of New England for a return to the sunny skies of the West. She joined the Action 7 News team in April 2008.

Previously, Montoya worked as an anchor/reporter at WLNE-TV in Grand Junction, Colo.; anchor at



Melissa Montoya

Providence, R.I.; anchor at KJCT-TV in KTVE-TV in Monroe, La. and reporter pages of The Luna Light. at Fox Sports Net Bay Area.

Montoya graduated from the University of California-Santa Barbara with a degree in communications and a minor in sports management.

While her career has allowed her the opportunity to meet a variety of highprofile people (from politicians to sports stars to musicians), the stories she enjoys most are the ones about the human spirit and everyday people doing extraordinary things.

For more on orientation, see inside

First draft of Luna CC school song released to the public; opinions on tune, lyrics differ

The first draft of a proposed school song for Luna Community College was released during a live broadcast of The Luna Community College Half Hour Radio Show last Thursday on KNMX and comments have poured in.

The proposed school song was played twice in about a 15 minute span. The song was written and composed by former local band director and musician Robert Lucero. He is currently working on making a CD so the college can put it on its Website.

LCC President Dr. Pete Campos along with Lucero would like students, staff, faculty and community members to share their comments in hopes on having a final draft ready for board approval during the fall semester.

Here are the comments received as of Friday afternoon.

- Quite honestly I get the image of a Little Rascals marching parade, or a group of clowns when I hear the LCC school song. Sorry, just my opinion.
- Please. please do not use that song for our school song!!!!!!!
- I liked the words, but not the tune.
- I think the students need to get involved in choosing the final
- I think the wording is good, but the music is not good.
- I don't like it; it needs a little bit of work.

- We all need to listen to in full without interruptions, then make our opinions on this.
- I liked the tune and the words.
- The administration should not be in a hurry to approve the school song, it may have to be revised several times before the final version.
- No, I don't like it. The students need to vote on it or maybe have a contest.
- Tuba has to go, lyrics are good.
- The song needs some tweaking.
- The song is fine, but the tune needs to be catchier.
- There needs to be more fight in the song.
- It wasn't what I thought it should be.
- The school should open it up to a contest and then everyone should be able to vote on it.
- I liked it; at some point it will catch on.

The song, bilingual in nature, starts off in English with the second half in Spanish. Anyone that wants to share their comment may e-mail Jesse Gallegos at jgallegos@luna.edu or you may call Lucero at 505/426-4043.

In the near future, the preliminary song will be e-mailed to students, staff and faculty.

Rose I. Tapia says seeing students graduate makes her employment at LCC worthwhile



Tapia has been at Luna Community for nearly 25 years. She has worked for seven supervisors and six different administrators.

Name: Rose I. Tapia

Position: Office Manager for Business & Professional Studies How many year have you been here at LCC? It will be 25 years on October of 2009. I started working here at Luna Community College in October 1984, then known as Luna Vocational - Technical Institute. I have worked with seven supervisors and under six different administrators during my time here at LCC.

I have had hands on working with several offices, here at LCC; starting with the Career Planning and Placement Office with Dianna Medrano; the Public Information Office with the late Leroy Ulibarri; the Registrar's Office with the late Felix Rael; and the Business and

Professional Studies Department with Carla Romero, Eloy P. Garcia, Charlene Ortiz-Cordova and my current and the most awesome and fantastic person I have ever met, Renée T. Garcia. She is one of the few people I know here on the LCC campus that just loves to help students with all of their concerns about school and their classes.

Favorite food and why? I love the food at the Little Moon Restaurant. It's good and inexpensive.

Favorite hobby and why? Word Search Puzzles, they keep my mind busy and active.

Favorite TV show and why? Wheel of Fortune, I love to see how people react when they win and I also like to see if I can guess the puzzle before the guests do.

Where would you like to see yourself five years from now? I would say retired, kicking back and reminiscing of times gone by. I will be able to pick up where I left off years ago and do whatever my heart desires.

What do you like best about LCC? LCC is a great stepping stone to start towards an excellent career; students should take advantage of it. I love seeing the faces of the students at the graduation ceremonies when they realize that after all their hard work; they have finally reached their goal. It makes working here at LCC worthwhile when you see a student reach his/her goal. I received my Clerk-Typist Certificate from LVTI, and my Associate in Applied Science Degree in Office Administration in 2001. My son graduated with an Automotive Mechanic's Certificate and my daughter graduated with a Distributive Education Certificate from LVTI. My hope is that some of my grandchildren will decide to begin their education here at LCC.

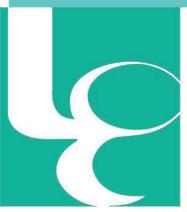
What do you like least about LCC and what would you offer as a solution? The thing I like least about LCC is the bickering between some of the employees and not having interaction with one another. All the offices on campus are important to the survival of the campus and we should be able to get along with each other. After working here for the last 24 years I have found out that being negative is not getting anyone anywhere; so what I try to do is, be as positive as I can with everything I do, I try to get along with everyone, do my job, and not get involved in any gossip.

What is you greatest strength? My greatest strength is being sincere with everyone. After all the years of working here everyone knows me as being self-motivated and dedicated to my job; I love working here at LCC, but life goes on!!

Anyone wishing to nominate an LCC employee to be featured in this section should call Jesse Gallegos at 454-2510 or e-mail him at jgallegos@luna.edu.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2009

COME SEE WHAT'S NEW AT
LCC-SPRINGER
CAMPUS



Luna Community College







10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

REFRESHMENTS

MEET WITH LCC STAFF & TOUR OUR FACILITIES Academic Opportunities Financial Assistance Courses, Certificates & Degree Programs Available

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
CALL: 483-5009







Santa Rosa Satellite staff meets colleges CE/DC course and documentation timelines



LCC Santa Rosa Satellite Student Services Specialist Victoria Flores helps out student Ronald Gutierrez. Gutierrez is a business major from Santa Rosa and is expected to graduate in 2011.

By Patricia Romero LCC Dual Credit Director

The CE/DC Office would like to commend the Luna Community College Santa

pos and Victoria Flores have worked very well collaboratively with Santa Rosa High School and LCC CE/DC Office. Santa Rosa satellite met all CE/DC timelines for fall 2009, and Rosa Satellite for a job well done. Albert Cam- Victoria is working very diligently ensuring

that the students interested in the dual-credit courses offered at both the high school and satellite or concurrent courses at the satellite complete all necessary documentation within the registration packet and CE/DC census timeframe.

Albert and Victoria are also so courteous and willing to work in a collaborative manner to consistently improve the process to meet the changing needs of LCC student population. The Santa Rosa Satellite consistently maintains communication with the CE/DC office to strengthen our collaboration. The CE/DC Office would like to extend a sincere "Thank You" to the Santa Rosa Satellite as well as a word of encouragement "Keep up the great work, We appreciate all your efforts".

Victoria is already scheduled to be at Santa Rosa High School to meet with students to complete student registration forms for FA09. The continued dedication, advocacy, and proactive approach by Santa Rosa Satellite staff continue to foster the services that students, parents, districts, and communities appreciate.

The staff provided the following requirements to the CE/DC office by CE/DC timelines: course proposals for each dual-credit course, course syllabi for each dual-credit course; dual-credit approved course listing from the high school; compass assessment was completed on all juniors and seniors; HS Academic Calendar and 2009-2010 HS Calendar Dates Form.

Blast from the past

Can you guess which current LCC employee's baby picture this is? The first person to give the right answer will get a free meal from the LCC Rough Rider Grill. You may enter the contest by e-mailing your answer to jgallegos@luna.edu or calling extension 1200. LCC employees are encouraged to turn in a baby photo of themselves or nostalgic LCC photos to Jesse Gallegos at the LCC Student Services Building.

Last week winner: Eloy Garcia

Last week's picture: Lorraine Martinez



Quote of the Week

"The secret in education lies in respecting the student"—

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882), American poet and lecturer.

Sounds and sights at LCC















Pictured clockwise: LCC employee Norman Sena; Villanueva National Park, the proposed site for the next LCC Wellness Hike; LCC employee Ron Duran: LCC employees Georgia Baca, Kayleen Encinias, Francina Martinez and Mary Ward; LCC Culinary Arts student Kraig Jaramillo: LCC Nursing student Roy Miller and LCC employee Ernest Roybal.

A closer look at Santa Rosa





C C "The People's College"





Pictured clockwise are: Santa Rosa High School sports facilities; Santa Rosa Lake State Park; Downtown Santa Rosa and Luna Community College Board of Trustee Frankie Tenorio and his children in front of Santa Rosa Park Lake.

A closer look at Santa Rosa













Pictured clockwise are: Santa Rosa Park Lake; one of four fields at Santa Rosa Softball Park; Frankie Tenorio on the future sight of The Guadalupe County Hospital; Blue Hole Lake; Santa Rosa Warm and Cold Water Fish Hatchery and future sight of the Fishery Educational Center and a different view of Santa Rosa Park Lake.

Editors Note: This is the first in a series of community sections that will appear in **The Luna Light**. See page 15 for more on Santa Rosa.





Don **Bustos** is the SBDC Director



Students!

Are you looking for on-the-job training? Are you seeking skills for a new career? Do you want to gain experience in your field of study? Do you want to gain college credit? If you answer yes to any of these questions, the LCC Small Business Internship Program can

LCC - Connecting Students to the Workforce!

Luna Community College will "launch" a pilot program this fall called the Small Business Internship Program. The purpose of the program is to provide LCC students opportunities in workforce experience by applying educational skills and knowledge to meet the needs of the statewide workforce community.

Program Goals:

- Provide students access to business experience that could lead to gainful employment
- Involve students in community projects, collaborations, and partnerships
- Provide students an opportunity for a stipend salary contingent on available

Program Benefits:

- Classroom instruction is integrated with practical on-the-job experience
- Create future employment opportunities
- → Students can make career decisions based on practical work experience.

If you want to participate in the Small Business Internship Program please contact Don Bustos at 505-454-2595 or dbustos@luna.edu for further information.

LCC Foundation Golf Tourney set for Aug. 22

The 2009 Luna Community College Founda- The entry fee covers green fees, a cart, and a tion Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, Aug. 22 at the Pendaries Golf Course in Rociada. A shotgun start is scheduled at 9 a.m.

A four-person team sponsor is \$1,000 or \$250 per individual. A hole sponsorship is \$250.

prime rib dinner. All money raised will be used for scholarships.

For more information, call Tournament Co-Director Ernesto Salazar at 505-425-7584 or Theresa S. Vigil at 505-454-5367.

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LCC

Foundation Scholarship Fundraiser

Friday, August 28, 2009 Plaza Hotel

Reverse Drawing begins at 7:30 p.m.

GRAND PRIZE \$5,000.00

Other Prizes Include:

First Ticket Drawn Wins \$300.00

Every 50th Ticket Drawn Wins \$100.00

The 100th Ticket Drawn Wins \$200.00

For More Information Please Contact:

Theresa S. Vigil P.O. Box 1926

Las Vegas, NM 87701

(505) 454-5367 or tvigil@luna.edu

Toll Free: 1 (800) 588-7232 - Ext. #:

Your \$100.00 Donation includes a Beef Brisket Dinner for two provided by The Plaza Hotel.

> Dinner served from 6 p.m.—7:30 p.m.



Early Registration for Fall 2009

Campus Closed 8am to 12 noon only for Faculty/Staff Training

Classes Begin

Last Day to Add Classes

Campus Closed—Labor Day

Deadline to Change from Audit to Credit

Midterm Week

Deadline to Change from Credit to Audit

Advisement Week

Early Registration for Spring 2010

Last Day to Withdraw from Fall-term Classes

Campus Closed—Thanksgiving Holiday

Final Examinations

Semester Ends

Campus Closed - Christmas Break

June 1-August 14

August 11

August 17

August 24

September 7

September 11

October 5-10

October 16

November 16-20

Nov. 16 –Jan. 8

November 20*

November 26-29

Nov. 30- Dec. 4

December 4

Dec. 21 - Jan.3

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Guided Tours

Monday, August 17, 2009
@ 7:30 a.m.

Don't look lost on your first day here at LCC. Bring your schedule to the ACCESS Center for a guided tour to your classes!

Refreshments Provided

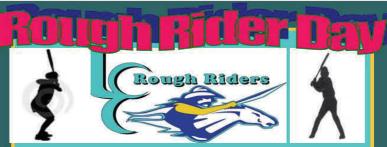
Grand Opening Academic Center Excellence

in Education Tutoring Cente

Wednesday, August 19, 2009 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(a) the Technologies Area Unveiling (a) 12:00 NOON

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Tuesday, August 18, 2009

Meet the Rough Rider
Baseball and Softball Teams
12:00p.m. - 1:00p.m.
In front of Student Services
Building

Hot Dogs and Drinks will be served

LCC Back-2-School BBQ

Thursday, August 20, 2009

11:30a.m. - 1:00p.m.

@ the Cafeteria Patio

BBQ by our very own

Rough Rider Grill

Music, Activities & Fun!!!



Sponsored by the Student Activities Office



Exploring Luna Community College"

Orientation is designed to acquaint you with LCC's programs, services and facilities. This will ease your transition to Luna Community College.

Who Should Attend?

New student orientation is specifically intended for freshman or transfer students who have recently decided to attend LCC.

DATE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2009 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

LOCATION

LCC ALLIED HEALTH BUILDING
NURSING AUDITORIUM

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INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS SUCH AS DVR, HELP OFFICE,
INCOME SUPPORT DIVISION,
LCC PREVENTION PROGRAM
ETC.....

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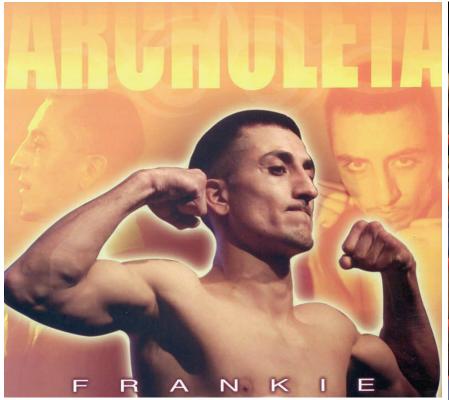
Boxers coming to LCC, LV





New Mexico boxers Holly Holm, Frankie Archuleta, **Arturo Crespin and Amanda** Crespin will be speaking at Luna Community College at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 26 at The Nursing Auditorium as part of the college's "A Conversation with the Community" lecture series. All four will be featured in boxing matches that will be held at the John A. Wilson Complex at Highlands University on Friday, Aug. 28. Pictured at left is Amanda Crespin and her father Carlos. At top are Amanda, Carlos and Arturo Crespin.

Boxers coming to LCC, LV





Pictured clockwise are: Amanda and Arturo Crespin; Frankie Archuleta (photo provided by Fresquez Productions); Holly Holm (photo provided by Fresquez Productions) and Arturo Crespin. See next page for a commentary on boxing.





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The educators

Boxing is one of the oldest contact sports known to humankind. Evidence that boxing existed in ancient times is evidenced in the archaeological findings of the Egyptians, Greek and Mediterranean civilizations. The origin of boxing is dated as early as 3000 BC.

There is a vast difference between the boxing of today and ancient boxing. Ancient boxers did not have access to boxing gloves and hear gear and boxing was not referred to as boxing. In ancient Greek and Roman times, the sport of bashing up the teeth of your opponent during fist fighting was called pugilism which eventually evolved into

The rules of ancient boxing were quite different from today. The fights were not divided into rounds and there was no split or unanimous decision. The winner of the match would be judged only by Knock-Out and in extreme cases, death.

Ancient boxing was more brutal than today's boxing. Ancient boxers usually had strips of leather around their fists and fingers or gloves with spikes which would provoke more lethal blows than today's boxing.

Today's boxing is much more different that ancient boxing. The rules, regulations and enhancements in sports entertainment have greatly reduced the chances of grave injury to a boxer. Now, it is necessary for a boxer to wear protective gear and padded gloves and the rules no longer allow for a lethal match. In amateur boxing headgear is

Today, there are two kinds of boxing, amateur and professional. Amateur boxing is mainly found at the secondary education or college level and in the Olympics. Professional boxing is much more serious and many safety restrictions are removed.

That leads us to the bouts. These professionals are the educators! They have worked extremely hard to get in shape both mentally and physically. Many of them have shared their life stories with others and have emphasized *Education* as the wave of the future and the way out of poverty or making a living through boxing.

Wow! There definitely are role models in the ring! Think about it. Mr. Lenny Fresquez and Mr. David Martinez have put together a boxing card with true notables and role models. Let's learn of their dedication in the ring and respect them for their role in society as these great fighters promote a philosophy of staying in school, achieving never before imagined levels of education and experiences and always putting our heart, soul and intellect at the forefront of making our lives

Distinguished boxers, thank you for being positive roles models for our children. Remember, it is about love, admiration, respect and competition. These anchors will make "all of us" better at what we do! When thunder roars, lighting strikes and atmospheric systems clash, the storm begins! Let's get ready for a night of boxing in Las Vegas!

Six ways to build a top staff

To build a staff into a team that does the best possible job for the organization:

- Be friendly to staff members but don't treat them like close personal friends. They want you to be the boss and they want to be employees. It works better that way.
- **Tell them** everything. And expect them to tell you the same. Shared knowledge builds loyalty and trust.
- Practice Pulitzer Prize plagiarism: Steal only from the best. If you need help, reach out to your professional community. Someone, somewhere, somehow will know how to help you.
- Invest heavily in loyalty. If staff members know that you're always in return.
- Realize that fairness establishes your credibility.
- **Never be** too easy to laugh. Nothing gets people through a crisis like a good laugh—and a manager who's willing to enjoy it with them.

Source: Gene H. Cheatham, writing in loyal to them, they'll give you the same Association Source, Florida Society of Association Executives, 1211 Semoran Blvd., Casselberry, FL 32707.

Weekly activities

Monday, August 10, 2009 ■ 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. DWI Class (General Studies/Room 102B) Tuesday, August 11, 2009 ■ 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. LCC Employee Orientation (Allied Health/LO-1) ■ 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Ayudantes Coalition Meeting (Student Serv./Conf. Room) Wednesday, August 12, 2009

LCC Foundation

■ 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Committee Meeting (Admn. 112-B) ■ 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Meeting (Stud.Serv/Conf Rm) Thursday, August 13, 2009

■ No Activities Scheduled

Friday, August 14, 2009

■ 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Health/LO-1)

LCC Student Orientation (Allied

LCC Board of Trustees Board

Two words that persuade

Two key words will make you more persuasive. The words: "iP' and and objectives?" And "What qualifies as acceptable performance and

Whether you're trying to sell a car or an idea, the message that works is "If you will take this action, then you'll get this reward."

The next time you're planning to persuade someone, use those two words to get what you want.

Source: Overcoming Resistance, by Jerald M. Jellison, Simon& Schuster, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020.

Leadership test

To find out if you're a true leader, see if you possess these qualities:

*Leaders start projects by asking "What has to be done?" instead of "What do I need?"

*Leaders next ask "What do I have to do to make a real contribution?" The answer best suits the leader's strengths and the needs of the project.

*Leaders continually ask "What are my organization's purposes

adds to the bottom line?"

*Leaders don't want clones of themselves as employees. They never ask "Do I like or dislike this employee?" But they won't tolerate poor performance.

*Leaders aren't threatened by others who have strengths they lack. Source: Peter Drucker, cited in Forbes ASAP, Forbes Inc. 60 5th Ave., New York, NY 10011.

30-second writing clinic

Sick sentence: "He said, by way of illustration, that he had made an application to the board in January for a sufficient amount of funds to make a purchase of three computers."

Healthy sentence: "He said, for example, that he had applied to the board in January for enough funds to buy three computers."

Source: Communication Briefings; Ideas that work. Information provided by Eloy Garcia.

LCC Springer Satellite on the move this summer

July, 2009

Monday, July 20 - Distributed LCC Fall 2009 Schedules to Miami, Philmont, and Cimarron areas.

Wednesday, July 22 - Distributed LCC Fall 2009 Schedules to Maxwell and Raton businesses.

Wednesday, July 29 – Distributed LCC Fall 2009 Schedules to Eagle Nest and Angel Fire businesses.

Friday, July 31 – Recruitment table set up at Springer Super Market 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

August, 2009

Wednesday, August 5 – Recruitment table set up at Russell's One Stop Shop, Cimarron, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Thursday, August 6 – Recruitment table set up at K-Mart, Raton, 10:00 a.m.—2 p.m.

Friday, August 14 – Springer Satellite Open House, 10:00 a.m.—3

Saturday, August 15 – Colfax County Parade, Springer, 10:00 a.m. August 13-15 - Recruitment booth, Colfax County Fair, Springer Armory, 9:00 a.m.—4 p.m.

Luna CC leadership poised to pull community together

From The Luna Light Editor's Desk

Listening to Dr. Pete Campos tell of the many years of planning, determination and progress that has gone into making Santa Rosa what it is today reminds me of the story of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza. Do you remember the windmills, the impossible dream and the many hurdles both had to overcome in order to experience progress? Their desire to overcome obstacles was intense and sometimes, seemed unrealistic, but they never gave up and always pursued opportunity that would benefit others.

Santa Rosa Lake and State Park; the new warm water fish hatchery, rearing station and proposed educational center; and, the refurbished Guadalupe County Courthouse and main street bring back some of the President's fondest memories of what community pro-

"Santa Rosa's future will depend on the education we can provide students who attend LCC," says Dr. Pete Campos.

gress and working together can produce.

The collage of pictures tells the story of what has been built, what is in progress and what can still be accomplished through unified goal setting, collective planning and vision building. President Campos, who served as mayor of Santa Rosa over 20 years ago, said:

"The development of this fine community has been through the efforts of a lot of people over many decades. Santa Rosa's future will depend on the education we can provide students who attend Luna Community College."

These students will design and decide what is to come!



Luna Community College officials met with school administrators from East Las Vegas, Mora, Pecos and West Las Vegas Schools concerning the LCC Charter Academy on Friday. A community meeting on the charter academy has been scheduled at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27 at the Leveo Sanchez Lecture Hall at Highlands University.

Several people respond to "question of the week"

Two weeks ago in *The Luna Light*, individuals were asked to answer the following question:

"Of the new programs approved by the New Mexico Department of Higher Education for Luna Community College, which will be the most successful?

Here are the responses:

- I think that sports performance will be successful, a lot of young people are into sports.
- Military Science seems to be a logical choice.
- Alternative energy.
- None of them.
- All programs should be successful if supported by program directors. Pete (Campos) and Vidal (Martinez) can only do so much. Why is criminal justice successful—Cindy Armijo.

Here are a couple more responses on which sport LCC should bring in.

- I would like to throw my two cents in and state that basketball would be the next choice for a sport here at Luna.
- Men & women Basketball is the next logical sport. It's cost effective. There's not a large overhead and it would be nice for players in the surrounding communities to compete on a higher level. There are talented high school basketball players from places like V aughn, Santa Rosa, Mora, Pecos, Springer, and of course Las V egas, to name a few places who after high school have no other place to play, Plus I think that LCC could develop a competitive team which in time will develop a devoted fan base. I highly encourage you to continue to survey residents for feedback on what next sport LCC should add to its athletic program!

Here is this week's question of the week. If your Luna Community College president for a day, what would you do first?

E-mail your opinions to jgallegos@luna.edu. Your answers will be printed in upcoming editions of **The Luna Light**.

Letters to The Luna Light

The Mora Fiesta Parade was another success thanks primarily in part to the Office of Admissions/Recruitment and all who assisted on main campus and the following individuals:

Moses Marquez, Tom Herrera, Veronica

Serna, Freddie Carrillo, Diane Carrillo, Jeanette Nolan and Jessica Ortiz

Thank you all for your support of the Mora Site!!

Wanda Martinez