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Goals in mind

Father and son **Benito Luna** and **Erick Luna**, **BLS Specialty Finishes Inc.**, decompress every Sunday by playing soccer at a field on Manchaca Rd.

"We are very active coaching and playing on a local soccer team and have participated for two seasons," Erick said. "Recently, we won third place in a tournament."

In addition, the Luna's enjoy watching Major League Soccer and look forward to the 2007 World Cup.

Entering the industry in 1986, Benito founded his painting company in 1995 as a four-man crew. Erick joined BLS Specialty Finishes as a sales representative in 2003. Today, Erick and Benito are both owners.

"We are a very young company since we incorporated in 2006, but we have grown and built strong customer relationships," Erick said. "We employ over 90 employees in the field."



Erick Luna

Erick says in the past year, BLS Specialty Finishes has expanded to offer stucco and masonry.

"We are in a competitive industry and there are ups and downs," Erick continued. "Thankfully, we have a very good team. Without **Sheena Lopez**, estimating/budget and **Denise Lopez**, office manager, I don't think we would have gotten this far."

Erick says he is an avid reader. He likes to go to bookstores and read every thing he can about painting, stucco and masonry.

According to Erick, BLS Specialty Services recently bought two acres in south Austin to prepare for more growth.

"We are building a 4,000-sf warehouse and remodeling a 1500-sf house built in 1956," he said. "We want to make our future office eye catching by painting the exterior yellow with white trim. —*alr*