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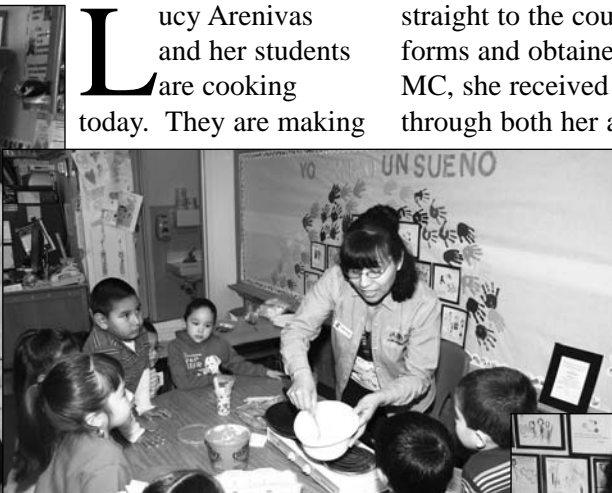
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## MC ... making "sueños" come true



Lucy Arenivas reads to her students at Bunche Early Childhood Center



Lucy teaches her students to make eggs

Photos by Katherine Curry

green eggs and ham to accompany their reading of *Huevos verdes con jamón*. The Spanish version of the Dr. Seuss classic *Green Eggs and Ham* is very important to the bilingual education of her four and five-year-old students, who are all native Spanish speakers. Through the Bilingual Education program at Bunche Early Childhood Center, where Lucy has been teaching for almost two years, her students will be fluent in English by the fourth grade, and still retain much of their native language and culture as well.

At 16, pregnant and alone, Lucy Arenivas moved from Ojinaga, Mexico to Midland, Texas. While raising her first daughter, Melissa, she took English as a Second Language classes, then passed her GED at Midland College. Thinking that a college degree was beyond her reach, she continued to clean houses for a living. After 16 years of domestic work, she woke up one day and said, "I have to do more with my life." Lucy headed

straight to the counselors offices at MC, where she received assistance with the FAFSA forms and obtained all necessary grants and scholarships to start college. After a year at MC, she received the Bill Pace Cogdell Scholarship, which paid all of her tuition and fees through both her associate degree at MC then her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish from UTPB. She also earned her Bilingual EC-4 Certification at UTPB (this designates her Early Childhood certification to teach children up through the 4th grade).

Lucy's oldest daughter is now 25 and graduated from University of Texas at San Antonio in 2006, the same year that Lucy graduated from UTPB! Her middle daughter, Rebecca, is currently a student at Midland College. And her youngest daughter, Juliett, who is only 11, might not know it yet, but she, too, will be going to college.

Lucy's education allowed her to do what she loves: teach. "I am so happy to get up in the mornings now. I love coming to work," Lucy said. "My mind is always busy, coming up with new ideas for how I can improve my teaching ... I don't mind working until 11:00 p.m. at night," she continued.

Lucy Arenivas has achieved her dream and now helps her students achieve theirs. The bulletin board in her classroom is titled, "Tengo un sueño"—*I have a dream*—and her 17 students have all contributed their "sueños" to the board. Her student Jennyfer Silva has written, "You quiero que todos los niños vayan a la escuela"—*I want all children to go to school*. Midland College is here to ensure that Jennyfer's dream will come true.



Alondra Guaderrama stirs eggs with Lucy

## Fundraising continues for jet simulator for Pilot program

Since becoming pilots, Vicki and Clint Hurt have enjoyed the thrill of flying their Beechcraft Bonanza together and become avid supporters of MC's Professional Pilot Program. Clint earned his pilot's license, and Vicki the required continuing education credits to keep hers current, in a program she calls one of MC's "best-kept secrets."

A few months ago, the Hurts launched a unique fundraising campaign to help support the Professional Pilot Program with their need to purchase a jet simulator. A simulator would greatly enhance the training for MC students, who currently must travel to Arlington for that phase of their training. "We really need this new simulator for our program, and are so grateful to the Hurts for this fundraising campaign," said Professional Pilot Program Director L.C. Durham.

The Hurts are sending letters with a "challenge coin" made especially for this fundraising campaign. Please see coin below bearing the MC logo with "Pilot Pepe." The origins of the challenge coin are much debated. But, the tradition requires pilots to carry their coins with them at all times. To ensure compliance, pilots will challenge each other to produce the coin. If the challenged cannot produce the coin, he is required to buy a drink of choice for the challenger.



Pilots Vicki and Clint Hurt

## briefly

"Coping with Change in the Workplace" begins February 2

This course demonstrates how students can react positively to change in the workplace. Whether it's handling a merger, new ownership, or an unexpected change in job status, this class will help students make the transition smoothly. The course costs \$129 and meets 8:00 - 9:45 a.m., Monday - Thursday, February 2 - 5 at MC's Advanced Technology Center (ATC), 3200 W. Cuthbert. Register online at www.midland.edu/workforce or call (432) 681-6326.

Workforce Continuing Education (WFCE) offers Multimedia Course for Nonprofit Organizations! Behind every nonprofit there is a compelling story. How did it begin? Why did it begin? Explore ways to capture your nonprofit's story using rich multimedia applications, which will make your story more accessible and increase your opportunity to share it with more people. The course costs \$59 and meets 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10 and Thursday, February 12 at the ATC. Registration is available at www.midland.edu/workforce or (432) 697-5863.

## MC celebrates African American History Month

### Save these dates!

Midland College, Midland Independent School District, the City of Midland, the Midland African American Roots Historical Cultural Arts Council and Grooming Excellence and Mastering Success (GEMS) present:

### "The African-American Experience: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow"

All events are FREE\* and open to the public!

Visit www.midland.edu or call (432) 682-2864 for more information.

**Wednesday, February 4, 12:00 p.m.**  
**Symposium I - "Adversity, Diversity: Cultural Challenges Now and Beyond"**

A diverse group of panelists discusses this complex topic, offers insights, and challenges attendees. *F. Marie Hall Academic Building, Room 101, MC Campus*

**Saturday, February 7, 10:30 a.m. (an all day event)**  
**"Education Day"**

Join us for a day of family fun. There will be a parade, entertainment by jazz artist Tom Braxton (\*tickets are \$20) and MISD Jazz ensembles, a poetry slam, and a small business expo. *Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut*

**Sunday, February 8, 6:00 p.m.**  
**"The Evolving African-American Experience: An Open Dialogue"**

This evening will focus on the use of documentaries—*Ethnic Notions* and *Tulia, Texas*—to reflect, analyze, and project: relating the matter to the "hood." *The Conversation Café at Visionary Hollowell Community United Methodist Church, 400 S. Marshall*

**Thursday, February 12, 6:00 p.m.**  
**"Strong Families = Strong Communities"**

Join us for the dedication of the Coleman High School Library in the name of the late teacher and philanthropist, Mrs. Bertha Mae Starks. Also, there will be a symposium concerning the issues our community faces and how parents and

youth can overcome them. *Coleman High School, 1600 E. Golf Course Road*

**Wednesday, February 18, 12:00 p.m.**  
**Symposium II - "Human Intolerance: The Scourge of the 21st Century"**

A diverse group of panelists explores the harsh reality of human intolerance—hate crimes, human trafficking, gender harassment, and more. *F. Marie Hall Academic Building, Room 101, MC Campus*

**Friday, February 20 (two-part event)**

**5:30 - 6:30 p.m. "Social & Economic Empowerment"** —Where are all the young African-American professionals? Find out at an evening of socializing where young African-American professionals can network. *The Mahogany Room at the Hilton Midland Plaza, 117 W. Wall Street*

**7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Jazz Concert, featuring Saxophonist Brad Leali**  
*Wagner & Brown Auditorium, Allison Fine Arts Building (AFA), MC Campus*

**Saturday, February 21 (three-part event)**

**3:00 - 10:30 p.m. "It's All About Expression: African-America's Influence on the Arts"** — Art exhibit featuring the works of Ted Ellis, with reception after at *McCormick Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Building*

**6:00 - 7:30 p.m. "2009 Talent Festival"** — An evening of entertainment featuring the youth of Midland, expressing their talents through music, dance, and song. *Wagner & Brown Auditorium, Allison Fine Arts Building*

**8:00 p.m. "Know Whair We've Been, Whair We're Going: Hair & Fashion Show"** — Take a virtual walk through history as local beauticians and barbers display hairstyles and fashions from the past, present, and beyond. Refreshments will be served after the event. *Wagner & Brown Auditorium, AFA*

**Saturday, February 28, 6:00 p.m.**  
**"The Cost of the Prize: Where Do We Go From Here?"**

Story telling by Eric Strong — Join us for a frank discussion on the state of African-Americans locally, nationally, and internationally. *The Conversation Café at Visionary Hollowell Community Methodist Church, 400 S. Marshall*



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