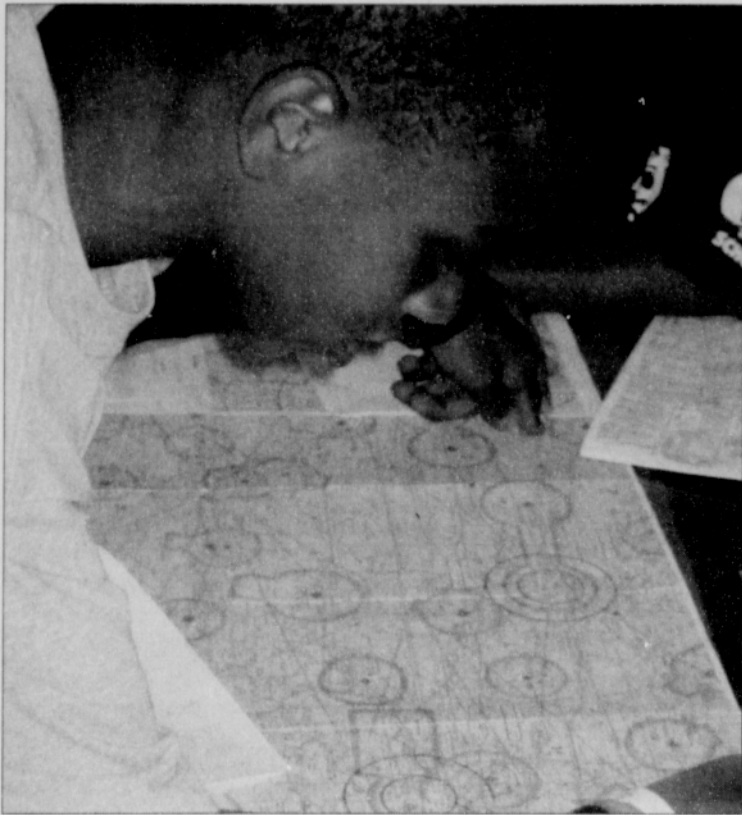


Aerospace Industry Inspires Learning



Chris Myers plots a flight using real-world pilot maps.



Daniel Santiago uses a flight simulator to simulate the flying of a Cessna 82RG.

Local kids recruited to after school program

The countdown has begun to start a new and special after-school program for kids, beginning mid-September at Portland Community College's Skill Center on the Cascade Campus in north Portland.

is sponsored by the Centers for Airway Science and is designed to inspire extracurricular learning of applied math, science, engineering and computer technology. It's also free.

"This has been the program's policy from the outset so as not to

exclude a child or family for lack of resources" said Robert Strickland, program founder.

State-of-the-art flight simulation equipment, plus upgraded software and flight modules are made available to the students as they discover aviation skills. The program has financial support from the Black United Fund of Oregon and the

Albina Rotary.

School officials are accepting applications now for elementary and middle school students. Eligible kids and parents will be scheduled for interviews starting the first week of September to fill approximately 30 slots.

Classes take place at PCC's Technology Education building. Stu-

dents will take part in a number of activities including learning flight mechanic and principles of flight. The flight simulators use real world flight planning and communication techniques for precision air traffic control and navigation.

The second phase of the program exposes kids to aircraft design and construction skill require-

ments through radio control model building and flying.

Applications are available at PCC Cascade, by calling CAS at 503-292-4542 or downloaded online at airwayscience.org.

The Centers for Airway Science is a non-profit organization serving the Portland, Vancouver and Hillsboro communities.

Youth Entrepreneurship

The Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs will host a Youth Entrepreneurship Conference this week at the OAME Cascade Plaza, 4134 N. Vancouver (corner of Skidmore & Vancouver).

A reception kicks off the annual event on Wednesday, Aug. 16 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17 begins the day of business training and entrepreneurship, business dis-

cussions, team playing, games, contest, prizes, a mini-business exposition and much more.

Guest speakers and corporate sponsors include representatives from the Portland Trail Blazers, Providence Health Systems, Brooks Staffing, Metro regional government, Bank of the West and Hoffman Construction.

For more information, please call OAME at 503-249-7744.

Housing Help Directed at Families

Idea is to keep children in local schools

The City of Portland has taken its first step to address the Portland School District's declining enrollment by adopting an "Operation Home" campaign to increase homeownership among communities of color and keep

families with children in the city.

The Bureau of Housing and Community Development announced the details of plans Thursday. The move is part of the Portland City Council's "Schools, Families, Housing" strategy, originally formulated and proposed by Commissioner Erik Sten.

"In order to have healthy schools, we need to provide affordable and appropriate housing options for families," Sten said.

The Portland Community Land Trust, in partnership with the African American Alliance for Home Ownership, will receive \$294,000 and the Portland Housing Center will receive \$206,000 to provide financial assistance to first time homebuyers in neighborhoods next to schools where enrollment needs to be stabilized.

These organizations will work with eligible households to help them purchase homes through tools including land trusts or an interest rate buy down program. The City expects to assist as many as 25

families with this initial investment.

Under the statewide school funding formula, Portland Public Schools receives about \$5,700 a year for each child enrolled in the district.

"Affordable housing for families is one part of a more robust strategy that will continue to be unveiled," Sten added. "The larger strategy will include parks, planning, school lunches, and neighborhood-based community development. We will not walk away from our parents, children or schools. There is more to come."

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