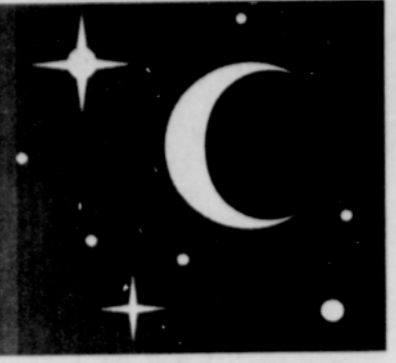


HOME and Garden



Give your child the world

A child's basic nature is to explore the world at hand, and enlarge it with creative activity. In the classic children's book *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak, our hero Max explores tall forests, sails vast oceans and discovers wild things—all within the confines of his bedroom.

Now you can transform a child's bedroom or playroom with a wall-size world map, and give your child a new way to experience his/her environment. Wall sized maps on the market today are available in two surfaces: regular paper or a write-on and wipe off surface. (That's one wall they can write on!) The dry-erase map provides real "hands on" learning as children let their imaginations plot trips across deserts, climb treacherous mountain ranges and explore the rain forests of South America.

You can also give your child a real educational advantage when you provide them with their own map-mural. Geography research studies have indicated that one out of seven Americans cannot locate the United States on a world map. Nancy Webber, instructor and chairperson of the Social Studies Department at West Charlotte High School in Charlotte, NC says, "Even a child who doesn't know where the U.S. or major



A wall-size world map, such as this one distributed by Environmental Graphics, gives children a new way to experience their environment.

countries are located cannot miss them with this map. If you have something like this in the room you get real familiar with the world."

Webber says map murals have many uses, especially the write-on wipe off map because, "You can write a life on this map."

One of the unique features of a map-mural is that students view the whole world in relationship to each continent. When you look at a globe, you can only see part of the world. Environmental Graphics, a Hopkins, MN-based company that designs wall murals, including an 8' x 13' world map (world's largest map), points out that their map panels can also be arranged in different configurations to emphasize different parts of the world.

Their wall mural are easier to install than wallpaper.

"Kids love our World Map," says Ted Yoch, president of Environmental Graphics.

"In addition to being very colorful, it's full of interesting details, such as world time zones, land elevation, topography, ocean depths, longitude and latitude, and major international cities."

Decorating a child's room with a world map has advantages over conventional wallpaper too. Unlike wallpaper patterns with childhood

themes, the map will age gracefully with your child. Children who are young will plot their own amusing adventures, and teenagers will find it useful and entertaining. "Some people tell us they use the map to stick pins in all the places they've been," added Yoch.

Map-murals also provide parents inspiration for creating a memorable room on a limited budget. A child's play area with few windows can be enhanced, or a sparse bedroom is enlivened with the installation of a wall mural. Wall murals offer positive, child-friendly decoration, rather than commercialized cartoon characters or rock stars.

Environmental Graphics manufactures other mural designs that equip a room for daydreams and fantasy. Put your head in the "Clouds," a mural of puffy clouds that float in a heavenly blue expanse, or view the "Earthrise" from the vantage point of the moon's surface, now, as Max says, "Let the wild rumpus start!"

For a full-color brochure showing available wall murals visit a Wallpapers To Go or Capital Paint & Decor in your area, or contact Environmental Graphics, (800) 328-3869, 717 South 5th St., Hopkins, MN 55343.

Free Home Energy Audits

You can make your oil heated home more comfortable and affordable and have a chance to win free heating oil for a year. You can take advantage of this special offer now, but don't wait too long. Summer is a time for savings.

The Oregon Office of Energy's State Home Oil Weatherization (SHOW) program offers free home energy audits, free furnace efficiency tests, and cash incentives to help Oregonians who heat with oil save on their home heating bills.

Through the free home energy audit, homeowners and renters can learn what they can do to save the most money. Trained energy specialists will check the insulation in the attic, walls, and floors, inspect the windows and perform a furnace efficiency test. A written energy analysis helps the homeowners and renters understand which actions make the most sense for them.

The SHOW program offers all households that heat with oil cash rebates of 25 percent of the cost of insulation or of a new high efficiency flame retention oil burner. Funding for the rebates is limited and will be available with no maximum income limit on a first-come, first-served basis until the money is gone. The maximum rebate is \$400.00.

Low-interest loans are also available to pay for those measures and for new, energy saving windows or high efficiency replacement oil furnaces. The loans are offered by participating lenders throughout the state at 6.5 percent interest to Oregonians who heat their homes with oil.

Anyone who has not had an energy audit and requests one for their oil heated home by October 31st will be entered in a drawing for free heating oil for a year, up to 500 gallons. Only Oregon customers are eligible and only for one free home energy audit. If you have not taken advantage of this service, now is the time to call SHOW toll-free at 1-800-452-8660 to schedule your free home energy audit. Let us show you how you can save and you may be the one who wins the free home heating oil.

Neighborhood Hearing

The Community Alliance of Tenants - CAT - is holding a Southeast Portland Neighborhood Hearing to kick off the Renter's Rights Campaign. The Hearing will be held Wednesday, July 9th, 7:00 PM at the Southeast Multicultural Center - 4610 SE Belmont - Bus Route #15.

CAT will present their Renter's Rights Platform for City Council, while providing area renters the opportunity to tell their stories, give input on the platform and get involved with the campaign.

There will also be a Renter's Rights Clinic -- staffed by volunteer lawyers and CAT hotline staff - to

answer specific questions in a one on one atmosphere.

The Neighborhood Hearing is an excellent opportunity to become involved with the Renter's Rights Movement and to win real protections for renters from abusive landlords.

Anyone interested in Renter's Rights and social justice issues should attend.

This event is free and wheelchair accessible. Free childcare will be provided if arranged in advance. For more information or to register for childcare, call the Community Alliance of Tenants at 460-9702.

Fertilize Fading Annuals

BY BOB ROST

Give spring-planted annual flowers their second wind with a mid-summer application of fertilizer.

"Many home gardeners think the fading of spring-planted annuals is natural, but it is not," said Jan McNeilan, consumer horticulture agent with the Oregon State University Extension Service.

Most flowering bedding plants will continue to grow and bloom throughout the summer, especially if fertilized every few weeks.

By now, the fertilizer that was mixed with the soil when the annual was planted has been used up. A side-dressing of fertilizer applied every six weeks or so after planting will keep annuals going strong.

During the hot, dry summer

weather too much fertilizer can injure plants. Apply about two pounds of a garden-type granular fertilizer, such as a 5-10-5 combination, per 100 square feet of area. This is approximately one teaspoon per square foot.

"Water-soluble fertilizers also can be used," McNeilan said. Follow manufacturer's directions and apply at about four-week intervals. Be sure that the plants to be fertilized are not limp and that the soil is not dry.

Water thoroughly the day before and again after the fertilizer has been applied. In addition to fertilization, removal of faded blooms will improve the appearance of the plants, and at the same time prevent the plant's energy from going into seed production.

Deep-watering helps in hot weather

BY BOB ROST

During periods of especially hot and dry weather, make sure smaller trees and shrubs in the home landscape get adequate moisture by deep-watering.

Plants weakened by lack of water are more susceptible to insect attack and disease, according to Jan McNeilan, consumer horticulture agent with the Oregon State University Extension Service.

"Deep-watering trees and shrubs is simply a matter of watering them for longer periods during the summer than at other times of the year," McNeilan said. "Trees and shrubs in

their first growing season usually need this type of irrigation more than most other plants. Less deep-watering is needed for shallow-rooted plants."

Water travels downward through the soil, not outward. To keep the water directly over the plant roots it sometimes helps to build watering basins around the trunk of a tree.

Check to see how moist the soil is below the surface by digging down with a shovel about a foot and a half. Moist soil at that level means the roots have sufficient moisture for vigorous growth.

Affordable housing for seniors comes on line

Allen-Fremont Plaza Apartments is a 63 one-bedroom affordable apartments for people 55 years and older with a qualifying income. The \$4.5 million project is the first done by an African-American non-profit sponsor group in

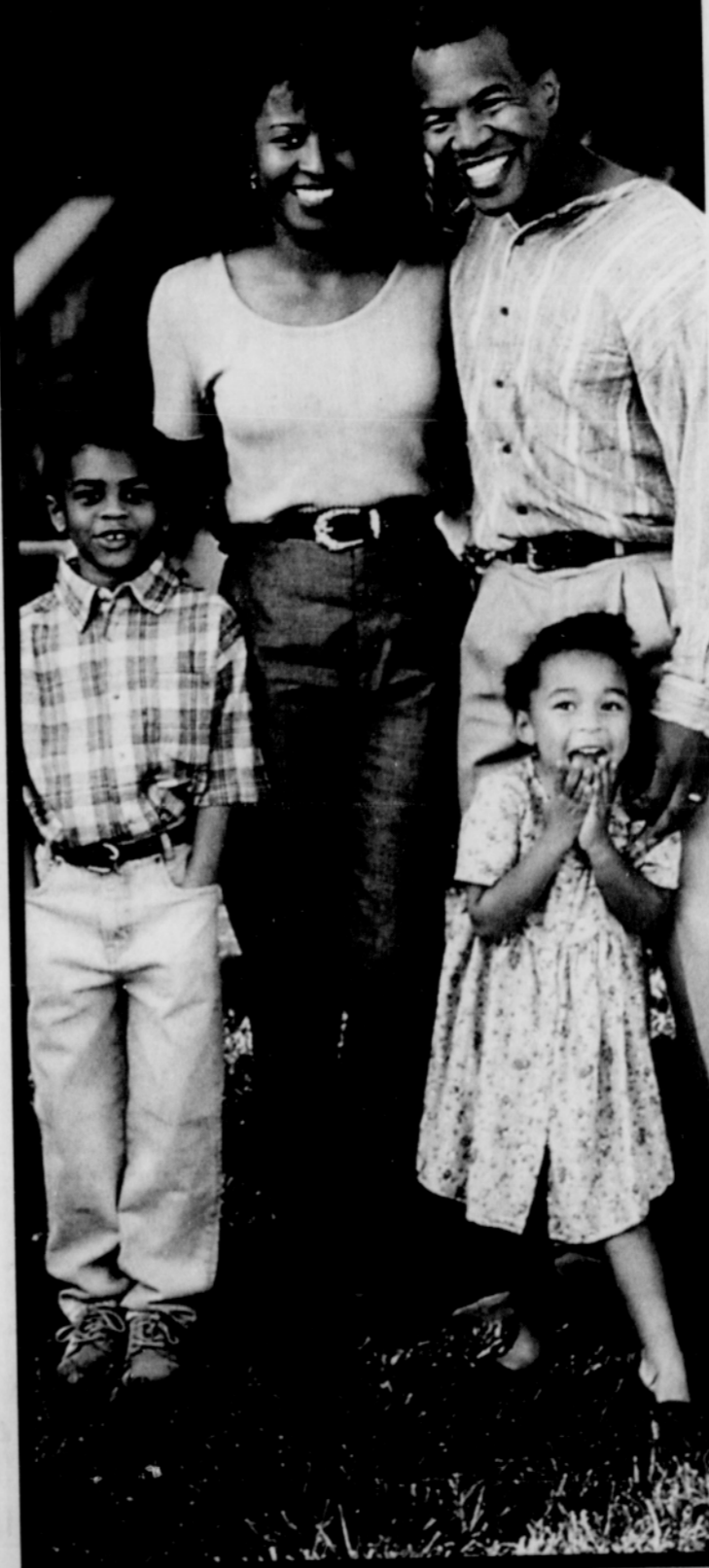
the State of Oregon.

The Allen-Fremont Plaza Apartments is located at 221 N. E. Fremont St. (one block west of MLK, Jr. Blvd.)

The General Baptist Convention of the Northwest owns the project

site and understands the great need for affordable senior housing. The Convention formed a non-profit, GBC, Inc., to facilitate the financing of the project. GBC, Inc. also joined with JM Woolley & Associates to develop the housing.

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