



Points East

By:
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There's only two things that money can't buy and that's true love, and home grown 'maters.

I was visiting Steve and Rita Ibershoff in the late 80's a few miles north of that state's shoreline on the Gulf of Mexico when I first heard that line from a song being sung live by somebody on a public radio station.

"Home grown 'maters. Home grown 'maters. Love to serve you up with a big plate of taters. Only two things that money can't buy And that's true love and home grown 'maters."

The song was typical of public radio performers, about five minutes long and addressed a few political issues between guitar riffs but the ultimate truth is that no tomato is anywhere near as tasty or as appreciated as the ones you grow yourself. You can go to your neighborhood gardens and pick a basket-full. Or to the Amish Farmer's Market where little girls in black, ankle-length dresses and bonnets assure you that the three-pounder you are admiring was fertilized with nothing stronger than horse manure and that they, personally, squashed, between thumb and forefinger, every bug that got within a mile of the tomato patch. Little Amish girls will catch a beetle and turn it into pulp between a snap of thumb and forefinger to demonstrate to you that, even though they have high regard for life and livelihood, they are more than willing to annihilate any attack on their tomatoes.

And then you wish that your son was as brave as these fearless little Amish girls and you try to figure out a way to get him dating one of these girls because you figure they could straighten him out in a hurry, too, by grabbing onto his carlobe and pretending it was a beetle and you would not mind, at all, having a daughter-in-law so incredibly pretty and industrious.

Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves



Graves Reunion

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Saturday, September 1st was the day set aside for the Graves and Price Reunion at the Graves community center at Blue Springs. This has been an ongoing get together every fall for several years. Since I am not known as a reporter of events this may not be complete nor satisfactory to all the attendees. I'm sorry about that. But, just like my sweet and sour column, I do the best I can.

This year, the reunion was held on Saturday instead of the usual Sunday



Eva Graves-Jones, '92, performing with the "New Paved Highway Band" at the 2001 Graves Reunion held recently. Members of the band, from left: Robbie McFerron, Mike McFerron, Jerry Fingleton and Benton Doan.

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spend effort transplanting it and before anybody knew what was going on it began blooming and the main stalk thickened to a plant that looked more like a tree. Maybe all these terrorists running around the country can snuff out a blooming tomato plant, but I can't do it and so announced to my family. By mid-August the plant was heavily laden with tomatoes that obviously were not cherries. Some of them were already soft-ball sized and growing.

On August 20 (I marked it on the calendar) there were 38 tomatoes on this single vine and I asked Patty to make a recount to be sure. Then I used a fillet knife to trim back bundles of extra vine that we were tripping through to get into the house.

gathered in some stakes, and bunched the tomatoes up on them. My best guess is that the fruit laden plants weighed at last 50 pounds. At this writing we are picking tomatoes for everyone we know and all

we can eat in the house from a single plant. I'm saving seed even though I know for a fact that the plant is cross-bred and the fruit next year may be cherry tomatoes.

We still have thirty or so plants in the garden that have done their due with exception to a new set here or there that we will use for fried green tomatoes and a ripe one if we have patience. We sincerely-even fervently--hope the Amish kids are doing as well.

And who knows. Like I said, I'm

saving seed from the flower bed tomato and if you want a few, just send me a self addressed, stamped envelope and I'll see that you get them. If they come up tommy-toes, (cherry tomatoes) please know that that's what I expected them to be this year.

In the meantime I'm having them for breakfast and supper every day and there's nothing money can buy that tastes this good. Not even true love.

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We may look like outlaws, but we won't hold up up!

...Luke Gooch



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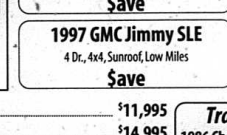
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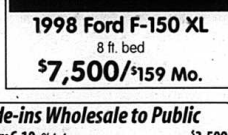
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