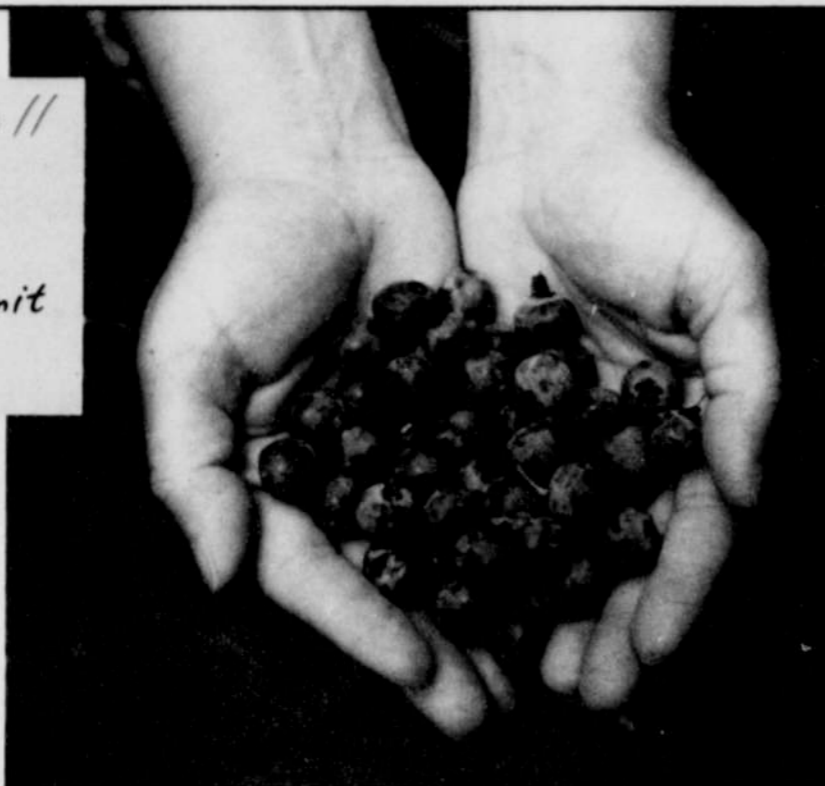


Linda/Greg Brown //
 LANDSCAPE DESIGNER /
 CONTRACTOR, FARMER,
 INSTRUCTOR

*"You have to submit
 yourself to Mother
 Nature."*

Linda/Greg grows an acre
 of blueberries in Boring,
 producing six-to-eight tons
 a year, and is an adjunct
 professor in a local land-
 scaping program. Brown
 and his/her wife are also
 growing heirloom cucumbers,
 tomatoes and salad greens.

"I found Nichol's Nursery (1190 Old Salem Road NE, Albany, 800-422-3985) has miniature heads of lettuce called Tom Thumb," Brown says. Sounds perfect to grow for the couple's farmstand.

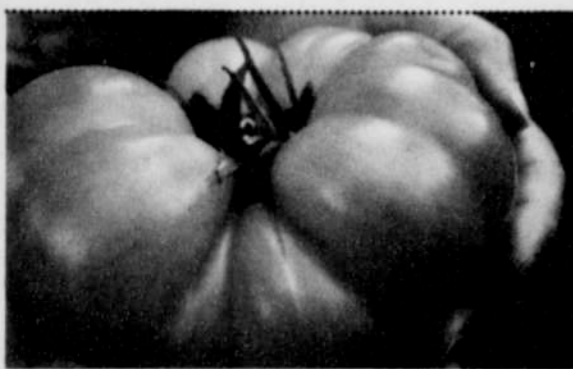


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Tom Winterrowd // RETIRED

"When you're growing it in your backyard you definitely know where it comes from."

Discovering high fructose syrup in just about everything, including ketchup, propelled Winterrowd to grow and preserve his own food. You may have seen him over the past nine years at Portland Farmers' Market, where he served on the board of directors and sold his heirloom tomato starts. "Heirloom tomato seeds have been passed down from generation to generation," Winterrowd notes. "So many of the hybridized tomatoes don't have the taste or personalities the heirlooms have." This year, he's taking a break from selling starts to grow his own food on his farm in Canby. Something Winterrowd looks forward to this summer? Grilling a sweet pepper on the barbecue. He recommends Red Marconi and Golden Marconi. And his favorite cherry tomato? Tigerilla.



Sam Adams // MAYOR

*"My older sister used
 to call me 'Mr. Green-
 Jeans' because I was
 always in the dirt with
 bib overalls on."*

Portland's mayor is an avid organic gardener and shares his North Portland garden with two chickens. He's been particularly successful with the finicky-to-grow garlic, and says, "It's required me to work and rework the soil just so." I heard a rumor he's good at growing tomatoes: He recommends Zupans on West Burnside (2340 W. Burnside, 503-497-1088) for exotic tomato starts, especially Russian varieties.

Plans for Adams' garden this year? Retooling his homemade drip irrigation system.

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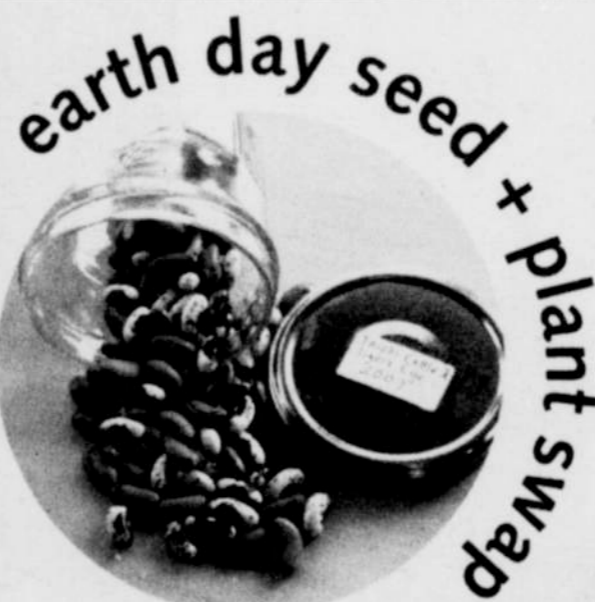
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