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TODAY

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WEATHER

Sunny and hot.
High 95. Low 55

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Grassroots Garden



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Jessica Castillo (right) helps Jacob Hellman plant tomato vines at the Grassroots Garden in northeast Eugene.

Community harvest

Food from the Grassroots Garden provides support for the needy

By April Carmichael
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Imagine learning the art of farming and helping to feed Lane County families at the same time. That's what a church youth group, a summer camp of elementary school kids and University students are up to this summer.

The Grassroots Garden is a cooperative project between FOOD for Lane County, St. Thomas Episcopal Church and the University of Oregon Urban Farm class. Within the program, students and volunteers alike can experience working in a garden while

needy families of Lane County benefit.

All the food grown is given to families in distress, said program director Peter Barrell. Last year 37,000 pounds of food was raised on the two-acre plot. Approximately 35,000 people are fed by it a month, 60 percent of whom are children.

The garden is now in a state of transition, as it is being shifted to a completely organic production.

"We are converting from tractor-oriented to permanent raised beds," said Barrell.

"We welcome anyone who wants to get involved."

— Peter Barrell
Program director

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Promise controversy prompts petition

■ **PETITION:** Nearly 600 people want money from Promise Keepers' August visit to fund an anti-discrimination conference

By Kristin Bailey
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With the August visit of the Promise Keepers only three weeks away, the controversy surrounding the men's Christian group has reached the University administration.

Dan Williams, vice president of the administration, met with student leaders Wednesday and received a petition signed by nearly 600 University students, alumni and Oregon residents. The petition expresses concerns surrounding the way in which the University agreed to rent Autzen stadium to the Promise Keepers. Petitioners also asked that profits generated from the rental be used to fund an anti-discrimination conference.

"I was very impressed with the thoughtfulness and thoroughness of the petition," Williams said. "But I haven't digested it all yet."

The Promise Keepers have agreed to pay \$50,000 for the use of Autzen Stadium during the weekend of August 2. More than 40,000 men are expected to attend. Williams said the money will stay within the Athletic

WHAT'S NEXT?

■ **JULY 19:** The Pacifica Forum will present an analysis and description of the Promise Keepers' lifestyle

■ **AUGUST 2:** A vigil organized by the petition's creators will take place in the Autzen Stadium parking lot

■ **AUGUST 2-3:** Peace Keepers convention, Autzen Stadium

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Two-car collision kills Eugene woman

■ **ACCIDENT:** The incident occurred at the intersection of East 13th Avenue and Patterson Street

By Andrea De Young
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A two-car accident Wednesday morning killed one person and left another in the hospital.

Muriel McDougald, 66, was pronounced dead after being partially ejected through the sunroof of her Ford Explorer.

The collision, which occurred shortly before 10:30, caused the Explorer to flip over and land on its roof. The car was being driven by McDougald's husband, Gene, 66, who was pulled out of the car by witnesses and taken to Sacred Heart Medical Center. He was later listed in fair condition with a

fractured shoulder.

According to Eugene Police Department spokesperson Brian Terrett, a Mazda 626, driven by a 16-year-old female, was heading east on 13th Avenue toward the University and ran a red light at the Patterson Street intersection. The car collided head-on with the Explorer, which was heading south on Patterson.

The front end of the Mazda was smashed in, but the driver was uninjured. She was immediately taken to the Women's Care clinic on the corner of E. 13th and Patterson where her family was called and she was

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Firefighters stand in the intersection of 13th and Patterson at the scene of a car accident that resulted in one death.