



Photo by Jeff Paslay

Robert Patrick terminates no one in his new film, *Fire in the Sky*, a thought-provoking sci-fi movie.

## They came —from— HOLLYWOOD

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SUTHERLIN — For Hollywood, it was a close encounter of the Oregon kind.

And the result is predicted to be a unique sci-fi movie.

*Fire in the Sky*, a Paramount science-fiction picture slated for a March or April 1993 release, finished its filming here this week to rave reviews from the cast about the state and the script.

Robert Lieberman, director of the film, which is budgeted around \$20 million, said the finished product will be a UFO story that few will expect when they enter a theater to watch it.

"It's a humanistic take to a sci-fi," said Lieberman, who is better known for directing thousands of TV commercials. "This is a pretty unusual picture. It's a film that's never been made before. Rarely do you sit down and watch a sci-fi movie that turns into a drama."

The story depicts a supposedly true 1975 Arizona

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## Homeless families to be evicted today

□ The Division of State Lands threatens to obtain a court order if families don't move

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At least 40 homeless families illegally camped near Armitage Park are being forced to move on, with children and belongings in tow, in search of any place to call home.

The campers, many of whom have called the land on the McKenzie River home since the summer months, received eviction notices last Monday from the Division of State Lands.

The notice said they have until Oct. 1, or five days from the date notified, to vacate the premises.

County Commissioner Jerry Rust planned to visit the camp this morning at 8:30 to discuss various options with the campers. Also from noon to 2 p.m.

today, a vigil, organized by the campers and the community, will take place at the encampment.

Many of the families that have lived at the camp for several months are gripped with feelings of sadness, despair, and most of all, uncertainty.

"We don't know what's happening from day one to day two," said Roxanne, who declined to give her last name. "Where are we supposed to go?"

Others blame the system for its inability to produce jobs or affordable housing.

"The government is not for the people," said Laurel, who also refrained from giving her last name. She comforted her six-day-old baby girl as her two other young children played noisily inside the family's old converted bus.

Besides not having anywhere to go, most said their situation

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Photo by David Natt

Billy (left) and Jackie Burk, a homeless couple, face an uncertain future as the deadline approaches for them to leave Armitage Park.

## University could lose journalism grant if Measure 9 passes

□ OCA leader says threat will help state initiative

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A University alumnus planning to give money to the School of Journalism said he believes he could not do so if Ballot Measure 9 passes this November.

Randy Shilts, a 1975 journalism school graduate, said he had planned to donate a portion of his new book's royalties to

the school.

The book, *Conduct Unbecoming*, is slated for release next April and deals with gays in the military. Shilts, a national correspondent for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, covers health issues, AIDS and the gay community.

Shilts is also the author of several books, including *And the Band Played On* and *The Mayor of Castro Street*. Oliver Stone is producing a film adaptation of *The Mayor of Castro Street* that will star Robin Williams. Gus Van Sant will direct the film when production com-

mences next April.

Shilts said as an openly gay man, he would not see fit to endow money to any agency or institution of the state of Oregon should Measure 9 pass.

The measure would amend the Oregon Constitution by declaring homosexuality abnormal. It would require state government and institutions, including state school systems, to discourage it.

"Measure 9, after all, would equate me with a child molester and order that the state's official policy toward myself and people like me be that I am perverted

and morally wrong," Shilts said about his refusal to give funds if the measure becomes law.

"It's just so offensive to me as a human being," he said.

Currently, Shilts' case is an isolated one. A University News Bureau representative said the agency knows of no other grants that are in jeopardy of being canceled because of Measure 9.

Jennifer King, assistant dean of the School of Journalism, said she proposed

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### WEATHER

Break out your umbrellas and enjoy the great food and entertainment at the ASUO Street Faire today through Friday.

Today will be cooler and possibly wet in the Eugene-Springfield area, with a high of 70-75.

Friday will bring a chance of those well-known showers and mostly cloudy skies. Fall is here.

### BUSS AND RIDE

(AP) — A street reopened after 21 years offers romance in downtown Eugene. It's got a kissing lane - for busses only.

And with the sign posted prominently at the stoplight, it even gives the driver time for a quick smooch.

City officials were a bit chagrined at the sign, positioned over the transit lane at the south end of a \$600,000 street reopening project along the Eugene mall.

"I guess this is buss and ride," said City Council member Shawn Boles.

Eugene's not an unfriendly town, but city officials really intended to suggest that folks should be taking the bus, not taking a buss.

One is a vehicle. The other is a kiss.

### SPORTS

LONDON (AP) — Vinny Jones, the self-styled tough guy of English soccer, was charged with misconduct Wednesday for starring in a video glorifying violence and cheating in the sport.

In the video, Jones pays tribute to "an elite brand of hard men," gives a guide to soccer's dirty tricks and talks about some of his own on-field skirmishes.

Jones describes the various ploys used by enforcers: elbowing opponents when jumping for headers, poking them in the eyes, raking their calves after the ball is gone and lifting them by their armpit hair when they are on the ground.