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BIJOU METRO CINEMA OPENS DOWNTOWN

After some delays and years of planning, the curtain is rising on the newest theater downtown — the Bijou Metro. Saturday, June 1, the art house cinema will open to the public with screenings of the Japanese anime film *From Up On Poppy Hill*, *The Angels' Share* (a whiskey flick), *The Rep* (a movie about indie cinemas with an appearance by the Bijou's owner-booker Ed Schiessl) and a midnight showing of a cult classic (TBD).

A recent tour of the new theater revealed four intimate auditoriums seating from 17 to 36 people, screens that range from 13 to 16 feet on the horizontal and American-made rocker back cinema seats. "They have two more inches of foam than most of the other chairs that we looked at," Schiessl says. Through the projection window, patrons can see the new digital projection system that the Bijou was able to purchase after raising more than \$50,000 on Kickstarter.

The cozy lobby will have concessions similar to the original Bijou on 13th — paninis, hot dogs and rotating local beers, wines and ciders — in addition to the usual movie theater grub. Between the four auditoriums is a thoroughfare to the First National Taphouse, where Bijou moviegoers with stamped tickets can order off a special menu at the counter through the "red carpet service." But don't bother sneaking in, there will be cameras on the Taphouse entrance, and, as Schiessl points out, "It will be pretty easy to tell if anyone sneaks into a 17-seat auditorium."

— Alex Notman

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spoke at the annual Sadat Lecture for Peace at the University of Maryland, and that event was free.

At the culmination of the Portland events — right before the Chili Peppers played songs like "Californication" and "Give It Away" — the treasurer of Maitripa College came out and gave a customary financial disclosure of the visit. While the Portland events took in \$850,000, the expenses came to \$550,000. About 30 percent of the remaining \$300,000 was given to Maitripa, which offers graduate degrees in Buddhist studies, and the rest to charities via The Office of Tibet in New York.

Weiler says the UO "wanted to avoid turning a profit because we are a public entity and it would be difficult for us to donate money to charity." He adds, "We also wanted to make our ticket prices as low as possible so that virtually anyone who wanted to attend could afford a ticket."

— Camilla Mortensen

VOTERS WANT TREES, WILDLIFE AND CLEAN WATER

Oregonians would rather protect water, forests, fish and wildlife on their federal forestlands than cut them down for money for the timber economy and local governments. That's the gist of a recent bipartisan statewide poll of likely voters in western Oregon by the Pew Charitable Trusts.

The poll came out of Gov. John Kitzhaber's panel of timber interests, conservationists and county commissioners who were tasked with finding a solution for Oregon's O&C lands, named for the Oregon and California Railroad. The lands have historically been logged to generate revenue for counties. Conservationists say the trees have more value left standing, while logging proponents beg to differ. The governor's panel stemmed from a controversial proposal by Rep. Peter DeFazio and two other congressmen to split the forests between conservation and logging.

"This new poll clearly shows that any plan moving forward on O&C lands should include balanced protections for clean drinking water, ancient forests and fish and wildlife — something Oregonians feel

very strongly about," says Nicole Cordan of Pew. She adds, "These lands are about timber, but they are about a whole lot more."

The poll asked voters to give their top priorities for O&C lands. The choices were stabilizing funding for local governments; ensuring the future of logging jobs and the timber economy; protecting places to hunt, fish, hike, swim and enjoy the outdoors; or protecting old-growth forests, bodies of water and the wildlife that live there.

The top priority both statewide and in the "target counties," which house large swathes of O&C lands, including Lane, Josephine, Jackson and Douglas, was "protecting old-growth forests, bodies of water and the wildlife that live there." The lowest priority was stabilizing local government funding.

A second question asked if voters would rather allow for logging on 20 percent of the O&C public lands and produce \$40 million in annual revenue for local governments (Plan One) or log roughly 60 percent and produce \$165 million (Plan Two). Pew says, "The survey found that voters favor Plan One by a strong majority (61 percent favor, 29 percent oppose) but are divided over Plan Two (45 percent favor, 46 percent oppose)."

Sen. Ron Wyden announced his framework for a forest plan for the O&C lands on May 23. While it keeps the idea of dividing the forests between conservation and "sustainable timber harvests," it also calls for retaining federal logging rules on the federal lands. Earlier plans calling for waiving federal logging rules on the O&C lands drew the ire of environmentalists. Find the Pew poll at wkly.ws/1hi. — Camilla Mortensen

UO'S GARDENS GROW POST-COURTHOUSE

UO's decades-old urban farm program didn't sprout overnight, but the university's various farm projects are now growing fast. In addition to the 1.5 acre Urban Farm north of Franklin Boulevard, it added sites on Columbia and Moss Streets in 2012. The Service-Learning Program started a farm at Edison Elementary School in the Fairmount neighborhood.

Farm Director Harper Keeler says that the sites on Columbia and Moss Streets will allow

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