



Oregon Zoo celebrates holiday season

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Fall is known as the season of change but in no place is that any more apparent this year than at the Oregon Zoo. The Oregon Zoo, which celebrated its 124th birthday on Nov. 7, has a lot to celebrate this holiday season.

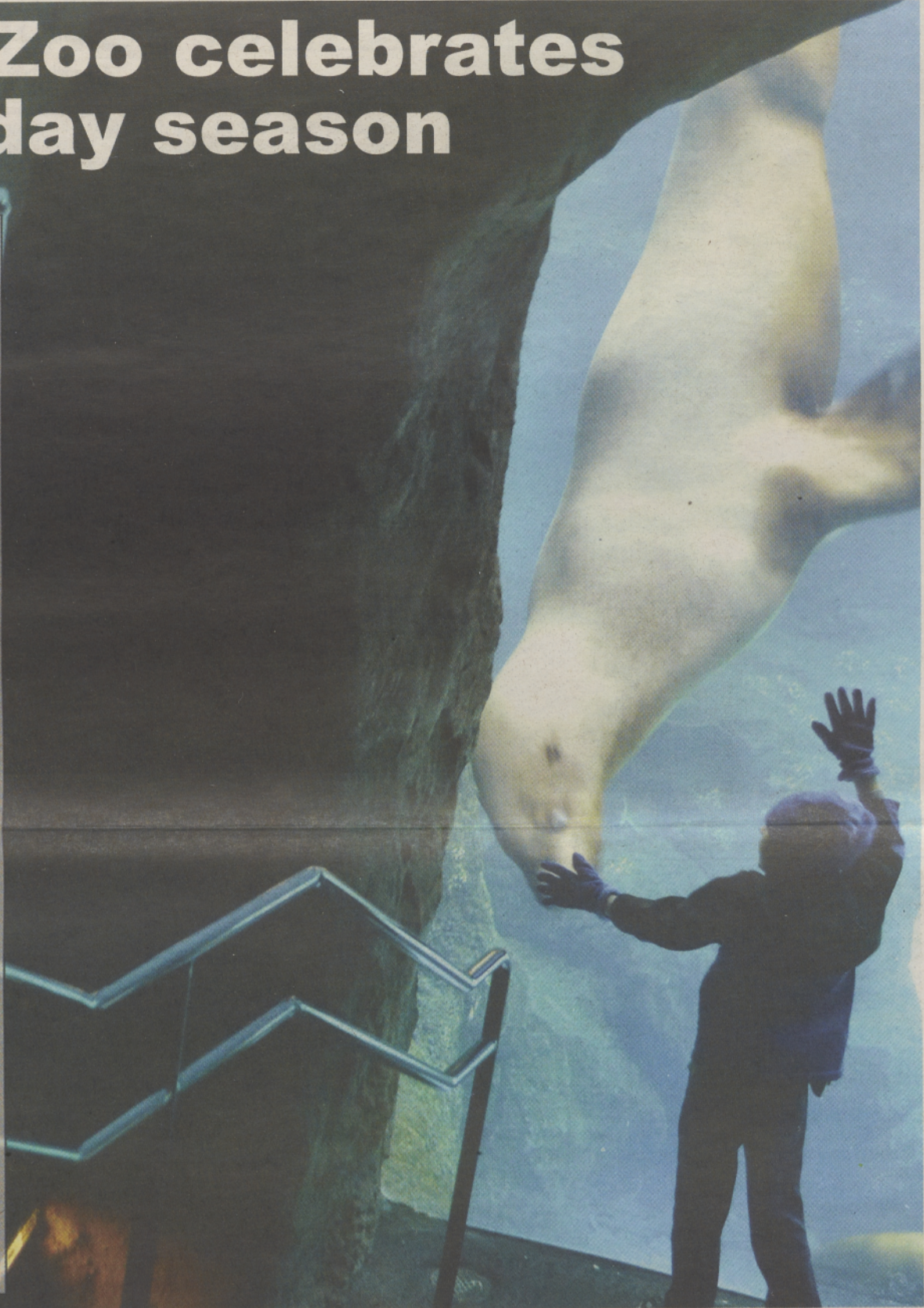
In 2008, voters approved the zoo for a \$125 million bond to protect animal health and safety, increase access to conservation education and upgrade zoo facilities. Today, much of this is coming into fruition with larger habitats opening for the animals.

On Nov. 13, the penguins were moved into their newly renovated home. Previously, they had been sharing a divided part of the polar bear exhibit while waiting for the updates to the Penguinarium to be finished. One update, a new water filter, will save 7 million gallons of water a year.

Joe Redding, who has worked as a design tech at the zoo for six years, continues the effort to make positive enhancements to the zoo.

"They are always improving something. Always making something better," said Reddin. This year the annual Zoo Lights celebration will begin using LED lights which are more energy efficient. The annual festivity involves decorating the entire zoo with Christmas lights to enjoy after hours. According to Redding, the LED lights are the only upgrade for Zoo Lights this year, but next year there will be big changes as much of the ongoing construction will be finished by this time.

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Cougars dominate Highline CC

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"I would say I really enjoy teaching," said seventh-year Clackamas Community College wrestling head coach Josh Rhoden. "Whether it's the sport of wrestling, life skills, decision making, or whatever the topic, I like to help these guys to be better."

Rhoden is an intense coach who holds his wrestlers to a high standard. Cougar wrestling is one of the programs at CCC that is credited with national acclaim. Athletes from all over the nation come to Oregon in order to attend Clackamas and be part of the

wrestling program.

"In practice, I feel like I am very demanding," said Rhoden. "We expect these guys to practice as close to perfect as possible, and I look in the corner and see myself and Bret Born fire up for them, coaching them through situations on the mat."

The team is ranked No. 3 nationally in the National Junior College Athletic Association pre-season rankings. Rhoden and both assistant coaches, coach Born and Rich Vigorito, have been at Clackamas for seven years. Every season in their tenure the Cougars have gone to nationals, never placing below 8th.

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Top: The Oregon Zoo just celebrated its 124th birthday and is making new changes with the holiday season, including updating the annual Zoo Lights and creating larger habitats for the animals.

Bottom: Freshman Cody Allala from Hopewell, Va. pins Kario Wallin from Highline Community College in 4:23 of the first round in the 165 pound weight class.



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