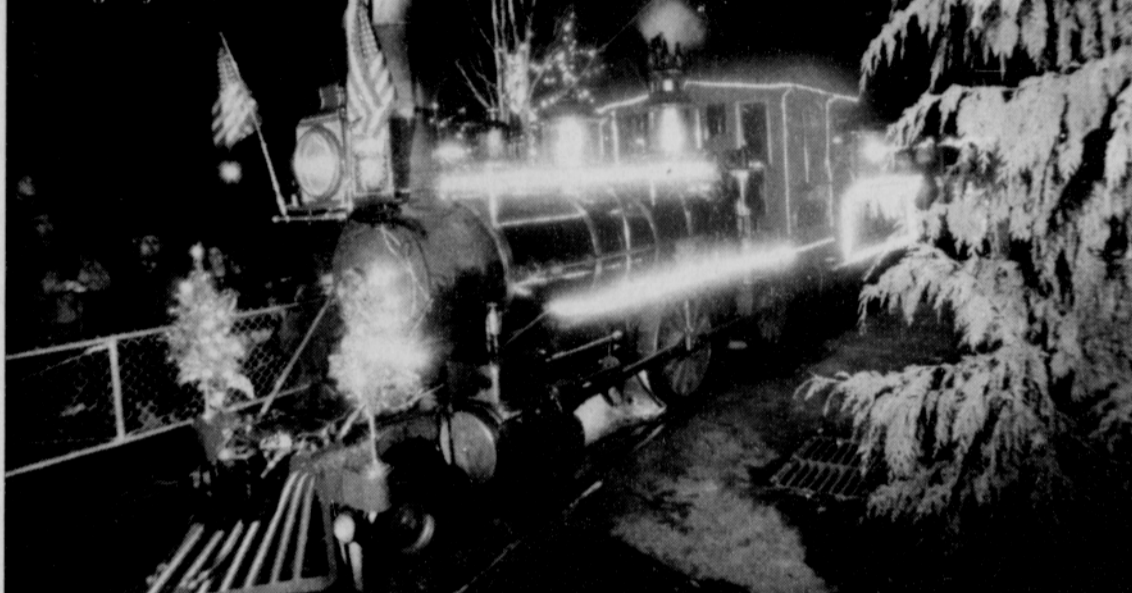


# Zoo Lights! Illuminate the Season

The Oregon Zoo train transports zoo visitors through a maze of holiday lights at the 15th annual Zoo Lights festival.

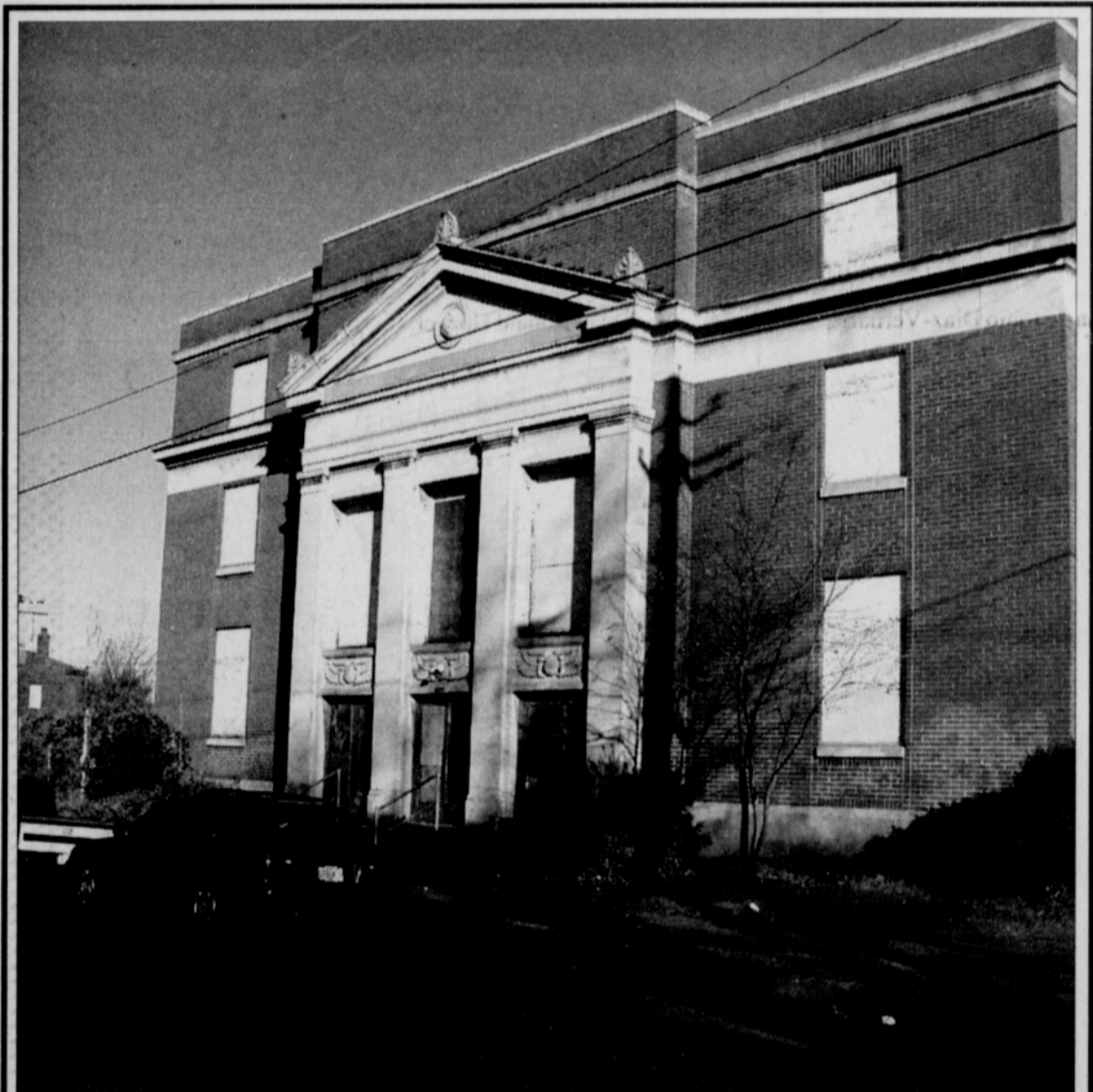


## Portland Zoo expands celebration of light and animals

The Oregon Zoo is alive in lights almost each night this month for the 15th annual Zoo Lights festival. This family tradition will feature several life-sized animal silhouettes, trees, and pathways all bedecked in more than half-a-million lights. "It's become a great tradition for our visitors," said zoo director Tony Vecchio. Many new silhouettes can be found throughout the zoo including swinging siamangs and diving dolphins. A rotating mobile that features aquatic animals will domi-

nate the zoo's plaza. Deeper inside the zoo, an anaconda is re-created in lights at the Amazon Flooded Forest exhibit. The zoo's popular costumed characters and elves will all be on hand to greet zoo visitors and pose for pictures. Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer will be joined by Buddy Beaver, Honey Bear, Eliza Elephant, and KiKi Monkey, just to name a few. Visitors can also see some of the zoo's resident animals, including bats, mountain goats, elephants,

primates, and a rambunctious herd of petable pygmy goats. Vecchio said the festival lights bring families back year after year. "Some parents who visited as children are now bringing their children," he said. Zoo Lights runs nightly through Dec. 29. Hours are 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday through Thursdays, and 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The lights and other activities will continue for one hour past gate closing time. The festival is closed Dec. 24 and 25.



## Temple Near Jefferson Awaits Fate

The old Masonic Temple across from Jefferson High School on North Commercial Avenue may be sold by Portland Public Schools, the current owner of the property, which has sat abandoned for years. In January, the district will hold a community meeting to take public input on the proposed disposition of the Temple and the Tubman Annex, located to the south of Tubman Middle School on North Flint.

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## Affirmative Action Case

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companion case addressing the school's undergraduate policy, which was argued on the same day as the law school case. Justices took the unusual step of taking the case anyway, without awaiting a ruling. The high court has passed up other well-known cases that presented similar questions about the role of race in higher education. There was pressure from both sides of the debate for the court to intervene now. "It is hardly an exaggeration to say that the court's decision in these cases will directly affect the lives not only of this generation of students but of generations of students to follow," Theodore Shaw, counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, told justices in a filing on behalf of black and Hispanic students. The last college higher education case at the high court involved Allan Bakke, a white man rejected for admission to a California medical school while minorities with lower test scores got in through a special program.

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The court on a 5-4 vote outlawed racial quotas. Justice Lewis F. Powell wrote separately that schools could still consider race, so long as they did not use quotas. Courts around the country have set contradictory rules. Only two of the justices who considered that 1978 case still sit on the court — Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justice John Paul Stevens.

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### Penny penalty

Middle-distance runner Violeta Szekely has been ordered by a Bucharest court to pay 1 leu (less than 1 U.S. cent) in moral damages to her rival Gabriela Szabo after a row between the two top Romanian female track athletes, the court said Thursday. Szabo sued Szekely in 2001 for calling her "small and hunched" following an exchange of insults between the two carried in the media.

### Turkish preteen enlisted

Turkish Prime Minister Abdykka Gul's son has reportedly been called up to do his military service even though he is only 11 years old. Turkish media reports say Mehmet Emre Gul, who goes to school in Ankara, has received a letter from the defence ministry ordering him to report immediately to an army enrolment office to carry out the necessary formalities for his military service.

### Bare truth about kilts

On the eve of Saint Andrew's Day comes fresh evidence of what women around the world always suspected: when donning kilts, real Scotsmen prefer to swing free. Sixty-nine per cent of Scots quizzed on their way into Scotland's rugby test matches said they wore nothing under their kilts, according to the poll taken by Scotch whisky distiller Famous Grouse. Of the others, 14 per cent said they wore boxer shorts, and 10 per cent coyly replied "other," including one gentleman who confessed to wearing a Batman thong.

## Week in The Review

### Against all odds

Winners of a \$9.7 million Virginia Lotto jackpot 11 years ago, Clyde and Edith Shinault could afford to spend \$60 a week on lottery tickets.

Now they can afford to spend more. The Shinaults, who won a big jackpot in 1991, bought a scratch ticket last week that will provide them \$1,000 a week for life. The odds of winning were 1.2 million to one. Edith Shinault, 59, will receive quarterly checks worth \$13,000 before taxes as long as she lives. The couple continues to receive a \$335,000 check each May.

### Love stifles gunfire

Lovelorn tribal separatists in India's north-eastern Tripura state are deserting the cause due to an influx of women. Police say the change in heart for militants of the outlawed National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) has come after a recent drive to recruit female members. The NLFT, fighting for an independent tribal homeland, last year announced it would raise a women's army. But the recruitment of around 100 women into rebel ranks has inflamed passions, with love songs rather than the bursts of gunfire echoing through the jungles.

### From dust to stardust

A German woman is planning to blast her husband's ashes into space on a Russian rocket to fulfill his last wish. Urte Mueller is a 58-year-old nurse from Berlin. She says she has paid an American company about \$20,000 to arrange for the ashes of her husband Heinz to be taken into orbit, with about 10 grams of him contained in a capsule the size of a lipstick.

# Zoo Lights

**NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> - DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
 SUNDAY-THURSDAY 5:30 - 8:00PM, FRIDAY & SATURDAY 5:30 - 9:00PM.

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