

Holiday Lights Bring Delight

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of the power of standard holiday lights, and about 10 percent of the power in mini-lights.

Sounds of the season will resound throughout the Elephant Plaza, with more than 100 schools, churches, professional groups and local dance troupes performing holiday musical selections. The Tualatin Valley Model Rail-

road Club is continuing its popular model train exhibit in the Elephant Museum.

Costumed animal mascots and elves will provide entertainment as well as fun photo opportunities. Visitors can shake hands with Pisco Penguin, pose for pictures with Sandy Sea Otter, and meet Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and many others.

Some of the zoo's favorite ani-

mals will be visible at night as well. Guests can visit sea otters, polar bears, penguins, mountain goats, leopards, tigers, some primates and elephants in their exhibits.

The Cascade Grill will be open during ZooLights with its regular menu items and specials. AfriCafe and food carts throughout the zoo will also provide holiday treats and warm beverages.

ZooLights hours are Sunday

through Thursday, 5-8 p.m. and Friday through Saturday, 5-8:30 p.m. ZooLights will be closed Dec. 24-25. ZooLights package tickets, which include admission and a train ride, are \$10.75 for adults (12-64), \$9.25 for seniors (65 and older), \$7.75 for children (3-11) and free for children 2 and under. Admission-only prices are \$9 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors, \$6 for children and free for children 2 and under.



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Week in The Review

Military Finishes Report

The military released a report Tuesday on the impact of repealing the policy banning gays from serving openly in the military, finding that while some service members support the ban, allowing gays to serve openly would not have long-lasting negative consequences.

Support for Unemployed

Oregon Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden on Monday joined 27 of their colleagues in calling for a yearlong renewal of unemployment benefits for millions of out-of-work Americans. Benefits for 2 million unemployed Americans are set to run out in December.



Hit Hard by Recession

A study of 150 major metro-area economies around the world shows that Portland plummeted from a pre-recession rank of 45th to its worst recession-era rank of 139th. It was one of the steepest declines among metro areas, after Las Vegas.

UO goes Smoke Free

With a \$1 million gift, the University of Oregon will fund a Healthy Campus Initiative to make the school smoke and tobacco free. A cessation assistance program will be offered to students, teachers, and staff to ease into the implementation next fall.

Smith Picks Staff Chief

Multnomah County Commissioner-Elect Loretta Smith on Monday announced the appointment of veteran policy and political advisor Chris Warner as her chief of staff. Warner currently serves as Gov. Ted Kulongoski's senior transportation adviser.



Three Area Shootings

Less than an hour after Saturday's shooting at Northeast Morgan and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, a 20-year-old Northeast Portland man walked into an area hospital with a gunshot wound to the leg. No arrests have been made and it was unclear whether the victim was involved in the incident or two other shootings on Saturday.

Obama-GOP Summit

After President Obama met with Republican leaders in Congress on Tuesday, both sides vowed to seek a compromise on their sharply different views about expiring tax cuts before the year's end.