

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

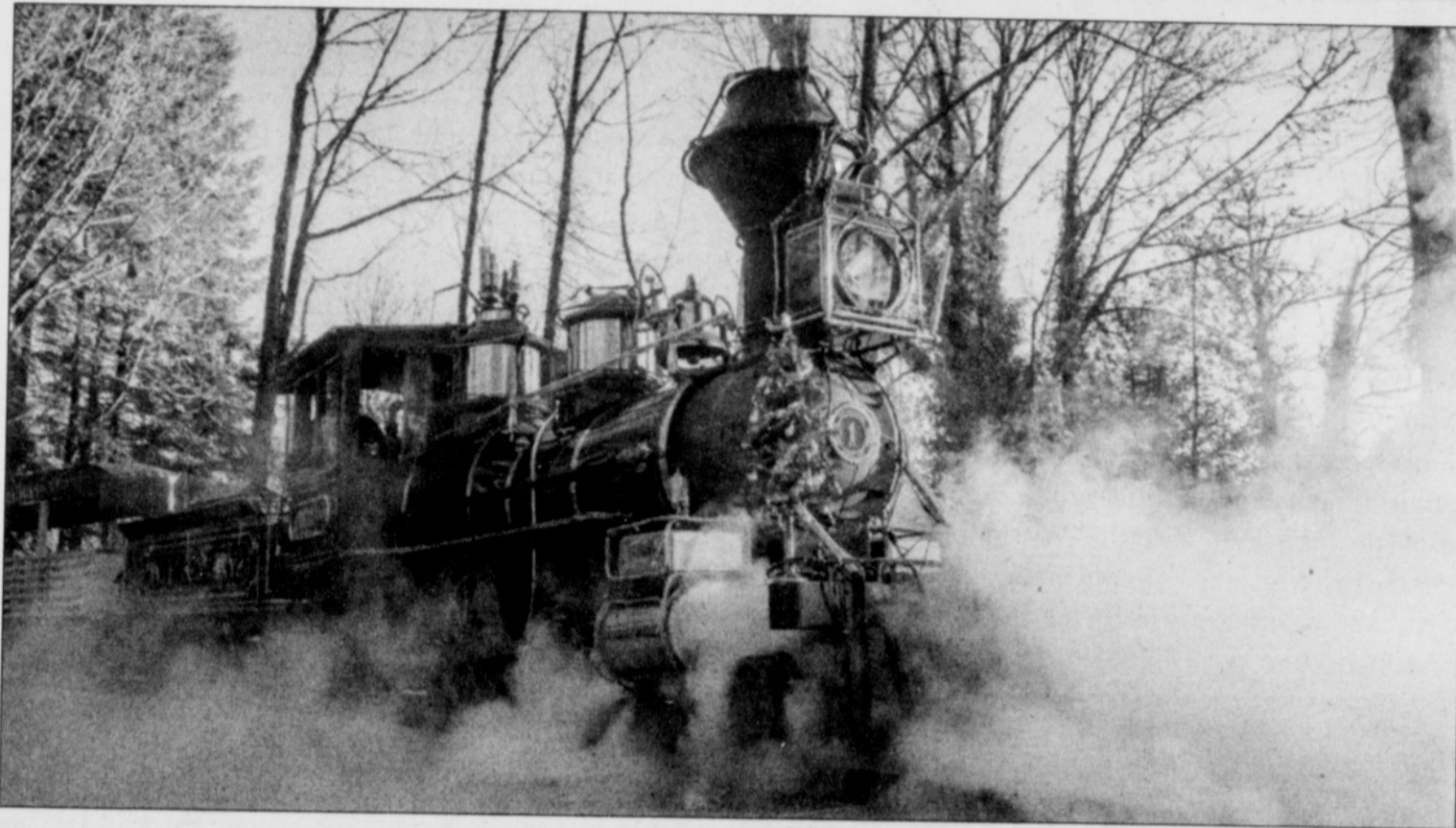


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The Oregon Zoo's Centennial steam locomotive chugs along a new elevated trestle.

## Zoo Trains Back for the Holidays

### Refurbished railway opens for ZooLights

The Washington Park and Zoo Railway is back just in time for ZooLights and the holiday season.

"Tracks have been installed, locomotives have been refurbished, and our engineers have been making practice runs along the new route," Craig Stroud, zoo deputy director, said just days before the railway's opening.

The zoo's trains were temporarily taken out of service last year as part of a monumental, decade-long renovation, which has been carefully phasing in all projects funded by a tax supported bond measure.

Rerouting the train railway was necessary to accommodate a service road and portions of Elephant

Lands, the expansive and enriching new home for zoo's Asian elephant family, set to open in 2015.

ZooLights, a winter wonderland of more than 1.5 million brilliant colored lights, opened over the weekend and will continue through the New Year. The new railway route circles an elevated trestle through areas of the zoo that have never been lighted before.

The zoo's 30-inch-gauge railway line evolved out of plans for a children's train when the zoo moved to its current site in the late 1950s. The Old West-inspired Centennial steam locomotive and the sleek, retro-modern Zooliner both were featured during Oregon's 1959 centennial celebration.

The zoo is a service of Metro and is dedicated to its mission of inspiring the community to create a better future for wildlife.



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## Deranged Comedy on Main Stage

John San Nicolas as the Ghost of Jacob Marley and Craig Cackowski as Scrooge in Portland Center Stage's deranged comedy 'Twist Your Dickens.' The spoof from The Second City's A Christmas Carol by Peter Gwinn and Bobby Mort is now playing through Dec. 24 on the theater's Main Stage. For tickets, visit pcs.org or call 503-445-3700.

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