

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## New Home for Petrified Stump

World Forestry Center hosts exhibit

Thanks to a generous donation by Lew Smith of Smith Rock in Portland, visitors can now see a 5 million years old, 10,000 pound petrified stump on display outside the World Forestry Center Discovery Museum.

The stump, found in North Dakota, is that of a Giant Sequoia tree.

Petrified wood occurs when a tree is buried by landslide or other occurrence. With no oxygen available, the wood does not decay. Left undisturbed for thousands of years, the cells of the wood are slowly replaced by minerals carried in ground water. This process, called petrification, creates a stone image of the original tree.

Petrified wood is an amazing phe-

nomenon requiring a special circumstance and many thousand years.

Different minerals will produce different colors. The cell rings, bark, and hard and soft parts of the wood attract different concentrations of minerals leaving a stone picture of the original wood. The more slowly petrification takes place, the more detailed the picture.

The Discovery Museum also has a stunning collection of cut and polished petrified wood showing many different species and ages.

The World Forestry Center is a non profit educational organization located in Washington Park whose mission is to educate about the world's forests and trees and environmental sustainability.



The Takenaka family of Abbotsford, British Columbia, get an up close visit with a five million year old petrified Giant Sequoia tree at Portland's World Forestry Center.



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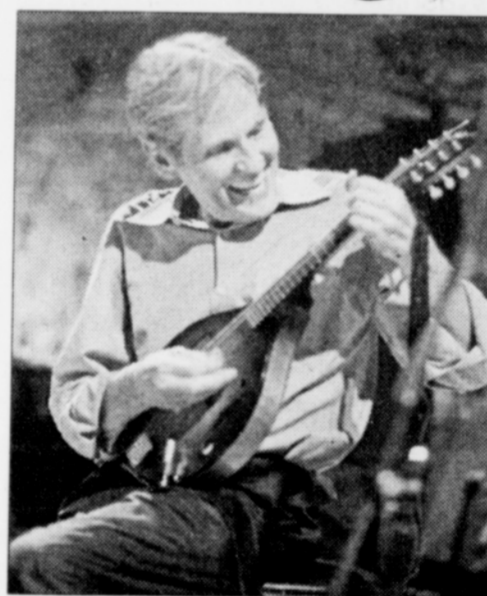
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## Rock 'n' Roll Legend in Town

Bona fide rock 'n' roll legend Levon Helm, best known for his work with the Band, will be in town, Thursday, Aug. 8 as part of the Oregon Zoo's summer concert series presented by NW Natural.

Helm began performing more than five decades ago, but it was in 1965 when he and the Band — then known as the Hawks — shot to rock stardom. Bob Dylan decided he wanted to "go electric" and chose the Band for the transformation. Eventually, they rented a big pink house in Woodstock, N.Y., and emerged with



Levon Helm

a sound that fused together all of their musical influences on landmark late-'60s albums like "Music From Big Pink" and "The Band."

"Helm's distinctively soulful, country-tinged voice — heard on such classic Band recordings as "The Weight," "Up on Cripple Creek" and "The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down" — earned him a spot on Rolling Stone's list of the 100 greatest singers of all time. Modern Drummer magazine rated Helm as "perhaps the greatest singer/drummer to ever play a backbeat."

## Obama to Guest on 'The View'

(AP) -- ABC's "The View" has welcomed many notable guests, but none more prominent than Presi-

dent Barack Obama, who is scheduled to visit for Thursday's edition. In making the announcement on

Monday, executive producers Barbara Walters and Bill Geddie said this marks the first time a sitting U.S. president has visited a daytime talk show.

They said the majority of the hour will be devoted to Obama's appearance, which will touch on topics including jobs, the economy, the Gulf oil spill and family life inside the White House. It is scheduled to tape on Wednesday.

"We are so pleased and honored," Walters said.

Walters will make a special return to the studio for the occasion, joining co-hosts Whoopi Goldberg, Joy Behar, Elisabeth Hasselbeck and Sherri Shepherd. Other than a brief segment broadcast from her home this month, Walters has been off the air since undergoing open-heart surgery in May and had not planned to be back until September.

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