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Musicians world-wide come to Oregon man for the 'impossible'



CENTRAL POINT (AP) — An alternative rock guitar player in Los Angeles.

The sound man for a Rogue Valley country and western band. An acoustic harp builder in southern Oregon.

They all were looking for some kind of special music effect, and Michael Putnam made it for them in his garage workshop in this little southern Oregon town.

"We've come a long way since the tremolo bar and the wah-wah pedal," said Putnam, the one-man band behind Circuit Design. When he went to college in the 1970s, Putnam played lead guitar with some bands he can't even remember the names of and built some special sound gear for himself.

"We got so low on money that anything we could build ourselves was really great," Putnam said.

When he started raising a family in 1980, he needed a steady paycheck, so he gave up garage bands to become an auto mechanic. But he continued tinkering with music effects in his spare time.

A classified ad on America Online was bringing in contacts from musicians as far away as Sweden and South Africa on his custom music effects, so he turned to it full time, back in his garage.

"Most of them were wanting to know if I could do something impossible," he said of the Internet queries.

But there were real jobs, too. The L.A. grunge band L7 hired him to make something called a talk box, a device popularized by Peter Dinklage in the 1970s. By singing into a plastic tube routed through some electronic gear into the amplifier, L7 guitarist Donita Sparks makes her guitar sing.

"There are probably hundreds [of special guitar effects] on the market now that are mass produced," said L7 manager John Connors from Los Angeles. "As far as the mass-produced ones, you are locked into what they sound like."

Clinton's former business partners convicted of fraud



LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — In a major blow to President Clinton's hopes of putting Whitewater behind him before Election Day, his former business partners, James and Susan McDougal, and his successor as Arkansas governor were convicted Tuesday of fraud.

A federal jury in the first trial to emerge from the investigation into the Arkansas real estate venture deliberated eight days before convicting all three defendants, despite the president's videotaped testimony as the star witness for the defense.

"At 5 p.m. today, the cover-up began to unravel," said Tony Blankley, House Speaker Newt Gingrich's spokesman.

At the White House, Clinton said he feels sorry "on a personal level" for his three Arkansas friends.

Asked whether the verdict meant the jurors did not believe him when he testified he took no part in discussions about illegal loans, he said: "I doubt that. I doubt that that's what was going on, but you ought to ask them."

McDougal was convicted on 18 of 19 counts of fraud and conspiracy, and Democratic Gov. Jim Guy Tucker was found guilty on two of seven counts. Mrs. McDougal was convicted on all four fraud-related charges against her.

The question of whether Tucker must step down may have to be decided by the state courts.

Tucker and McDougal were convicted of conspiring to arrange nearly \$3 million in loans from two federally backed banks, including the McDougals' Madison Guaranty Saving and Loan, via fraudulent appraisals and using the money for certain business expenses and other improper purposes.

Mrs. McDougal was convicted of fraud, misapplication of funds and other charges for illegally benefiting from a \$300,000 loan made in 1986, when Clinton was governor.

As of noon, polls show Netanyahu and Peres are running even



KIRYAT MALACHI, Israel (AP) — At noon in Israel's most crucial election, Prime Minister Shimon Peres and challenger Benjamin Netanyahu walked the same flat, sun-drenched streets, talked the same language of fate and promised the same secure future.

The difference came in their pace and pitch: Netanyahu, encouraged by polls showing him breathing down Peres' neck in Wednesday's elections, was buoyant and confident.

"There's no longer a gap in the polls," he told cheering followers Tuesday in Ashkelon, a working-class town 12 miles north of the Palestinian autonomy region in the Gaza Strip. "We will win."

Peres, however, seemed fatigued as he stumped the same town and pleaded with local labor party faithful to get out the vote.

"Everybody has to roll up their sleeves and go house-to-house," Peres said. "Don't view anything as sealed; everything is open."

Voters on Wednesday will be making what could be the most important decision in Israel's history — whether to continue Peres' peace policies or to elect a challenger who opposes further land-for-peace deals with the Palestinians.

The stark choice contrasted sharply with those of earlier elections, which featured more differences in style than substance.

"The victory is not mine or the party's, but a victory of direction," said Peres, the architect of Israel's peace agreement with the Palestinians.

Peres and Netanyahu both prophesied doom if the other candidate won.

"I think [terrorism] will increase if the Likud comes to power," Peres said. "Because if the Likud will take over, I think the peace process will come to an end."

Netanyahu was equally emphatic. "Mr. Peres says we've had four wonderful years. Does he live here?" he said. "Has he been on a bus recently?"

Flamingo ornament nears 40, creator calls it 'great art'

LEOMINSTER, Mass. (AP) — One of the icons of the American landscape — no, not the bald eagle or the bison, but the plastic pink flamingo — is turning 40. And it's still not getting any respect.

Despite its enduring appeal (15 to 20 million have been sold through the years) the lawn ornament can't seem to escape the T-word, a fate that ruffles the feathers of flamingo fans.

"People say they're tacky, but all great art began as tacky," said Don Featherstone, the Union Products vice president and artist whose signature is molded in every flamingo body. "Art Deco in New York was torn down. But now, they're putting it back up." Featherstone himself is a bit of a strange bird.

A sculptor with a classical art background, he and his wife of 20 years dress alike every day. He



attends many flamingo-themed social events sponsored by groups like the Society for the Preservation of the Plastic Lawn Flamingo.

His plastic company's catalog pictures page after page of adornments suited for any gardener's fancy: a 22-inch black-and-white penguin, a blue-headed pheasant, a green-chested rooster.

All nice. But just not the same thing.

"I tried to put some ducks out there because this is duck country," said Mary-Elizabeth Buckingham, who has a flock of pink plastic birds on the lawn of her Victorian home in Centerville, Md. "But nobody wanted to see what they were doing."

Buckham dresses her 34 birds — curving pink necks, spindly wire legs and veined hollow bodies with molded feather detail

— in homemade clothes and rearranges them every week for an adoring public.

At Christmas there was a nativity scene with flamingo wise men and a flamingo baby Jesus.

At Thanksgiving there was a "flurkey flock" and at Halloween, flamingo ghosts. Even lawn jockeys aren't that versatile.

The first pink flamingo ornaments, in 1952, were flat and made of plywood. They were made of foam a few years later, but dogs tended to eat them. They've been made of plastic since 1957.

Some versions just didn't fly. A movable-leg model some years back was a flop.

Half a million of the birds move off store shelves in America, Mexico and South America every year, at \$9.95 a pair. With numbers like that, Featherstone says he'll suffer the sarcasm.

"As long as they keep buying them, I really don't care," he says with a smile.