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WHEATEN COLOR

The wheaten variety in bantams is still the most popular color, although proper color in both sexes is difficult to achieve and a challenge to maintain. Hackle striping in males remains a problem and is a common fault. Another defect is white feathering in around the face, muffs and beard - especially the latter, where it stands out against the black. In younger cockerels this may be common place, but in mature birds this distracts from an otherwise good male bird because it is so obvious.

Ideal color in female wheatens may be even more difficult in that we are trying to achieve a light creamy wheaten color in many sections while trying to maintain a good, sound black in wing and tail feathers. Overall wheaten color in females is lighter than that found in Old English. Compare female wheaten color between Ameraucana and Old English at the next show you attend and assuming color is sound in both breeds, you will find the difference striking. In Ameraucana bantams the female hackle, back, saddle and tail should be wheaten (lighter rather than darker), not streaky brown, as is sometimes seen.

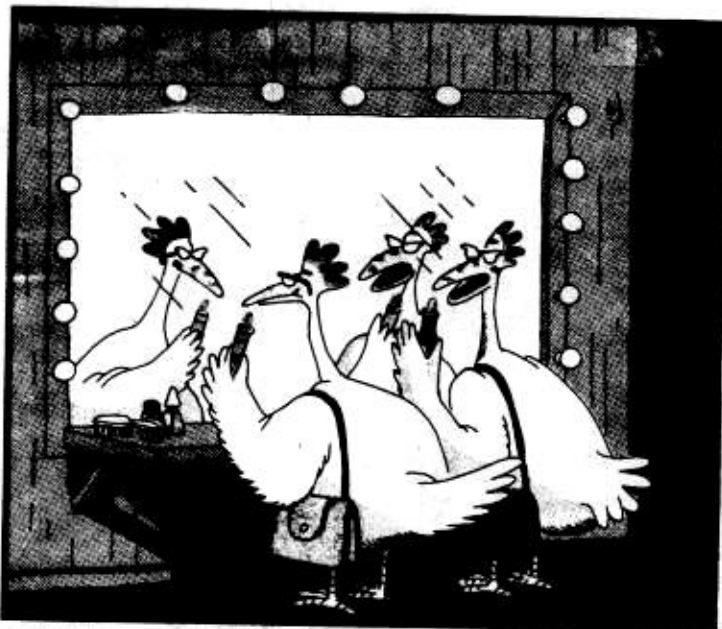
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I was delighted to read the correspondence from a variety of members in the last bulletin including the letter from my old friend from Illinois, Jerry Segler. If you will recall Jerry indicated that he had been plagued by a fox raiding his chicken house at about 1 A.M. when he returned from a hard day's work. What Jerry didn't mention was that he had just gotten to bed and was fast asleep when the fox struck.

Jerry eased out of bed and after getting his shotgun and calling his trusty hound "Ole Blue", he tiptoed out the back door. In as much as it had been a severe winter, Jerry had on his longjohns, but unfortunately the trapdoor in the back had become unbuttoned when he slipped out of bed, leaving his dainty behind uncovered. As he skulked out to the henhouse, he bent over, shoved the shotgun through the door and stuck his head in when faithful Ole Blue came up behind him with his cold nose. Jerry spent the rest of the night plucking chickens and stuffing a feather bed.

On The Road

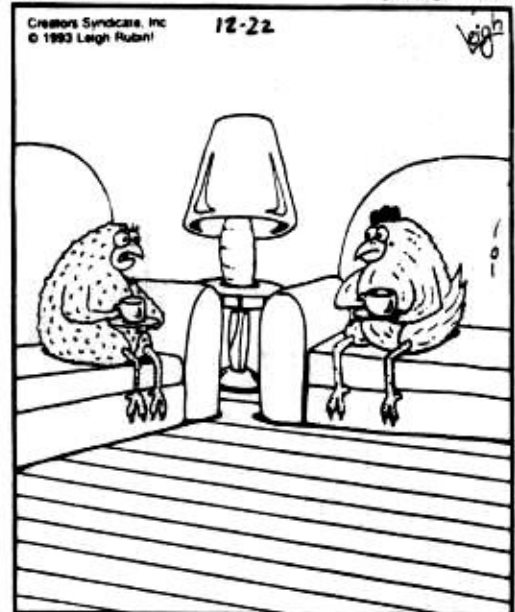
Don Cable



"This is no use, Wanda. It's like they say — we just don't have lips."

RUBES

By Leigh Rubin



"I'm not exactly sure how it happened. I guess I was just plucking my eyebrows and sort of got carried away."

FROM HERE AND THERE

2/10/94

Dear Jeannette,

I was glad to meet you at the show in Mason City, Iowa last year. Hope to see you again somewhere, sometime.

Even tho I've never shown chickens before I enjoy the vists and renewed friendships. I'm sorry about being late with my dues..use the rest for postage. I know it isn't enough but maybe it will help.

I think you are doing a great job with the newsletter.

Your friend,

Charlie

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2/16/94

Hello Jeannette

I will send you this show report from the Nationals. As you can see there weren't many Ameraucanas (4 Bantam, 3 large fowl). We did have Best of Breed with our Blue Wheaten cock. We also had Best Mediterranean on our White Leghorn by a junior. We had lots of fun seeing 2900 birds all at one show. Met lots of nice people.

We've has lots of rain this week and everything is really green. Hatching is going well. I hope to buy some birds from some of the other breeders this spring.

Take care,

Ken Duvall

P.S. Enjoy the newsletter. I'm always interested in articles on management and treating sickness in the birds.

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2/28/94

Jeannette,

Enclosed is a check for my share of the ad.

This morning I culled four males - I hatched over 20 wheatens and looks like 15-18 males!! These are all from that one good hen. She's 6 years old, I need some pullets.

On the babies...do the males always have a dark spot on the head? Black or white would be easier - not near so much fun!!

Gotta go -

Koralyn

(Editor's Note: Do the males always have a dark spot?)
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More from here and there

Dear Jeannette,

My apologies for being so late renewing my membership.

I joined originally because, my wife wanted colored eggs. I bought a dozen eggs locally (80 miles away) as Araucana and got six pullets no two which were even close to alike in color or markings.

Seeing your ad in Poultry Press I thought that maybe I actually had Ameraucanas and the color variation was normal. I now know I have mongrels but I like them. I can't make up my mind how to proceed from here.

I belong to the Central Maine Bird Fanciers Club but do not show and do not plan to do so. I keep chickens because I like them.

All the information in the manual you sent me when I joined pertains to bantams. I presume that all of it, color, conformation, comb, etc. pertains to large birds as well except size and weight. I am interested only in large fowl and wonder what size/weight they are.

In the breeders manual I saw no one who was/is involved in raising standards, altho I presume there are people who do so.

If you know anyone who will sell/ship large fowl hatching eggs I would appreciate getting their names and addresses.

Thanks,
L.T. Williams
RR2 Box 192
Belfast, ME 04915-9615

(Ed. Note: I sent some addresses but any of you reading this please contact Mr. Williams)
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The winner is always a part of the answer,
The loser is always part of the problem;

The winner always has a program,
The loser always has an excuse.

The winner says, "Let me do it for you",
The loser says, "That's not my job."

The winner sees an answer for every
 problem,
The loser sees a problem in every
 answer;

The winner sees a green near every sand
 trap,
The loser sees two or three sand traps
 near every green;

The winner says, "It may be difficult
 but it's possible",
The loser says, "It may be possible
 but it's too difficult."

(I hope you are all winners.)

FROM THE OZARKS

Greetings from the chilly south. After a week or so of 70's and one 80° day we are down in the 30's this morning. The warm days and nights brought the fruit trees, flowering shrubs and daffodils into full bloom. This morning it was 27° and another low one expected tomorrow morning. The sun is in and out - I'm doing laundry - hope they get dry since I hang them on the clothes line - no dryer. We did get nearly two inches of rain over the weekend - fire danger had been terrible.

Work is going great and yesterday I attended a stamp show in Rogers, Ark. It was fun meeting the people Jo had kept talking about and also a couple who I had been mail ordering stamps from. I found three different first day covers to add to my collection of poultry industry cachets. This gives me 21 different ones - they had at least 41 listed in the catalog. And I found a nice assortment of chickens, ducks, swans, geese and pigeons on stamps also. It's a fun hobby that you can do as much or as little with as you want.

The troops have been enjoying the warm weather and the girls are beginning to get setting on their minds. I don't have any peepers yet.

I hope everyone is having a good year.

Happy Easter to all

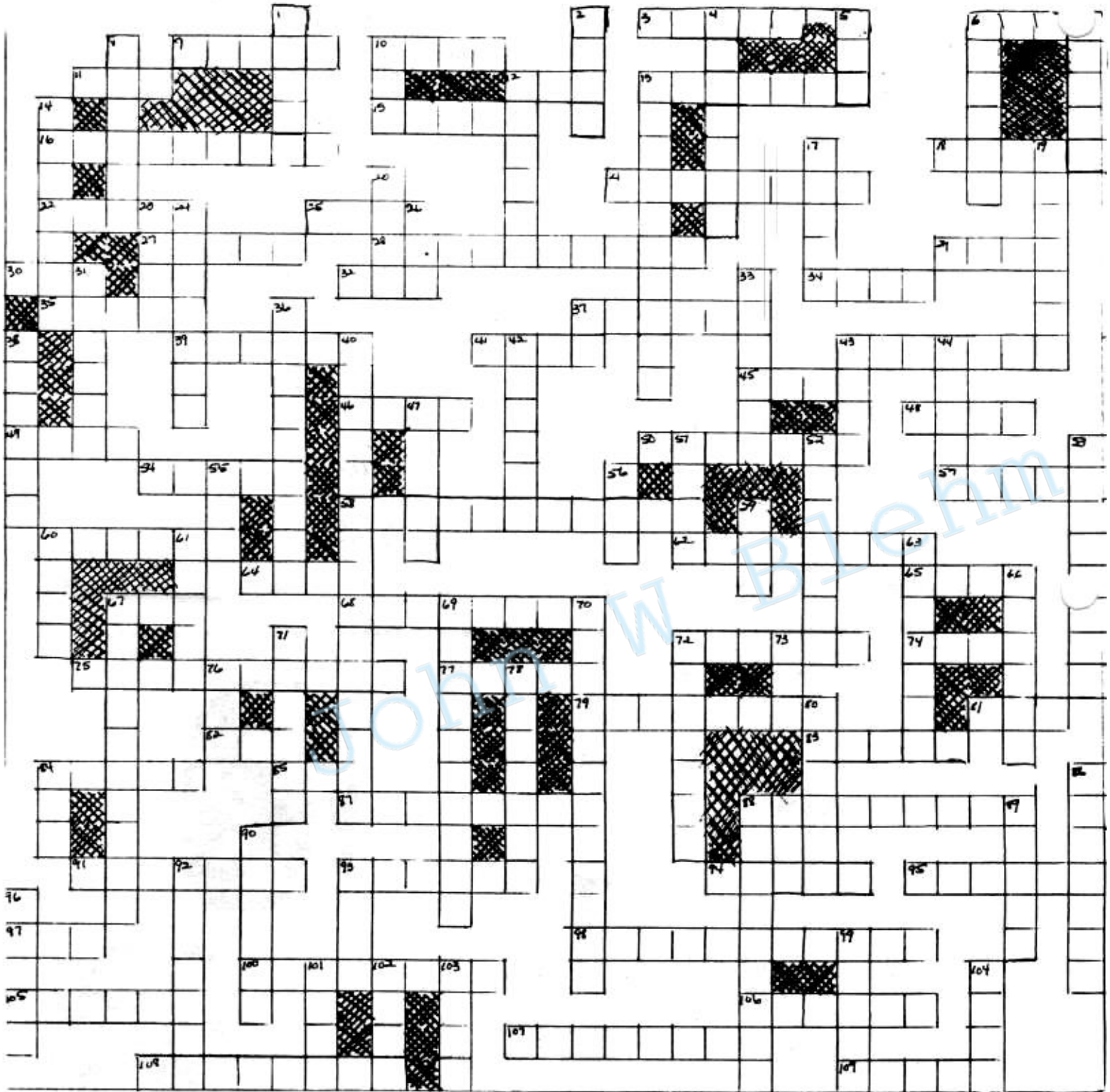
Mary Lou Phelps, Cent. DD
March 28, 1994

P.S. Now it is snowing.



"I don't think of it as laying an egg. I think of it as lowering my cholesterol!"





This is for all of you who enjoy
crossword puzzles.

DIPLOMACY IS THINKING TWICE BEFORE SAYING NOTHING.

EVERY HUMAN BEING IS A PROBLEM IN SEARCH OF A SOLUTION.

DON'T KNOCK PROCRASTINATION - IT SAVES A LOT OF USELESS WORK.

ALL PEOPLE SMILE IN THE SAME LANGUAGE.

WANT TO FEEL BETTER? THINK OF ALL THE TROUBLE AROUND THAT YOU'RE NOT IN.

I originally used this crossword puzzle in the newsletter of a different poultry association I did the editing for. I used it to stimulate membership. I offered a years membership for those who could correctly do this crossword and get a completed copy back to me by a deadline date.

ACROSS

- 3-Bone important in evaluating hen's productivity
- 6-Stiff, horny projection from the rear of male's shank
- 9-Slimy, wet egg covering
- 10-Grain found in chicken rations (pl.)
- 11-Female fowl
- 12-First visible break young fowl makes in shell
- 13-Type of chicken brooder
- 15-Short wing feathers growing between primaries and secondaries
- 16-Large, white breed of meat duck
- 18-Method for removing pinfeathers from butchered bird
- 21-Cleaning feathers with beak or bill
- 22-Cock whose sex organs have been deactivated
- 25-Horny protuberance on upper bill of African and Chinese geese
- 27-Used to keep fowl from gardens, road
- 28-One of oldest domestic breeds
- 29-Lower, median edge of chicken's breast bone
- 30-To remove chicken's comb and wattles
- 32-Type of comb
- 34-"Feathers" of chick
- 35-To shed old feathers (Brit. spelling)
- 37-Traditional Thanksgiving bird
- 39-Small fowl
- 41-Cock and two hens of same variety
- 43-Geese studied by Konrad Lorenz
- 45-To bring up young birds
- 46-Type of comb
- 48-Enlargement of gullet where food is stored and readied for digestion
- 49-Grinding agent
- 50-Tube where egg forms
- 54-Pointed growth on side of single comb
- 57-Luster in plumage
- 58-Inoculation to protect against disease
- 60-Primary feathers of wing
- 62-"Farmyard" goose
- 64-Crest; top
- 65-"Whiskers" found in combination with beard
- 67-Chicken kept for companionship
- 68-Small, pugnacious goose breed
- 72-Chick vent covered by loose droppings
- 74-Plume-like covering of chicks
- 75-Mushy chick disease
- 77-To request a hatchery to send birds
- 79-Resting on perch
- 81-Skin growing between toes
- 82-Family pet, predator of fowl

- 83-Where chickens sleep
- 84-Shade of gray with bluish cast
- 85-Small opening on sides of head covered by tufts
- 87-Long-tailed Japanese breed
- 88-Ophthalmia
- 91-Growths of flesh at base of beak and upper throat
- 93-Mother
- 94-To clean chicken for cooking
- 95-Primary feathers of wing
- 97-Upper and lower thigh and shank
- 98-Small goose breed with head adornment
- 100-External openings of respiratory system
- 105-Completion of growth
- 106-_____ sickles; long, curved feathers of male's tail, except two longest sickles
- 107-Bands of protein in egg which connect yolk to lining membrane
- 108-Bony portion of beak
- 109-Yellow part of eggs

DOWN

- 1-Brooder canopy
- 2-Short feathers underneath hackle and between shoulders
- 4-To slaughter a bird for food
- 5-Light reddish brown
- 6-Bantam with shredded-like feathers
- 7-To graze birds
- 8-Pendulous growth of skin under beak
- 10-Yolks of eggs
- 12-Removes feathers from bird
- 13-Lesser known breed of turkey
- 14-Food ingredient for strong eggshells
- 17-Fleshy appendage on turkey's head
- 19-Young goose
- 20-Type of comb
- 23-Preposition
- 24-Container in which hens lay eggs
- 26-Horny formation projecting from front of chicken's head
- 31-Cleaner company that uses chick in ad
- 33-Crossbreed
- 36-Poultry exhibitor who travels to many shows with many birds
- 37-Male turkey
- 38-Type of comb
- 40-Manual of animal diseases, treatments
- 42-Portion of feed
- 43-Grinding agent
- 44-Areas for chickens to graze; run
- 47-Animals kept on farm
- 51-External opening of cloaca
- 52-Energy measurement of food

- 53-To brood
- 55-Large rodent that eats feed
- 56-End of feather
- 59-To remove comb and wattles
- 60-Domesticated chicken
- 61-To emerge from egg
- 63-Commercial goose breed (pl.)
- 66-Infundibulum
- 67-Colorful, rare goose breed
- 69-Mineral found in bone meal, fish meal
- 70-Turkey breed
- 71-Absorbent material on coop floors
- 72-Vegetation eaten by grazing animals
- 73-Number of Silkie's toes
- 76-All other colors (abbr)
- 78-Illness
- 80-Major feed component
- 84-_____link
- 86-Black plumage with variable percentage of feathers tipped in white
- 88-Legs protruding at right angles from body
- 89-Contrasting narrow border around web
- 90-Determining gender of bird
- 92-Windpipe
- 93-Place where hen lays eggs
- 96-Soft, downy, lower end of feather shaft
- 99-Indistinct pencillings
- 101-Short section of feather stem
- 102-Amount of eggs layed per hen
- 103-Poultry vermin
- 104-Breeding groups of birds



Q: Why did the chicken cross the road?

A: To prove to the skunk it could be done.

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responsible for execution of Constitution and By-Laws, receives and processes all proposals for amendment to Constitution & By-Laws, presides at all club meetings, calls special meetings if requested, appoints Election Commissioner, endeavors to see that all officers properly discharge their duties, takes an active part in publicity, public relations & other activities deemed necessary for the betterment of the club.

District Directors - members of the Board of Directors

responsible for actively promoting the club and its activities, including the placement of an annual district meet within their individual district, represents the club and assists in planning & carrying out details for the national meet when held in their district, takes an active part in recruiting new members.

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STATE

REFLECTIONS FROM THE BIG SKY COUNTRY

As I sit at my desk trying to find words of wisdom to direct your way the snow is falling and the wind is blowing...so much for Springtime! To be honest - I don't mind the wet snow - the moisture is much needed and besides it keeps my favorite fishing spots from drying up.

A thank you to those of you who sent your money and ad for the club page in the ABA Yearbook. This year we will have a club page in both the yearbooks. I really feel these ads are important for our club. The Ameraucana breed does not have enough exposure. Word of mouth is great but we really need to let the rest of the poultry world what a great breed it is. Showing the Ameraucanas as often as we can helps. People have to see a "product" before they decide they approve of it.

I know a lot of you are into your early hatching season. Before you start culling keep in mind it takes awhile for some to really show their potential. I have requests all the time for names of members who will sell Ameraucanas...large fowl and bantams. PLEASE keep me informed as to what you have and what you will sell. I can't supply the information if I don't have it.

We have an election coming up this fall - we need nominations for President, all four District Directors and Secretary/Treasurer. If you wish to nominate someone for an office you need their written permission and all nominees must be paid up members. The list of current members is in this newsletter. I've also included a brief description of each office.

The club national show will be at the Illini Fall Show. I don't have any details or information at this time. Hopefully we will be able to have some info for the May/June issue. Donations for trophies and awards need not wait for the information, however. Gladly accepted at any time.

I've received many kind words from you - the members - about the comments from other members in the last newsletter. I'd like to continue to include this in future newsletters...but only if I receive letters from you. I really appreciate hearing from all of you...be it a note, an article or whatever. It makes my job much easier and the newsletter more interesting if you all contribute. I'm still waiting for some promised articles...John, Matt, Bryant? How about it? I do realize that you are busy - aren't we all - but a few minutes is all it takes.

Well, best let you finish reading the newsletter. I need to get back to business anyway before the boss gets back. Here's hoping all your poultry eggs are fertile and all the chicks are champions of the future.

Joannette

My apologize for not getting the show reports and info on upcoming shows - it has been a very busy month. Deadline for next newsletter is May 20, 1994.

I thought you
might enjoy
this →

Cartoons
supplied by -
Mary Lou,
Jeanne -
Paul Robinson.
Thanks.

The cover of
this newsletter
was supplied
by Mary Lou.
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from the
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RUSSO'S ROOSTER: Ardiss Russo walks his pet bantam rooster in a park in Kalispell Sunday. Russo said the rooster is a great pet and does not seem to mind the leash on its leg. AP Photo

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