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Thursday, May 28, 2009

2009 Baird High School Valedictorian



Breanna Patterson

Breanna Patterson is the daughter of Brian and Julie Patterson.

Her high school activities include: Freshman yr. FFA; Beta Club; Football Mgr.; Track; Sophomore yr. FFA; Beta Club; Football Mgr.; Track; Class Pres.; Jr. yr. FFA Treasurer; OAP; Class Pres.; Yearbook staff; Beta Club; Football Mgr.; Senior yr. FFA Treasurer; Beta Club Secretary; Football mgr.; Yearbook Editor; OAP (One Act Play) stage mgr.

She plans to attend Texas Tech's College of Engineering and major in computer engineering and minor in biology while also following the pre-medical program. After she graduates she wants to go to medical school and become a trauma center doctor, gerriatrician, oncologist or a cardiologist.

5K or 10K Getaway Run Planned

A June 27th "Getaway" Run" is planned in conjunction with Baird's Market Daze.

Runners are invited to enter a 5K or 10K race to be held on Saturday, June 27th in Baird.

The starting and ending point will be at Baird T & P Depot Transportation Museum. Entry forms can be downloaded from abilene-runners.com or they can be picked up at the Baird Chamber of Commerce.

Runners may register the day of the race, those registering after June 17th may not receive a race T-shirt.

DPS Report

5-17-09 to 5-23-09

CASES INVESTIGATED

Warnings- 101
Complaints- 47
DWI- 1
Fugitive Arrest-Possession of Marijuana- 1
Driving While License Invalid-4
Delivery of Marijuana- 3
Possession of Controlled Substance- 3

2009 Baird High School Salutatorian



Darryl Fox

Darryl Fox is the son of Rhonda and Ian Burleson, and Eston Fox.

His activities during high school include: Band 4 yrs, Head Drum Major 2 yrs; One Act Play 4 yrs; Student Council 4 yrs, Pres. for 1 yr; Beta Club 3 yrs; Varsity Cross Country 1 yr; JV Basketball 1 yr; Varsity Track 1 yr; Yearbook 1 yr.

He plans to attend the University of North Texas in the fall of 2009 and major in marketing.

Baird High School Exam Schedule

Spring 2009
Wednesday, May 27th
7:55-9:10 a.m. 1st Period
Exam 75 minutes
9:10-9:30 a.m. Breakfast
20 minutes
9:30-10:45 a.m. 3rd Period
Exam 75 minutes
11:05 a.m.-12:20 p.m. 5th
Period Exam 75 minutes
12:30 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Buses run
Thursday, May 28th
7:55-9:10 a.m. 2nd Period
Exam 75 minutes
9:10-9:30 a.m. Breakfast
20 minutes
9:30-10:45 a.m. 4th Period
Exam 75 minutes
11:05 a.m.-12:20 p.m. 6th
Period Exam 75 minutes
12:30 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Buses run
Friday, May 29th
9:00-10:30 a.m. 7th Period
Exam 90 minutes
10:35 a.m.-12:05 p.m. 8th
Period Exam 90 minutes
12:05 p.m. Lunch
12:40 Buses run
•Friday school will begin at 9:00 a.m. but students will be allowed to enter the building at the regular time.
•Buses will run on their regular schedule each morning

Baird High School 2009 Graduation

Baird High School 2009 Graduation will be held at 8 p.m. Friday May, 29, 2009 at the Bear's Den (football stadium).

Baird 2009 Senior Class consists of Breanna Patterson, Valedictorian; Darryl Fox, Salutatorian; Colton Allen, T.C. Ashcraft, Ariel Banks, Jessica Bowen, Daniel Brock, Angel Brooks, Jordan Burns, Robert Chaney, Issac Dickey, Logan Donlan, John Edwards, Brooke English, Emalie Green, Garrett Jennings, Lacy Jones, Robert Loveland, Jesse Mendez, Ashlen Murff, Billy Nail, Courtney Nail, Bradley Neal, Johnny Upchurch, Morgan White, Chris Whitworth.

Callahan County Commissioners Court Meeting Held May 28

Callahan County Commissioners' Court Notice of Open Meeting
Date of Meeting: May 28, 2009, 9:30 A.M.
Location: 100 West 4th, Suite 200 Courthouse
Baird, Texas 79504
Complete Agenda:
Call to Order
Deliberate and Consider Action on the following items:
I. Review and Sign Minutes of Previous Meetings
II. Public Comment (5 minutes per speaker) No Discussion or Action
III. Discuss - Consider - Open Bids (10:00 A.M.) Disaster Work to be Done
IV. Discuss - Consider Resolution as well as Interlocal Agreement between C.I.R.A. (County Information Resources Agency) and Callahan County
V. Discuss - Consider Resolution to

Barbarian Festival June 13

This year's Barbarian Festival, slated for Saturday, June 13th in Cross Plains, proves to be better than ever!

The new location, the large lot next to Dollar General on Hwy 206, just north of Hwy 36, will provide ample spaces for craft and food booths, games and rides, petting zoo, the car show, tractor show, talent contest, live music and all kinds of fun!

Ride your motorcycle down to the festival. The Heart of Texas Hot Son Riders from Brownwood, part of the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA), will do a blessing of the bikes at 1 p.m. during the festival.

Callahan County Sheriff's Department will be out at the Barbarian Festival with their 911 Simulator and ID kits for the kids.

Live music at the festival will feature the band, the "Class of 57", a group that has delighted audiences at the past several Barbarian Festivals with playing country and rock music. Talent show contestants will also perform on the stage throughout the day.

Bring your old Farmall, International, John Deere, Minneapolis Moline or other antique tractor for the tractor show! Contact Cindy Payne at 254-725-6692 to reserve your place or get the registration form on line.
Show off your old

Callahan County Library News

New at the library is: Sam Bass Gang by Rick Miller, The Legend Begins: The Texas Rangers 1823-1845 by Frederick Wilkins, Henrietta King by Judy Alter, Just Take My Heart* by Mary Higgins Clark, and Look Again* by Lisa Scottoline.

Also at the library is: Gone* by Lisa Gardner, Nature Girl* by Carl Hiaasen, Stalemate* by Iris Johansen and Find Me by Carol O'Connell.

*Large print.
From the Past
Callahan County Clarendon
May 15, 1880
Volume 1, Number 26
District Court

District Court convened on last Monday and held until Saturday, disposed of seven criminal and four civil cases. In the cases of Tom Babb, T.J. Norrell and Frank Burnett the District Attorney entered a nol pros for want of sufficient evidence. Ruck Turner, who was indicted upon a case of theft was acquitted, but entered into a cognizance to appear at the next term of court for the theft of a mare and colt, and also upon two misdemeanor cases, giving bonds in the sum of \$440 in the first and \$50 each in the two latter cases. The total amount of the grand and petit jury and bailiff's fees was \$348.50, a considerable over the previous term, which was not to exceed \$200. We think for a new hand at the judicial bellows, his Honor, T.L. Hutchinson gave very general satisfaction. We rather think, however, that if the judge were a little more positive in his rulings and would not allow attorneys quite as long to discuss upon motions which have but little weight upon the questions involved, it would considerably expedite business and cases would not of necessity and be compelled to lay over until next term of court, and the expense upon the county would not be nearly so great; still, we think the Judge with a little more experience upon the bench, will make a very able and competent official.

Attorney Saddler from Brownwood, who came up to attend the District Court was taken seriously sick at the Belle Plain Hotel during the early part of the term. He has since recovered sufficiently to undertake the trip home.

Mr. John McMinn from Brownwood, is in town--came up last Thursday and leaves again for Buffalo Gap today. He reports everything flourishing in his county: the wheat crop, which was before the before the late rain considered a total failure, has very much revived and farmers think they are sure of a half or two-thirds crop. Corn looking fine.

New books at the library are: Looking for Lucy Gilligan & Other Stories by Murray Edwards, Don't Look Twice* by Andrew Gross, Deadlock* by Iris Johansen, Star Bright* by Catherine Anderson and Perfect Poison* by Amanda Quick. Other books at the library are: Plum Lovin' by Janet Evanovich, Desert Heat by J.A. Jance, On the Night You Were Born by Nancy Tillman, Shadow Dance* by Julie Garwood and White Lies by Jayne Ann Krentz.

*Large print books- most of these books were purchased with Loan Star Libraries Grant money.

From the Past
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Our railroad prospects, within the past few days, have brightened up considerably - in fact are almost booming. The locating party have been working in this vicinity for some days past, and seem to be considering the route which runs up the Mahair with much favor. Yesterday they made another survey of the Grape Hollow route, but up to the time of going to press we could learn nothing definite; but we may not be left out in the cold so bad after all. Should our former position prove to have been premature and unfounded we will retract, and in the happiest manner imaginable. We have met a number of farmers in town and they all seem to think our prospects for good crops are splendid. The corn crop especially, is remarkably fine. The wheat, which in some localities has suffered considerably from the marauding of a little fly, since the late rain has come out in good but the harvest will be a little late. Quite a number had thought they would plow up their wheat fields; but now find they are going to yield a very fine crop.

Died
Cutbirth- In Hubbard Timbers, Friday, May 7, 1880, of pneumonia, infant daughter of J.B. and Alice Cutbirth, aged two weeks and four days.

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Poetry Media Service

WHO NEEDS TO HEAR A QUAGGA'S VOICE?

Poet Sarah Lindsay tells us what we didn't know we were missing.

By *Daisy Fried*

Poetry Media Services

Twigs & Knucklebones, by Sarah Lindsay. Copper Canyon Press. \$15.00.

Twigs & Knucklebones is a rare thing in poetry—a very good read. Fans of Sarah Lindsay's previous books, National Book Award finalist *Primate Behavior* (1997) and *Mount Clutter* (2002), will find here what they found there, only more so: freaks of nature and freakish nature, far-flung and underexplored places, things scientific and sci-fi, real things that seem invented, imaginary things that seem real. Orchids that grow underground. The introduction of starlings to America. Cities of the dead. Life on Jupiter's moon.

Lindsay's poems are as narrative as poems can get—they tell elaborate stories—but aren't at all confessional. Lindsay uses the word "I" to refer to herself or a poet-speaker in very few poems. Her voice in *Twigs & Knucklebones* is omniscient yet intimate, superliterate and flawlessly graceful, like a really good lecturer who knows how to entertain an audience while speaking on complex subject matters. In a sense these are "research and development" poems: one suspects Lindsay reads an article, for example, about a species of extinct zebra, then writes "Elegy for the Quagga." But the R&D never overwhelms insight or music. "Krakatau split with a blinding noise," writes Lindsay of the volcanic island's 1883 explosion. "Fifteen days before, in its cage in Amsterdam, / the last known member of *Equus quagga*, / the southernmost subspecies of zebra, died." A little later, "Who needs to hear a quagga's voice?"

The poet does, and by the end of the poem, so does the reader—and can't. It feels like a kind of wound:

Even if, when it sank to its irreplaceable knees,
when its unique throat closed behind a sigh,
no dust rose to redden a whole year's sunsets,
no one unwittingly busy
two thousand miles away jumped at the sound,
no ashes rained on ships in the merciless sea.

This isn't your standard alas-the-endangered-owl poem, trying too hard to pull the heartstrings. The very name of Lindsay's extinct beast is alien, and comical enough to have built-in resistance to simplistic resolutions. Also: "no dust . . . no one . . . no ashes." No apocalypse. The Krakatau imagery has plenty of resonance with atom bomb tests. The world didn't end with the extinction of the quagga—or the invention of the bomb. But Lindsay's poem gets at that secret worry that we're waiting for the other shoe to drop. "Elegy for the Quagga" is about our own inevitable extinction, individually and as a species, and our sense—terrible, freeing—that maybe, after all, we don't matter.

What does matter? The lightheartedly doomy Lindsay is obsessed by this question. The book's middle section, long enough to stand on its own as a slim volume, is a series of poems titled "The Kingdom of Nab," an ancient and vanished civilization that Lindsay invents out of whole cloth. Nab is fertile ground for Lindsay's recurring theme, the ephemeral nature of all things, including great empires. Sometimes too recurring, maybe. But as delivered by the capable, unsentimental, secular-seeming Lindsay, the poems feel political: if you write about a vanished civilization, even an invented one, you're writing allegory about contemporary power and empire.

No poem in *Twigs & Knucklebones* is a bad one, and virtually all are remarkable for their sheer interestingness. Lindsay's delight in imaginary and unknown worlds, her compulsion to write exactly what she doesn't know, removes her poems completely from the tired confessional anecdotalism of so much narrative poetry. But the less Lindsay needs to find some other way to make her poems perform as poems rather than as (invented) encyclopedia entries or nature feature articles beautifully written in medium-length lines. A few poems suffer from excessive good-idea-ism, by which I mean that the motivating idea is too visible, as in "The Museum of Damaged Art: Audio Guide."

But Lindsay's best poems are those that allow for some readerly identification beyond the spectator sport of Lindsay's ingenuity. In the sci-fi poem "Valhalla Burn Unit on the Moon Callisto," maimed patients on Jupiter's satellite "come / and linger in the courtyard, / with its soothing views of a thoroughly fireproof world," and doctors are "qualified for this post by the loss / of an irreplaceable love; / they aren't homesick for an Earth they could ever go back to." There's a post-apocalyptic feel here, but no explanation of the nature of the apocalypse. Instead, the poet makes the impersonal account achingly personal:

No atmosphere. That's why the sky is black
all day, which does tend to bother the nurses,
the aides, the kitchen staff, the housekeeping crew,
all of whom are encouraged to miss their planet,
and when they cry, are to do so hunched
over sterile vials meant to preserve
the healing proteins found in common tears.

Guggenheim Fellow Daisy Fried lives in Philadelphia; her latest book, *My Brother Is Getting Arrested Again*, was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. This article originally appeared in *Poetry* magazine. Distributed by the Poetry Foundation. Read more about Sarah Lindsay, and her poetry, at poetryfoundation.org.

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Sunset Photo by Patrick Ready

Rhymes To Use Wisely:

Mnemonic

Chronic

Stereophonic

Conic

Macaronic

Philharmonic



Little Thistle

Purple was your flower and thorny were your spines

I never thought that you were happy there
Although I've looked all over, here is where I find

Drink in the sweetness of your fragrance rare.

Has a lost love caused your hiding my thorny friend

For your shyness will make you so forlorn
Your beauty is far better than it's ever been
Eternal is the beauty in you born.

You are but a thistle found alongside the trail
With a few to see your beauty or attest
To how you have shown beauty in every detail
And offered to the world your very best.

Listen little thistle, no witness I can see
There's none to see the battles you have known
And when I look around, there's only you and me
Seeing sweetness in seeds that you have sown.

- Weldon L. Smith
Eastland, Texas

American Life In Poetry

Column 218

BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE, 2004-2006

American literature is rich with poems about the passage of time, and the inevitability of change, and how these affect us. Here is a poem by Kevin Griffith, who lives in Ohio, in which the years accelerate by their passing.

Hurry

We stop at the dry cleaners and the grocery store
and the gas station and the green market and
Hurry up honey, I say, hurry,
as she runs along two or three steps behind me
her blue jacket unzipped and her socks rolled down.

Where do I want her to hurry to? To her grave?
To mine? Where one day she might stand all grown?
Today, when all the errands are finally done, I say to her,
Honey I'm sorry I keep saying Hurry--
you walk ahead of me. You be the mother.

And, Hurry up, she says, over her shoulder, looking
back at me, laughing. Hurry up now darling, she says,
hurry, hurry, taking the house keys from my hands.

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Words You Can Use:

Palprebra: This may be odd to you but it is a word for the eyelid.

Quotiety: When a person speaks of a number, the person can use this word to denote a number, or the relationship of a number.

Rivose: If hues of color occur together in an irregular or unordered fashion, this word describes them, but a rainbow is sort of ordered, is it not, so you shouldn't use this for that.

Sessile: To be conjoined to a base missing a stalk is what this describes, but you could ask then, how is it attached?

Terricolous: Something that lives on ground or in the ground, is described by this word.

Writers And Poets!

The Eastland/Callahan County Newspapers announce that the Baird Star will be publishing submitted poetry and short stories. We will also be publishing a literary journal in the near future.

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3. Short stories should be brief. Poetry should be no longer than 24 lines.
4. Each submission should be typewritten, single spaced, with author's name and contact information in the top right hand corner. You must include a SASE for the return of the submission.
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Obituaries

Doris Jean Baker Graham

EASTLAND - Doris June [Baker] Graham, age 81 of Eastland died May 21, 2009 in an Abilene Hospital.

Graveside services were held at 3 PM Sunday, May 24, 2009 in Simpson Cemetery. The funeral procession will assemble at the Funeral Home at 2 PM Sunday. Visitation 6 to 8 Saturday evening at the Funeral Home. Rev. Larry Hooper and Bobby Pierce will officiate. Directed by Edwards Funeral Home of Eastland.

Born May 10, 1928 in Bell County Texas to Jarrett Law Baker and Mary Thelma Tatum. She married Clifford Ray Graham on December 17, 1949 in Lawton Oklahoma. She spent most of her life in Monahans Texas moving to Eastland County in 1996. She was Baptist by faith and an expert homemaker Mother, Grandmother and Great

Grandmother.

She is survived by husband, Clifford Ray Graham of Eastland; daughter, Patricia Graham Tuxhorn of Fort Worth Texas; 1 brother, Robert Baker of Idalou Tx.; granddaughters, Candace "Cassie" Tuxhorn Worrell and husband Fred of Logan Township New Jersey, Katy Michelle Tuxhorn Daigneault and husband Joshua of Clyde, Texas; great grandchildren, Sierra Kaitlyn Worrell, Joshua Nathan Gunter Daigneault and Ty Jacob Daigneault.

She was preceded in death by Sisters, Elouise King and Athenia Pierce a brother J.L. Baker Jr. and sister in law Joyce Eaves.

Memorials may be made to the Simpson Cemetery Association.

Flora A. Wright

CLYDE- Flora A. Wright, 92, of Clyde, Texas and formerly of Abilene, died Sunday, May 24, 2009 at Clyde Nursing Center.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at Cedar Hill Cemetery, with Pastor Jimmy Hatcher officiating. Services under the direction of Parker Funeral Home in Baird.

Flora was born February 6, 1917 in Leslie, Arkansas to Green and Ellen Griffin. She married Marlin Wright

in 1935 in Cottonwood, Texas. She was a member of the church of Christ. She was a retired cook for the Abilene Public Schools. She had lived in Clyde for 8 years, moving there from Abilene.

Survivors are two daughters, Betty Norwood of Clyde and Connie Meshier of El Paso; one son, Leo Wright of Abilene; 13 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Ruthie 'Toodie' Fowler

ABILENE- Ruthie "Toodie" Fowler, 70, of Abilene died May 23, 2009.

Services were held Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 1 p.m. at North's Memorial Chapel with Bob Cheatham officiating. Burial followed at Cedar Hill under the direction of North's Funeral Home.

Ruthie was born October 19, 1938 in Fluvanna, Texas to James and Martha Shifflett. She married Johnny B. Fowler on September 1, 1956 in Abilene, Texas. They were married 33 years. She was a homemaker. She was a licensed cosmetologist and owned Ruth's Beauty Salon in Abilene for many years. She made so many friends throughout her life here on earth. She loved to work in the yard. She took a lot of pride in working on people's hair. She loved to play dominoes, especially 42. She always wanted snacks and candy kept in her room for her three special great-grandsons, Daniel, Zack and Jacob.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one son, four

brothers, and two sisters. She is survived by her daughter, Selene Rose and husband, Danny of Clyde; son, Stuart Fowler of Abilene; three grandchildren, Stephanie Rose of Clyde, Cody Rose and wife Darla of Abilene, and Jason Fowler of Austin; six great-grandchildren; one brother-in-law; three sisters-in-law; a lifelong best friend, Wilma Bergan of Abilene; numerous loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Sudoku Answer

4	6	3	1	8	7	5	9	2
1	9	8	4	2	5	6	7	3
5	7	2	9	6	3	8	1	4
7	8	6	2	3	4	1	5	9
3	1	9	6	5	8	4	2	7
2	4	5	7	1	9	3	6	8
9	3	1	8	7	6	2	4	5
6	5	7	3	4	2	9	8	1
8	2	4	5	9	1	7	3	6

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Callahan County Riding Club 2009 Play Dates Announced

The 2009 Callahan County Riding Club season kicked off on Saturday, May 2nd at the arena on FM 603 in Eula with other dates throughout the summer.

At 6 p.m. there was a membership drive so that everyone can get the required Coggins papers filed and membership dues paid. The play day began at 7 p.m. with a grand entry and fun for everyone. The concession stand was up and running. Everyone is encouraged to come out to these playdays.

The schedule for the 2009 season is below. All regularly scheduled play days will begin with trainers/exhibitions at 6:30 and the events beginning at 7 p.m. Check us out on the web for updates at hyperlink http://

www.callahancountyridingclub.com

May Dates: Saturday, May 30th; Sunday, May 31st NBHA (National Barrel Horse Association using arena).

June Dates: Saturday, June 6th; Sunday, June 14th (NBHA); Saturday, June 20th; Saturday, June 27th; Sunday, June 28th (NBHA)

August Dates: Saturday, August 8th; Saturday, August 15th; Saturday, August 22nd; Saturday, August 29th.

Any rain-outs or make-up days will be held on the open weekend or on Fridays or Sundays, depending on weather and options of membership. If you have questions call Sue Underwood at 325-669-9411.

Baird Market Daze Sign-Ups Underway

All local vendors, individuals and organizations interested in participating in the annual Market Daze in downtown Baird are asked to contact the Chamber of Commerce.

Plans for the Saturday, June 27th event sponsored by the Chamber are coming together as the Chamber board and Museum workers tie up loose ends for the usual activities as well

as some special projects. New events are expected to attract a large crowd this year. More details will be announced in the coming weeks.

Space should be reserved as soon as possible. Booth fees are \$20.00 for 10 x 10 space and \$30.00 for a 10 x 20 space.

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 200: 7. Will Graham, Clyde 23.19
 Triple jump: 9. PJ Martinez, Clyde 41-8 1/2

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Area musicians are invited to come out to Cottonwood and play on Friday, June 19th for an Olde Time Musical and Spaghetti Supper, the proceeds of which will go towards repair and maintenance at the Cottonwood Community Center.

Musicians that performed at Cottonwood Musicals in the old days and musicians that are new to Cottonwood are both welcome to come and play. Call Cookie Robinson at 254-725-4127 or Beverly Brown at 254-725-7369 if you can make it.

The Cottonwood Community Center, which was once the community's schoolhouse, is under the care of the Cottonwood Historical Association, which also oversees the old Post Office, Methodist Church and two cemeteries.

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The Idle American

Commentary by Don Newbury

A Little Bird Told Me...
 It has become predictable. When springtime rolls around, look for the media to roll out bird news. Often it is re-hashed, maybe even contrived. But reading about our feathered friends is a heap better than most of the other stuff in the news.

Rarely do bird topics cause us to cringe, tremble, cry, faint or clench fists. I wish I knew more about birds; alas, I've shied away from them, largely because of a weekly radio program.

Fibber McGee and Molly, a comedy show heard by millions during a quarter-century span ending in 1959, featured a parade of offbeat characters, including a mush-mouthed guy named Wallace Wimple. It was he who lessened my interest in birds....

Mr. Wimple's visits to 79 Wistful Vista provided weekly reminders of his "wimpiness." He was "Mr. Milquetoast" personified.

During those years, the term "hen-pecked" was heard regularly, and it seemed to be a perfect "fit" for him. In a voice little more than a whisper, he spoke glowingly of "Sweetie Face," his "big old wife."

He ended each vignette with the observation that he just "wanted to be alone with his bird book."...

 To have expressed an interest in birds would have invited hisses and boos from my pre-teen friends. In my dreams they called me "Mr. Wimple." Arrgggh!

There was an additional "whammy" to curb my interest.

In junior high, I learned that bird-lovers are called "ornithologists." I had no hankering to learn how to spell it, and besides, "ornithology" looked like it might be a dirty word....

I digress--again. Back there in the first paragraph, I mentioned that springtime brings with it news of birds. That's when the song "Flying Purple People Eater" was unleashed on America. It's also when annual cries of ivory-billed woodpecker sightings in Arkansas are heard.

You may be wondering: What is the ornithological news for this spring?

The answer: mockingbirds. It turns out that these multi-talented birds, long since revered, now are thought to be even brighter than earlier believed. So never mention "birdbrain" and "mockingbird" unless

"summa cum laude" is included in the same sentence....

 You may have heard that the National Academy of Sciences has discovered that mockingbirds have learned to identify people who have previously threatened their nests, while ignoring others who are minding their own business.

Zoology researchers at the University of Florida echoed these findings with a recent study. It involved 10 students, both men and women, of various ages. They had varying amounts of hair

and dressed differently as they approached 24 mockingbird nests from different directions and at various times. They were bombarded on days three and four. On day five, another group of students approached the nests and was ignored.

Floridians, first with Gatorade, were in second place in the race to designate the mockingbird as their official state bird....

The eyes of Texas were upon them! Texans jumped right in when the USA got into the bird-naming business back in 1927.

On January 31 of that year, the Texas State Legislature, lobbied by the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, chose the mockingbird as the official state bird.

This means that four other states "mocked" Texas by selecting the same bird, including Florida 84 days later. Arkansas followed suit in 1929, Tennessee in 1933

and Mississippi in 1944. (As an aside, New York didn't name an official bird until 1970.)...

Can't you almost hear a chauvinistic Texas legislator grousing about the decision?

"I knew when women won the right to vote back in 1920 that the camel's nose was under the tent. Give 'em an inch, and they'll think they can name the state bird."

Ah, but what a bird! Of the species *Mimus Polyglottos*, it can mimic more than three dozen other bird species, as well as expertly reproduce sounds of animals, musical instruments and warning bells. It says so right here in my bird book....

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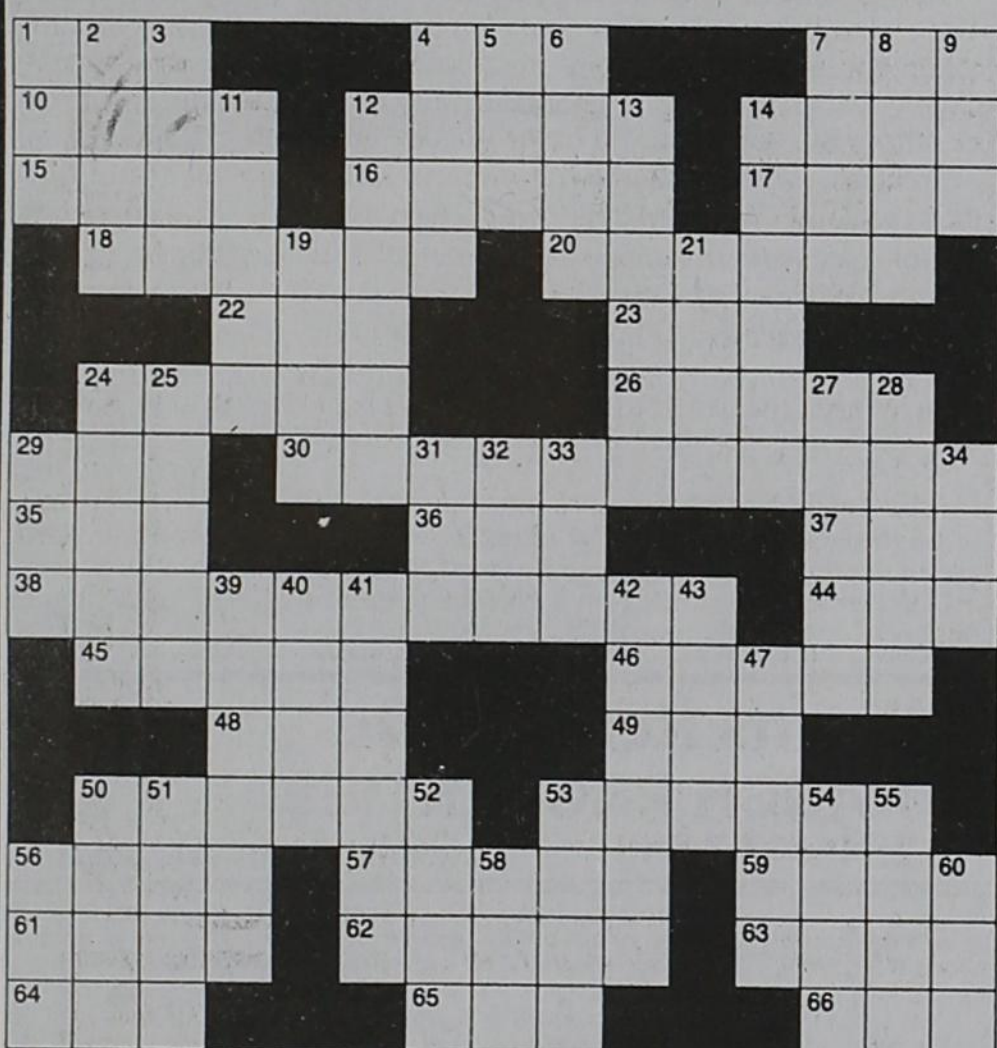
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