



Mocha MacKinnon next to a card from Socks

MIAMI HERALD 1-9-95

Maladjusted? Cat-egorically not!

In reply to Frank J. DaSilva Jr., author of the Dec. 30 Readers' Forum letter "Pen pals for Socks":

Wait just a damn minute! I resent being called a fool, but being called a "maladjusted fool" really puts a ridge down my back. My cat Mocha did send a 1993 Christmas card to Socks, the Clinton family cat, and received a reply. Now, I ask, with all the money spent on drugs, alcohol, and cigarettes, and the money spent curing these addictions, is it so bad to find a enjoyment from hearing from the White House cat? I think not. I am a reasonable adult of 74 with a business college education, now retired after 38 years of work and living on a well-earned pension.

I received a great deal of pleasure from receiving the card from Socks, and so did my family and friends. These cards are handled by volunteers, not the White House staff.

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"SOCKS"

Auxiliary White House Mail Room
% U.S. Soldiers & Airmen's Home
4000 North Capitol Street
Washington, D.C. 20315

Dear Socks:

Excuse the use of my housekeeper's official stationery - it was all that I could lay my paws on at this time - he is out on an errand for my missy and I sneaked into his "home office" in order to get this note off to you!

My name is "Reilly - Ace of Spies" or better known as Pushkin. I am all black with a white triangle on my chest. I originally came from Rye, NY but we have retired here in Florida. I am only 10 years old - I'm not retired - male and single!

I am so happy that you have been designated "FIRST CAT" it is about time we had our day in the sun.

Keep up the great work you are doing, you will always have my vote as long as you reside in the White House. If by any chance Amy lets you get down this way plan to stop in for a bite of FANCY FEAST OR SHEBA.

Your devoted friend,

Reilly aka Pushkin

4244 Revere Circle
New Port Richey, FL 34653



Dear First Cat - Socks,

I am a black and white cat like you. I am named June Rose, because I came to live with my family in June almost 8 years ago.

My mistress said that I inspired her to write a short collection of poems, which she would like to share with your family. They are about members of my human family and me.

Best wishes to you and your fine family from all of us.

Your feline friend,



June Rose



Dolores Wiener
70 Bellmore St.
Floral Park, NY 11001



"June and Her Family"

JUNE IS HER NAME

One day a hungry pussycat

Came running up to me.

Her skinny body, black and white

Was quite a sight to see.

She rubbed herself against my legs

The left and then the right.

She looked up with her haunting eyes

And meow'd with all her might.

Kitty, I said, you look so sad-

For you, I really do feel bad-

Let's get you something good to eat,

You look like you could use some meat.

She ate and ate and then ate more-

Chopped meat she surely did adore.

The sun shone warm and bright that day-

In June, with us, she came to stay.

TO BIG SISTER-LOVE JUNE

Someone is very good to me.
She sees that I'm well fed.
A gourmet meal I have each day-
It gives me energy to play.

When I was sick and feeling low,
She drove me to the Vet.
She stroked my fur and held my paw
And nursed my leg which was so sore.

She works all day, but when she's home
She spends some time with me.
She meow's, plays ball and we have fun.
She cleans me up, and off we run.

A SPECIAL FRIEND IS PAUL

A special friend is Paul.
And when he comes to call-
He visits me downstairs.

He's really kind, you see.
He pets and kisses me.
I'm glad to have him here.

LOVING PAL

I have a loving pal who teaches school,
She tries to live up to the golden rule.
And when I hear her footsteps at the door,
I quickly run across the shiny floor.
She picks me up and gives me a big hug,
Then waltzes me across the golden rug.
She gives me something special for a treat,
And when she rests, I curl up at her feet.

LITTLE SISTER AND JUNE

Sometimes I like to play with June

A game of hide and seek.

I hide as quiet as a mouse

Some secret place within the house.

I wait and very soon I hear-

June coming closer-now she's near.

She's found me-how do I know?

She brushes by and tells me so.

IS SHE MOM'S FAVORITE?

We sometimes think Mom's favorite kid is June.

Mom talks to her in voice so sweet-

For her, she cuts up plates of meat-

She strokes her fur and plays games with her too.

June runs to Mom and pauses there.

Purrs and purrs-and she's called dear.

She likes to follow Mom on walks-

And always listens when she talks.

DAD AND JUNE

When I come home at night I see

A playful cat awaiting me.

I say hello, and how are you-

And bend over and pet her too.

She says, you know, I am well fed-

And thank you for my lovely bed.

I'm happy here in your warm house-

I like you, your girls, and your spouse.

TIME TO EAT - BON APPETIT

She walked into our home one day-
Stole all our hearts away-
Shows us she's glad to be-
Part of our family.

She wakes up early in the morn-
Stretches her legs out straight-
Laps up beef kidney stew-
Savors fresh liver too.

But fish is her filet mignon-
June licks the platter clean,
Meows, saying, you're certainly kind,
I'll go out now, if you don't mind.

A WALK WITH JUNE

We love to walk in the sunshine fair
And smell the grass and the flowers rare
We're never alone as you can tell
By the ringing of our feline's bell.

PLAYTIME

June's a joy around the house-
Boxes with her catnip mouse-
Meows and rolls and stretches too-
Squints her eyes- then looks at you!

MY FAVORITE TOY

I have a favorite toy
that Rocco made for me
A paper towel tube
Tied with a long string tail
He slowly pulls the string
It snakes across the floor
I grab it with my paw.

THE RUG ROLLER

June loves to roll on the rug
Loves to roll on the rug does she-
June loves to roll on the rug
She stretches and rolls with glee.

SLEEPY TIME

[illegible]

31st December 1994.

TO:

"Socks", The White House Cat,
WASHINGTON, D.C.
U.S.A.

Dear Socks,

I saw your picture in our "Western Australian" Newspaper.
Having three cats myself, I fell in love with you at first sight.

Here in Australia, there is a campaign of having all cats marked and de-sexed, except for cats who enters shows, etc. I am truly worried that it will eventually eliminate cats such as "tortoiseshell and white", which I have three of. My cats are kept inside at night, in order to keep the peace in our town, and they are all operated on, so no kittens will go astray, etc.

It has become the policy of Australia to have all cats inside at night, and to have cats operated on to avoid the cat-population growing, as cats are blamed for the killing of wildlife in the Australian bush. I personally believe that man's burning down of the bush, kills thousand more animals in the bush, than the cats. However, I am a law abiding citizen, and obey the Government.

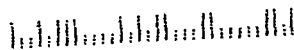
I am so glad that you are accepted in the White House, even though you are "just" an average black and white cat. You would not be accepted in Australia, as only pottigree cats are accepted..... I would love to have a picture of you Socks. Thankyou Mr. Clinton for having just an ordinary C A T .

Yours

MRS. LILIAN LANDER
21 Rex Street
GOSNELLS 6110, W.A.
AUSTRALIA.

TO: "SUCKS",
"THE WHITE HOUSE"
WASHINGTON, D.C.

U. S. A.



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Lucky Young
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Socks Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC 20500

7 Jan 1995

Dear Cousin Socks,

How was your Christmas? Did you get lots of goodies? All I got was a tube of fur ball medicine. For some reason my masters Don & Ellnora get upset when I throw up on the carpet. The turkey scraps are now gone so I guess it's back the the old "9 Lives".

I greet you as a cousin for reasons other than that are both of the feline race. Note in my picture how much we resemble each other. I just take after the long haired branch of the family. I hope you will put my picture in a special place, like at the head of your litter box.

I was curious as to our exact relationship so I went to Salt Lake City and looked it all up at the big Mormon Genealogy Library. There were hundreds of others there just like me, trying to track down the famous and infamous members of their families.

Was I surprised to find out that my father Boots and your father Ahab were brothers. It seems my father left Arkansas for Oregon in 1987, in order to see some of those famous spotted owls he had heard about. What a meal he was thinking! It turned out that all the thousands of owls are being guarded by well meaning environmentalists so he ended up having to take a job in one of the lumber mills as a mouser.

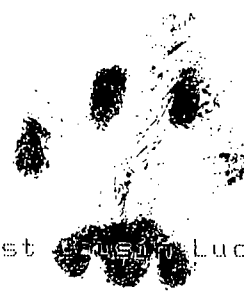
He soon worked his way up to Chief Mouser but now his job is in jeopardy because of the owl situation. No problem for me however, as I got on welfare due to no ambition. Beats working.

Back to the family tree - I'm enclosing a copy for you as I know you will be interested since you probably thought you were just an unknown orphan.

I wish I could see you some time. You have made our family real proud. I have your book "Socks Goes to Washington" and read it all the time.

Love,

Your First Cousin Lucky



From: Lucky Young,
315 W. Riverside Dr.,
Roseburg, OR 97470, (503)672-2936

16 TOM THOMAS (#9718)

B: 10 Apr 1978 Little R+, Pulaski Co AR

M:

D:

8 "The stalker" LICORICE (#9712)

BORN: 1 Feb 1980

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

MARRIED:

17 Midnight MEOW (#9719)

B: 25 Dec 1979

D:

4 ??? DRED (#9704)

BORN: 27 Aug 1983

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

MARRIED:

DIED:

DIED: 1 Feb 1985

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

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BORN:

MARRIED:

DIED:

9 ??? SNOWBALL (#9713)

BORN: 30 Dec 1981

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

DIED:

19

BORN:

DIED:

FATHER OF NO.1

2 ??? BOOTS (#9706)

BORN: 16 Apr 1986

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

MARRIED:

DIED:

10 ??? SOCKS (#9714)

BORN: 17 Mar 1980

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

MARRIED:

20

BORN:

MARRIED:

DIED:

5 ??? MITZIE (#9705)

BORN: 5 Jul 1984

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

DIED:

DIED:

21

BORN:

DIED:

22

BORN:

MARRIED:

DIED:

11 ??? HOPE (#9715)

BORN: 21 Aug 1981

Hope, Hempstead Co AR

DIED:

23

BORN:

DIED:

1 Lucky YOUNG (#9720)

BORN: 23 Oct 1988

Roseburg, Douglas Co OR

MARRIED:

DIED:

24

BORN:

MARRIED:

DIED:

12

BORN:

MARRIED:

25

BORN:

DIED:

6 Unknown TRAVELER (#9716)

BORN:

MARRIED:

DIED:

DIED:

26

BORN:

MARRIED:

DIED:

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BORN:

DIED:

27

BORN:

DIED:

MOTHER OF NO.1

3 ??? FLUFFY (#9707)

BORN: 24 May 1987

Roseburg, Douglas Co OR

DIED: circa 1991

Roseburg, Douglas Co OR

14

BORN:

MARRIED:

28

BORN:

MARRIED:

DIED:

7 Pussy WILLOW (#9717)

BORN: 3 Oct 1980

Roseburg, Douglas Co OR

DIED: 17 May 1988

Roseburg, Douglas Co OR

DIED:

29

BORN:

DIED:

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MARRIED:

DIED:

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Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

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BORN:

MARRIED:

DIED:

9 ??? SNOWBALL (#9713)

BORN: 30 Dec 1981

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

DIED:

19

BORN:

DIED:

FATHER OF NO.1

2 "Love 'em & Leave 'em AHAB (#9700)

BORN: 1 Jan 1985

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

MARRIED:

: living Jan 1995

AR

10 ??? SOCKS (#9714)

BORN: 17 Mar 1980

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

MARRIED:

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BORN:

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BORN: 5 Jul 1984

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

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BORN:

MARRIED:

DIED:

11 ??? HOPE (#9715)

BORN: 21 Aug 1981

Hope, Hempstead Co AR

DIED:

23

BORN:

DIED:

1 Socks CLINTON (#9699)

BORN: circa 1990

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

MARRIED:

DIED:

12 Napoleon BONAPARTE (#9708)

BORN: 15 Aug 1969

Ajaccio, CORSICA

MARRIED:

24

BORN:

MARRIED:

DIED:

6 ??? SAMPSON (#9702)

BORN: 1 May 1983

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

MARRIED:

DIED:

DIED:

25

BORN:

DIED:

26

BORN:

MARRIED:

DIED:

13 Josephine TASCHER DE LA PAGRIE (#9709)

BORN: 30 Jun 1981

Paris, FRANCE

DIED: 3 Jul 1984

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

27

BORN:

DIED:

MOTHER OF NO.1

3 ??? JEZEBEL (#9701)

BORN: 14 Feb 1988

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

DIED: circa 1990

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

28

BORN:

MARRIED:

DIED:

14 ??? CLYDE (#9710)

BORN: 8 Aug 1980

Chicago, Cook Co IL

MARRIED:

29

BORN:

DIED:

7 ??? DELILAH (#9703)

BORN: 21 Mar 1985

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

DIED: 19 Feb 1990

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

DIED: 21 Feb 1986

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

30

BORN:

MARRIED:

DIED:

15 ??? BONNIE (#9711)

BORN: 28 Oct 1983

Chicago, Cook Co IL

DIED: 21 Feb 1986

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

31

BORN:

DIED:

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HUSBAND: "Love 'em & Leave 'em AHAB (#9700)

BORN: 1 Jan 1985

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

MARR:

DIED: living Jan 1995

AR

OCC: Party Dude

FATHER: ??? ORED (#9704) born 27 Aug 1983, Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR; occ. Chief Mouser, Arkansas State House; child of "The stalker" LICORICE (#9712) and ??? SNOWBALL (#9713); [Note: First two colored male in his fathers line.].

MOTHER: ??? MITZIE (#9705) born 5 Jul 1984, Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR; occ. Asst. Mouser, Arkansas State House; child of ??? SOCKS (#9714) and ??? HOPE (#9715).

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WIFE: ??? JEZEBEL (#9701)

BORN: 14 Feb 1988

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

DIED: circa 1990

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

OCC: Mouser, Governor's Mansion, Little Rock.

NOTE: Died after giving birth to son Socks- adopted by Chelsea

FATHER: ??? SAMPSON (#9702) born 1 May 1983, Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR; occ. Circus performer; child of Napoleon BONAPARTE (#9708) and Josephine TASCHER DE LA PAGRIE (#9709); [Note: Ancestor that introduced short hair to the family.].

MOTHER: ??? DELILAH (#9703) born 21 Mar 1985, Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR; died 19 Feb 1990, Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR; occ. Beautician; child of ??? CLYDE (#9710) and ??? BONNIE (#9711).

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1 : NAME: Socks CLINTON (#9699)

M : BORN: circa 1990

Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

! MARR:

OCC: FIRST CAT, CHIEF MOUSER; WHITE HOUSE

! DIED:

! NOTE: Adopted by Chelsea Clinton. Left Arkansas for Washington DC

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From: Lucky Young, 315 W. Riverside Dr., Roseburg, OR 97470, (503)672-2936

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HUSBAND: ??? BOOTS (#9706)
BORN: 16 Apr 1986 Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR
MARR:
DIED:

OCC: Chief Mouser, Roseburg Lumber Company

NOTE: Moved from Little Rock to Roseburg, OR in 1987.

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BORN: 24 May 1987 Roseburg, Douglas Co OR

DIED: circa 1991 Roseburg, Douglas Co OR

OCC: Housecat

FATHER: Unknown TRAVELER (#9716) born ____; occ. Traveling Salesman.

MOTHER: Pussy WILLOW (#9717) born 3 Oct 1980, Roseburg, Douglas Co OR; died 17 May 1988, Roseburg, Douglas Co OR; occ. Hummingbird watcher; [Note: Run over by logging truck.].

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1 : NAME: Lucky YOUNG (#9720)

M : BORN: 23 Oct 1988 Roseburg, Douglas Co OR

: MARR:

: DIED: OCC: CHAIR WARMER, SPOTTED OWL WATCHER

: NOTE: Unmarried. No children.

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DIED:

OCC: Chief Mouser, Arkansas State House

NOTE: First two colored male in his fathers line.

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MOTHER: ??? SNOWBALL (#9713) born 30 Dec 1981, Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR; occ. Governor's daughter.

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WIFE: ??? MITZIE (#9705)

BORN: 5 Jul 1984 Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR

DIED:

OCC: Asst. Mouser, Arkansas State House

FATHER: ??? SOCKS (#9714) born 17 Mar 1980, Little Rock, Pulaski Co AR; occ. Mouser, tobacco field.

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: MARR:

: DIED: living Jan 1995 AR

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Proof is in the pudding

Kudos to The Herald's Dec. 29 editorial *Truth across the Straits* about U.S.-Cuba news links expected to clear the "sclerosis of silence, propaganda, and disinformation that feeds ignorance on both sides of the Florida Straits."

Instant proof of need: This same piece states that "Cuba has consistently turned down the visa requests of American journalists who write or broadcast truths that the regime dislikes. Washington has been more flexible toward applications from Cuban journalists."

If Cuban authorities have been so consistent on that refusal, how is it that all the TV networks are allowed to broadcast from Cuba? Does it mean that the networks are broadcasting truths, or lies, that the regime likes?

Allowing Cuban correspondents to remain in New York covering the United Nations is proof not of flexibility on the part of the United States but of its obligation as host to that international organization.

Yes, we should welcome a free flow of information. We may start by clearing our local arteries, clogged by half-truths and manipulations.

MARCOS D. CASTELLON
Miami

Spread health-care risks

I read with interest and concern Dr. Ralph Frankel's Dec. 16 Readers' Forum letter *Single-payer isn't the answer*. Yes, single-payer national health insurance means lowest-cost government administration and universal coverage, but not socialism.

There are some things that individuals cannot reasonably provide for themselves, such as defense, or the services of the FBI, the IRS, and the Postal Service, which are necessary and effective.

A doctor, more than anyone, should know that health care costs continue to escalate beyond the ability of many to pay. Outrageous charges can easily wipe out a person's lifelong savings and security.

It is reasonable to spread the risk and the expense, just as we do with defense. The debate is about fair financing and equality of coverage. Dr. Frankel offers no solution. Single-payer was defeated by the powerful insurance industry, special interests, and politicians who voted to maintain the status quo. We can preserve competitive free enterprise, provide continuity of care for all, and reduce the cost of health care with a single-payer plan.

JOHN A. STROBEL



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Sex offenders have no rights

Re Claude Lewis's Jan. 5 Viewpoints Page column, *But what about the rights of sex offenders?*

The only right that a pedophile should have is the right to choose between castration and having a large, fluorescent *P* tattooed on their forehead. These are the real bogeymen lurking in our society today.

Mr. Lewis writes: "Pedophilia is an illness for which treatment must be found." Yes, but meanwhile, let us give them the two choices that I recommend. These beasts who stalk and molest babies and children should be given no quarter or sympathy. They are human in appearance only. They

must be made to carry a mark so that they cannot be mistaken for human.

Mr. Lewis closes his article with the naive statement, "Before we can find effective solutions to sexual abuse of children, we have to seek a better understanding of the full range of human sexuality."

Mr. Lewis is a prime example of the soft-headed genre of apologists who see all of society's misfits cured by proper treatment. The fact is that most rapists, robbers, pedophiles, vicious attackers, murderers, and other deliverers of hell to innocent victims today do so because they enjoy it.

LEONARD C. RINALDO
Miami