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**"If you can imagine it, you can achieve it
 If you can dream it, you can become it." WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD**

The bell tolls for cats in Hemingway's museum **August 16th, 2006**

Feline attraction ... Ernest Hemingway eats breakfast in 1954, with cats for company.

In these crazy times, sometimes it pays to stop for a while and reflect on the **REALLY IMPORTANT ISSUES!**

Many of you out there are cat owners and understand the special companionship cats bring... I can attest to the joy and aggravation our family bengal, **Cougar**, brings to our everyday life. Apparently Ernest Hemingway also loved the felines (as well as the ladies?)

So, courtesy of the SMH is a story about descendents of the pets of Hemingway:

A catfight has broken out in America's southernmost town over the future of some of its famous citizens - **dozens of six-clawed felines descended from a pet that belonged to Ernest Hemingway.**

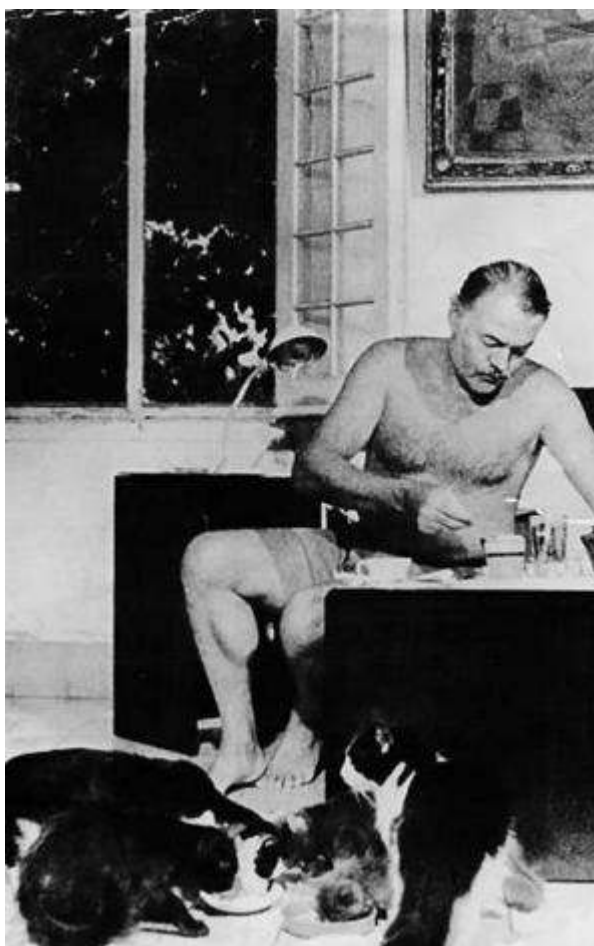
It is believed that 46 of the unusual cats roam the grounds of the author's former home, at Key West, which welcomes hundreds of thousands of visitors each year as a museum to "Papa" and the classic novels he wrote there, including **To Have and Have Not** and **For Whom the Bell Tolls.**

The US Department of Agriculture wants to fine the museum's owners up to **\$US200 (\$267) a day for "exhibiting" the animals without a licence**, according to a lawsuit filed in Miami. The trustees insist that tourists pay to see the house, of which the cats are merely residents.

"They're comparing the Hemingway house to a circus or a zoo because there are cats on the premises," said Cara Higgins, the museum's lawyer. "This is not a travelling circus. These cats have been here forever."

About half the cats are mitten cats, **meaning they have extra claws** on their front or back paws. Often named after actors, artists and philosophers, the popular feline residents include Archibald MacLeish, Pablo Picasso and Simone de Beauvoir.

Hemingway received a female cat called Snow White as a gift from a ship's captain in Key West in



1935, and its descendants have enjoyed free rein at the house since it opened as a museum in 1964, three years after the author committed suicide.

The dispute has reached Miami's district court, where the museum wants a ruling on whether it needs a licence under the Animal Welfare Act.

"We're asking the judge to let us know whether this act applies to the cats, and if so why that is if the animals are not in commerce," Ms Higgins said.

Steve Trogner, a guide at the house, said the cats were hugely popular with visitors. **"They're unique. Each one has its own character, and they're fiercely independent,"** he said.

Enjoy this issue of **The Maverick Spirit...** That's it for today, until next time, continue to enjoy being a free spirit in a complicated world...

Wayne Mansfield

P.S. Did you know that the most expensive CAT wedding occurred in September 1996, when two rare "diamond-eyed" cats, **Phet** and **Ploy**, were married in matching pink outfits at a ceremony in Thailand's biggest discotheque. It cost **Phet's** owner, **Wichan Jaratarcha, 410,979 Thai Bhat (US\$16,241).**

P.P.S. There are various records for the heaviest cat and before Guinness World Records stopped recording the details of Fat Cats as owners were cruelly overfeeding their pets to gain a new record, the record holder was **Himmy**, a neutered tabby living in Australia who weighed 21.4 kilos who finally died of heart failure. **Mr Peebles** was the world's smallest fully-grown cat, weighing in at just 1.3 kilos.

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Life is a journey and love is what makes the journey worthwhile
you will find as you look back upon your life
that the moments when you have truly lived
are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love.

Henry Drummond

Source: Suzanne Maher's **philosophy**

MAVERICK QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The gem cannot be polished without friction,
nor man perfected without trials."

Chinese Proverb



Samuel Maverick (1803-70)
Texan rancher who, when branding of stock was introduced chose **"Not to Brand."** Every unbranded horse or cow he then claimed as a **Maverick!**

Feedback: I have selected a couple of words for today... and I hope to hear from you soon with your words of encouragement, wisdom and resolve.

Dear Wayne,

As usual reading & enjoying your newsletters & I read about **Dinki Di Confectionery**. When you are in Melbourne (or you can mail order) & you want to feel a bit better about Australian made

Dinki Di Confectionery, come to one of the 8 branches of The Chocolate Box. We have our Family owned business making & selling most of the **Dinki Di Confectionery** that you have mentioned & we all appreciate. We have a variety of our own **Rocky roads** (inc our latest **Chilli** flavoured one), superb chocolate coated sultanas and macadamias, clinkers, **Sparklers** (our version of **Freckles**) and lot & lots more. Unfortunately a number of the products that you mentioned are now owned by Cadburys & similar multinationals.

Gary Adler

The Chocolate Box

Editor: On my last visit to Melbourne I visited A Chocolate Box and tasted as many old favourites as I could find, before my taste buds gave out!

A number of people corrected me on the **Spun Out Story**: The shortest email simply said:

Wayne

Simone, not Nicole..

Andrew

Wayne,

I recently attended the **Dream Life 2006** weekend 5th & 6th August in Melbourne with my husband Paul and to see you in person speaking was such an uplifting experience. I thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to attend this brilliant weekend and I know that you will receive back a million times more good things for all your time and effort and information.

I thoroughly enjoy the Spirit which came in an email to work, the address below, and I sent it to myself at home, as well as my husband at home.

Lorraine Slater

Victorian College of Health Care Education

Hi Wayne,

I love to find Maverick Spirit in my mailbox. Its always interesting and has great useful business and personal information. At your recent live seminar on Web Marketing (which was also terrific!) you mentioned the name of a really good new online Australian bookshop that gave exceptional service .. do you recall the name? ... thanks

Liz Sheridan, Mandurah

Ps .. Wayne, It was great to meet you in person again - you have a very down to earth, practical style and are as approachable in person as you are on Spiritmail!

Editor: The Bookshop is **Bobs Books** www.bobsbooks.com.au - tell Jason Wayne sent you.

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Until next time then... enjoy being a free spirit in a complicated world.

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