Cat show shaping up purr...fectly

"Madame X," an extremely rare Blue Burmese itten, will make her debut and cat history in Baltimore next month at the 11th Annual Championship Cat Show. She will be the first Blue Burmese ever to be exhibited in the city.

The six-month-old feline, owned by Mark C. Hannon, Washington, D.C., will join more than 350 other pure-bred cats the weekend of Feb. 10 and 11 at the Civic Center for the show sponsored by the Chesapeake Cat Club.

The show will run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Boy Scouts of America and the Bob Winn Memorial Foundation for research of feline diseases.

Other "celebrities" to appear at the show will be an O. V. Gold Persian owned by Doris Powel, Arlington, Va. and "Pettigirl, the top-winning Black Persian of 1972, owned by Joan O'Hara, Cedar Grove, N.Y.

There will be outstanding Shorthairs and Longhairs for the admiration of the vipwing public.

Barbara Miller, show secretary, reports that entries include Siamese, Persian, Himalayan, Birman, Burmese, Balinese, Abyssinian, Russian Blue, Manx, Korat, Rex, Exotic Shorthair and American Shorthair.

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A number of distinguished prize-winning felines from Europe and Canada will also appear in the show.

The European cats will be shown by Frau L. Erikson Schweizer of Bern, Switzerland, who will fly here to show a number of Persian cats. Lois Weston of Hamilton, Canada is also flying in with a number of prize winning Persians. She is a renown breeder of Persian cats.

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Cats are not visibly affected by long flights, and usually the only side effect of a long, high-altitude flight is drowsiness following a flight, causing the cat to sleep for an extended period of time.

Specially built cages are usd to transport the "jet-set" animals.

The Baltimore srow has enjoyed extreme success whole cat fancy and broke the stereotype of the average cat owner as the "little old lady in tennis shoes."

According to Fred Miller, show manager: "Cat people are inclined to be young and 'comfortable' — 50 per cent are between 18 and 34 years old and 75 per cent are from households with above $10,000 income.

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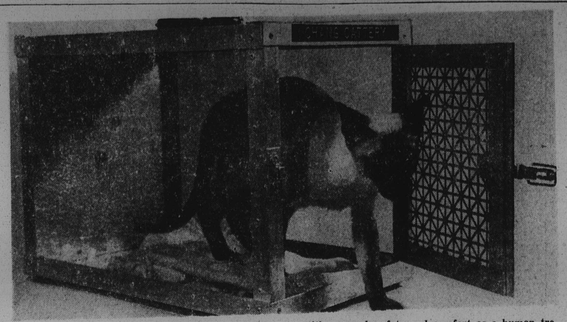
The Chesapeake Show is an All-Breed competition in which Longhairs and Shorthairs are split into sub-divisions and classes. Cats are awarded points for shape of head and ears; shape and color of eyes; structure of body, tail, feet and legs; texture and color of coat and general condition.

The judge has no previous knowledge of the cat other than the catalog number, color and class. Spectators or handlers are not permitted to speak the judge while the judging is in progress.

The judges for the show are Richard Koepol Wisconsin; William Eiseman, New Jersey; Donna Davis, New York; Joan O'Hara, New Jersey; Vaughn Barber, Louisiana. Predrick Miller will serve as show manager.



SHOW CATS get deluxe treatment aboard planes. Here 'Chang Cattery' emerges after a long flight from a cage specially built to provide the animal with as much safety and comfort as a human traveler. Cats are sometimes affected with a period of drowsiness after a long trip.

'Blackness, program to be Feb. 17 here

The Third District Blacks for Political Action and Education are presenting an opportunity for the black community to participate in the launching of a program on the black experience, entitled, "Journey into Blackness."

The journey will begin Feb. 17, from 2 to 5 p.m. at 4612 York Rd.

The program will emphasize the contributions of blacks to our civilization and hopefully stimulate interest and awareness of the role blacks are playing today in our society.

The program is open to the public and will include the black experience as seen in music, literature, art, politics, history, economics, drama and Religion.

For information call Alexander J. Walker, 254-2145 or 433-2065.

Free blood pressure tests at Mondawmin

The Central Maryland Heart Association in cooperation with Provident Hospital, Baltimore City Medical Society, CIBA Pharmaceuticals and the Monumental City Medical Society are sponsoring a community-wide Blood Pressure screening program at the Mondawmin Shopping Center from Tuesday, Feb. 6 through Saturday, Feb. 10.

A special booth will be set up in the Mondawmin Mall from 12 noon to 9 p.m., the five days of screening, and will be manned by eight trained volunteers daily, who will work in conjunction with physicians, nurses and technicans from the Provident Hospital to take blood pressures.

Offered completely free to the community, individual screenings will be treated confidentially and referrals where necessary will be made to the individual's private physician.

The area's community organizations and church groups have involved themselves by alerting their memberships to this vital high blood pressure screening and detection program and by active volunterrism.

Dr. Elijah Saunders, chief of Provident's Department of Cardiology, with Dr. J. O'Neal Humphries, president of the Central Maryland Heart Association and Dr. Charles Payne, chief of the department of Medicine at Provident the Hypertension Screening Committee consisting of Provident and Central Maryland Heart volunteers.

Among the volunteers are: Mrs. Elizabeth Brandt, R.N.; Mrs. Stephen George, vice chairman, C.M.H.A.'s volunteers activities committee; Miss Brenda Hall; Mrs. Charles Hall; Mrs. William Harmatz; Mrs. Willie Hines, health aide, B.C.H.D.; Mrs. J. O'Neal Humphries; Mrs Gloria Jackson; and Mrs Daniel Lindenstruth.

Also Dennis Myers; Mrs. Charles Payne; Mrs. Donald Ross, R.N.; Mrs. Elijah Saunders; Mrs. Ronald T. Smoot, R.N.; Misd Judith Swansburg; Mrs. Harry Taylor, general chairman, Central Maryland's volunteer activities committee, and Mrs. William D. Toothe, R.N.

The volunteers who will do the screening have been attending special hypertension technical teaching sessions at the Provident Hospital to prepare them for the program

These volunteers are being trained under the direction of Dr. Saunders, Dr. Payne and Mrs. Rosa Caine, R.N., Provident's cardiac coordinator.

Split nets Mrs. Rawls support pay

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Singer Lou Rawls agreed Wednesday to pay $4,500 temporary monthly support for his estranged wife and their two children pending a divorce hearing.

The agreement provides for Mrs. Lana Jean Rawls, 30, to receive $3,500 monthly and each of the children, Lou Jr., 8, and Lu Anna, 4, to receive $500.

The divorce action filed in Superior Court said the couple married Feb. 12, 1962, and separated Jan. 15, 1972.

The 39-year-old singer agreed to the support payments in a hearing before Superior Court Commissioner John L. Goodard. No date has been set for the divorce hearing.

Johnson heads science group

RALEIGH, N.C. — Dr. W. W. Johnson, chairman, the division of natural sciences and mathematics at Saint Augustine's College, has been appointed a member of the National Science Teachers Association Committee on College Science Teaching.

'WELL DONE' — Mrs. Lillian Johnson, for 45 years a teacher in the Baltimore City public schools, was among retired city employees receiving citations from Baltimore's Mayor William Donald Schaefer on Wednesday. City Council President Walter S. Orlinsky, (left), joined in offering congratulations. (AFRO staff photo by I. Henry Phillips, Sr.)

Area youths end Air Force basic training

Airman Wendell J. McCaden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moreland Ave. has completed Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex.

The airman is remaining at the Air Training Command base for specialized training in the security police field.

Airman McCaden was graduated in 1969 from Forest Park High School.

Airman Tyrone Frazier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernone E. Frazier, Maple Ave., has been assigned to Keesler AFB, Miss., after completing Ai. Force basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex.

The airman has been assigned to the Technical Training Center at Keesler for specialized training in the administrative field.

Airman Frazier is a 1970 graduate of City College High School and attended Bay College.

Airman Gerard M. Ambrose, son of Mrs. Inez S. Ambrose, Odessa Ct., has been assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training, Lackland AFB, Tex.

The airman has been assigned to the technical Training Center at Chanute for specialized training in the aircraft equipment maintenance field.

Airman Ambrose is a 1972 graduate of Dunbar High School.

His father, Kenneth R. Ambrose, resides on Homestead Ave.

Joe Fisher

Sgt. Joseph M. Fisher, Peper Ave., assigned to the Northwestern District, retired Nov. 23, 1972.

Sgt. Fisher was born Sept. 13, 1923, appointed to the department on April 3, 1947, promoted to sergeant Aug. 31, 1959.

Patrolman John Howard Gray, S. Deeker Ave., assigned to the community services division retired Nov. 3, 1972.

Patrolman Gray was born April 1, 1910, appointed to the department March 15, 1945.

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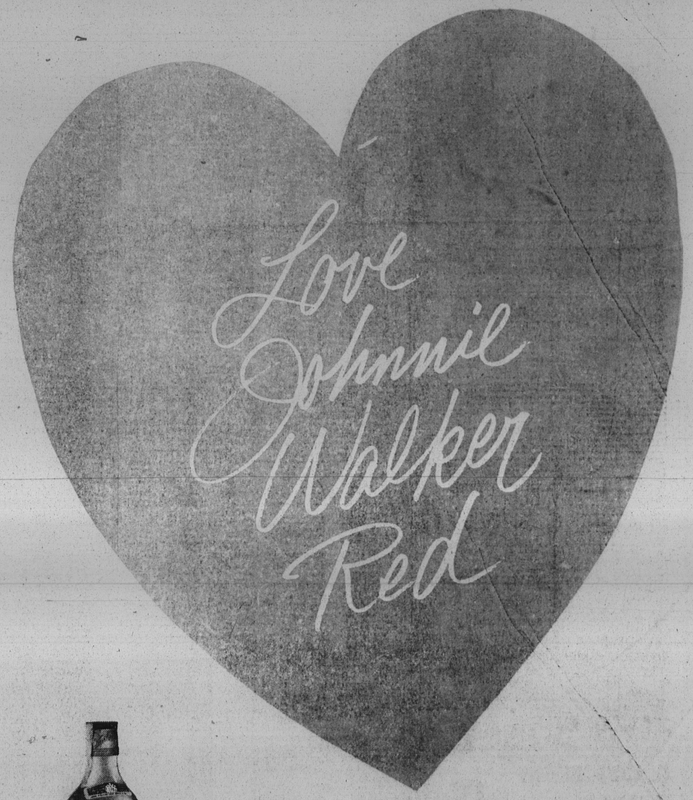

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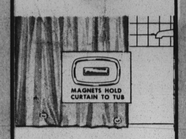

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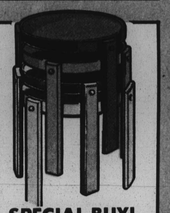

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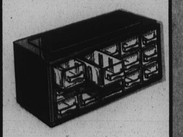

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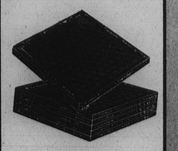

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