Colts' linebacker May cited as 'Big Brother'

ANNAPOLIS — In recognition of his "personal applications of the highest principles of Big Brother work," Ray May, linebacker for the Baltimore Colts, was given the Big Brother of Maryland Award for Service to Youth by the area's four Big Brother agencies, the Baltimore Jewish Big Brother League, Big Brothers of Baltimore, Big Brothers of Washington County, and Big Brothers of the National Capital area.

Presentation of the award was made Monday, in the Governor's office as a special feature of the area's observance of National Big Brother Week.

The citation read in part: "Your athletic career you embody the spirit of good sportsmanship for countless boys. Your selfless investment of time, money and personal concern in the character development of boys serves as an example for men throughout the country."

May, who comes from a well-ordered household, has adopted three young boys, two black and one white, who have been in trouble with the law time and again. When he petitioned the courts to parole them in his custody, he said he didn't know what he would do with them.

Ray May
unselfishness applauded

"I just knew," he said, "that I had to give them a set of guidelines."

May used the $15,000 he got for playing with the Colts in the 1971 Super Bowl as a down payment on a 185-acre ranch in Kansas, figuring that "a ranch with animals and responsibility is good for kids of any age."

May also said he doesn't intend to limit himself to "adopting" just the three boys, that maybe he'd take five back to the ranch with him during the summer and, if, in the future, he can take care of 50, he will take care of 50.

NIT meet takes form of Olympic preview

A preview of the 1972 Olympic Games will be provided by the fifth annual National Invitational track meet being sponsored jointly by the Catholic Youth Organization and Maryland M Club at the University of Maryland's Cole Field House Friday night, January 14.

A program of 33 events beginning at 7:30 o'clock will feature medalists from the 1968 Olympic Games as well as outstanding candidates for this year's classic.

Prominent among the all-time great returning to Maryland for the fourth consecutive year will be Willie Davenport, unattached, considered the greatest hurdler of all-time and an Olympic Gold Medalist at Mexico City in 1968.

Davenport not only has swept the last three 60-yard high hurdles events in the National Invitational at Maryland, but was voted the meet's outstanding athlete two years ago when he equaled the world's record of 6.8 at that distance.

Other sprint notables returning include Capt. Mel Pender, U.S. Army-West Point, and Dr. Delano Meriwether, Baltimore Olympic Club, who will be back for the 60-yard dash.

Capt. Pender tied the world's record of 5.9 for the 60-yard dash in the heats last year before losing out to the surprising Dr. Meriwether, a virtual unknown at that time, in a near photo finish of the 60-yard dash finals.

The University of Wisconsin's Pat Matzdorf, a rangy junior, who stunned the track world with a prodigious world's record high jump of seven feet, six and one half inches in the United States—Soviet Union world track meet at Berkeley, California, last July, also has enrolled along with Wisconsin's great two-mile relay team, 1971 NCAA champion.

Other topliners entered include Lee Evans, unofficial holder of 34 s in the 440-yard run of last year's meet, and Tom Venzke of the Pacific Coast Club, who set a new American standard of 1:48.5 in the 880-yard run.

More than 400 athletes, men and women, will compete and seats—all reserved—may be purchased at the CYO office, 1719 Rhode Island Avenue, ... Field House box office, Wheaton (Md.) Sports and Cycles, Inc.; Arena Sports Shop; Champion Trophies, and at Stag stores throughout the Washington area.

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DUANE THOMAS
Cowboys' running star at peace in solitude

Duane Thomas remains loner, but he's still good company

By ED FITE

DALLAS (UPI)—Duane Thomas, the sphinx-like running phenom of the Dallas Cowboys who refuses to be interviewed or pose for pictures, is no mystery man to his coach, Tom Landry.

The 6-foot-1, 220-pound, 24-year-old No. 1, 1970 draft choice out of West Texas State has drawn a curtain around himself after joining the club late. His return came after bitter verbal combats with Cowboys management over his feelings that his original three-year contract needed revisions.

He is a tremendous football player and he's played like one ever since he broke back into the lineup in the first game of the regular schedule, but he's done all his talking with his talents on the field.

He rooms alone at home and on the road. He sits alone in the middle of the three-seat sections on the team's charter flights, sits off to himself on the bench while not on the field and declines all efforts to draw him into conversation.

The Cowboys' home town press corps has learned to live with the situation and after repeated rebuffs have left him alone. They have asked Landry about him, but Landry's repeated reply has been, "I don't have any trouble communicating with him."

But, some of the out-of-town writers covering the 14-3 Dallas National Football Conference title game victory over San Francisco last Sunday asked Landry if he could explain the "Thomas situation" to them because they found it very difficult to comprehend.

"I don't know that I can explain it," Landry told them, "but I'll try.

"Duane is a unique individual. His sole objective is to prepare to play football and he just doesn't like distractions. He's smart. You don't have to tell him anything much and he doesn't ask. But, he listens.

"You (meaning himself as coach) and the team just have to understand him. He acts as though he's not a part of the team, but he is. And, I and the team, have learned to understand that.

"I never ask him why he is the way he is, but I guess he has his reasons.

"He opens up when I talk to him. . .and I've talked to him an hour at a time. . .and, no, it isn't a one-sided conversation.

"Thomas is the type who uses his teammates. . .by that I mean their blocking. If he seems to be hesitant getting away sometimes (as it appeared Sunday against the Forty-Niner defense), it's just because he's waiting to find daylight and then he explodes.

"Sometimes it looks like he's not doing anything," Landry admitted.

But, Thomas' statistics disprove that supposition—a fact which may interest the Miami Dolphins more in the Super Bowl Jan. 16 than the fact Thomas is "unique."

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Classy field set for Bowie stake

BOWIE, Md.—A total of 23 Maryland-bred sophomores, including John Agro's Rex Gestae, Etheton Farms' Places Please; Windfields Farm's Ivy League; Marvin Waldman's Irish Trip and William T. Leatherbury's Marshes of Glen; have been nominated for the fifth running of the $22,000 added R. Palmer Heagerty Stakes, the seven furlongs attraction, listed for renewal at Bowie Race Course tomorrow (Saturday).

The event honors the memory of the late veteran chairman for the New York Daily Racing Form, E. Palmer Heagerty, who died January 10, 1962.

Colts mentor named AFC coach in Pro Bowl

Colts coach Don McCafferty has been selected to head the American Football Conference All-Stars for the Jan. 23 Pro Bowl game at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

Selection of McCafferty was announced by Jerry Hanes and Glen Davis of the sponsoring Los Angeles metropolitan newspapers.

McCafferty, 50, was the only rookie coach to ever win a Super Bowl game and this past season guided his team to a berth in the playoffs.

His opponent, who will coach the NFC All-Stars, will be named today (Friday.)

JAN 10

Classes for the Adult Education spring term will begin the week of January 17, with registration being held at the following six major Adult Centers on Monday, January 10 and Tuesday, January 11, 1972, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.: Annapolis Senior, Arundel Senior, Glen Burnie, Northeast, Martin Spalding and Southern Senior High Schools.

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'The Choice' author fired by Newsweek

Newsweek Washington correspondent Samuel F. Yette announced that he has been fired by the magazine, and he charged the magazine with "racism and capitulation to pressures against free press and free speech."

The charge of racism is being formalized, he said, in complaints filed with both the D.C. Commission on Human Relations and the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

Yette has been the first and only black correspondent in the Newsweek Washington bureau, although there are five other black professionals throughout the magazine's world-wide editorial staff of some 250 persons. His termination is effective Jan. 15. He joined the staff in Jan. 1, 1968.

Yette, 42, is author of a recent award-winning book, The Choice: The Issue of Black Survival in America. He said that Newsweek had been guilty of "incipient racism" throughout his four years with the magazine, but that publication of the book last February was "catalytic," resulting, among other things, in the magazine's denial of story assignments, and, ultimately, his discharge.

Yette said he first received oral notification of discharge last September 13, but that he tried to dissuade Newsweek management from the formal following-through by first meeting twice with top Newsweek editors, then retaining legal counsel to help point up what he regarded as racist and suppressive activity.

Clifford L. Alexander Jr., who served as chairman of the EEOC during the Johnson and Nixon administrations, was retained by Yette as counsel.

Three months of negotiations ensued. After a month, Newsweek withdrew the discharge, but on condition that Yette transfer to another bureau, prefrably Chicago. Yette rejected the transfer offer as a subterfuge, he said. On Christmas Eve, Newsweek lawyers notified Yette, through counsel, that the firing decision was reinstated and final.

SAMUEL F. YETTE
Ordered to vacate office

End Tape Singleton

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Yette told the AFRO today (Friday) that shortly after he announced his dismissal by Newsweek on Wednesday, he was ordered to vacate his office as of Wednesday even though he will continue on payroll until Jan. 15, at his current salary estimated to be in the neighborhood of $20,000.

For the future, he said, "I'll continue to do some writing and some lecturing. The thing I'm considering most firmly as a fulltime job is chairman of department of journalism at Howard University."

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Born in Harriman, Tenn., Yette is a graduate of Morristown College, Tenn. State University and Indiana University, where he earned a master's degree in journalism and government in 1951.

Before joining Newsweek in 1967, he was an Air Force Information Officer, public school teacher and general assignment reporter for the AFRO in Washington and Baltimore.

He also did special assignments for national magazines and national television.

Bullets return to Cole to battle Suns, Sunday

COLLEGE PARK—Coach Gene Shue's improving Baltimore Bullets return to the University of Maryland's Cole Field House Sunday afternoon, to oppose the Phoenix Suns in a National-Basketball Association game beginning at 2:10 o'clock.

An opening schoolboy basketball contest set for 12:15 p.m. will involve Mackin High of Washington and Towson, Md., High School.

A Korean karate exhibition is scheduled for half-time and the first 2,000 children of 14 years and under attending will receive T-shirts.

The Bullets recently ended a seven-game winning streak for the New York Knickerbockers in Madison Square Garden and are expected to return to full strength shortly after being riddled by injuries in early season.

The Baltimore entry has entered the New Year with a losing record, yet has led the NBA's Central Division most of the time.

The Suns, on the other hand, have been consistent winners, but are in third place behind the powerful Milwaukee Bucks and Chicago Bulls in the strong Midwest Division.

A's pitcher Odom shot by burglars

MACON, Ga., — Righthanded ace John "Blue Moon" Odom was in Center of Georgia Medical Center late Thursday in an undetermined condition after being shot by would-be burglars.

According to police, he was felled by bullets fired by an unidentified assailant — or assailants — who had been surprised by him as they were attempting to break in a neighbor's house.

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Odom, who was here visiting his mother, was hit in the neck and side and was taken to the emergency ward of the hospital for treatment.

The righthanded pitcher, who was signed by Athletics' owner Charles Finley in 1964 for a $75,000 bonus, was shot at three times and hit twice, according to police.

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The incident occurred about 1 p.m. in Southwest Macon and Odom reportedly had sought to intervene when he saw someone trying to burglarize a home adjoining his mother's house.

Odom, who won 10 games and lost 12 for the A's last year after missing almost half the season due to a spring elbow operation, grew up in Macon, attending Ballard-Hudson High School here.

'BLUE MOON' ODOM
shot foiling burglars

Until that operation last April, Odom had been a regular starter for Oakland, along with Vida Blue, Catfish Hunter and Chuck Dobson.

Young dribble 'n shoot winners in NBA spotlight

The Baltimore Bullets, through the cooperation of the Baltimore City and Baltimore County recreation departments and under the sponsorship of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company and Eastern Air Lines, have announced extensive plans for the metropolitan area's fourth annual "Dribble and Shoot Contest".

The competition, a test of dribbling and shooting skills, with elapsed time the major factor in scoring, totals, will be held at Baltimore City and County throughout most of January.

Boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 16 will be eligible to compete. Complete eligibility rules are printed on the entry blanks, which must be signed by either a parent or guardian.

As an added attraction to this year's contest, eight winners in the four age categories — four boys and four girls — will journey to Atlanta on March 18 to duel that city's champions. The four age brackets are — 9 years old; 10 and 11; 12 and 13; and 14 through 16.

Registration blanks for the 1972 contest are now available at all recreation centers in the area and preliminary eliminations will be held later this month.

Every youngster who enters the contest will receive from Coca-Cola a certificate of achievement, signed by J. Walter Kennedy, commissioner of the National Basketball Association.

Also each individual entered will receive a coupon that can be redeemed for two tickets for the price of one for the Bullets' game against the Philadelphia 76ers, Monday afternoon Feb. 21.

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After local eliminations and district playoffs have been held, the semi-finals and finals of the contest will be staged at the Civic Center, prior to Bullets' games on Feb. 18 and Feb. 23.

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Wife divorces Jimmy Brown

CLEVELAND (UPI)—A divorce has been granted to the wife of pro football Hall-of-Famer Jim Brown on grounds of extreme neglect of duty.

Mrs. Sue Brown, who filed for divorce in August 1968, said Brown had "adequately" supported her and their three children until last February. After that, she said, "very little money came and since August, nothing at all to live on."

Judge John L. Maxwell of Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court ordered Brown to pay Mrs. Brown $125 a month support as well as $125 a month for each of their three children. Maxwell also ordered a "detailed investigation" of Brown's financial worth.

The former Cleveland Browns running back now is an actor.

Mrs. Brown, a junior high school teacher, also was given full title to a new condominium in suburban Shaker Heights. She had asked for $30,000 a year for herself and $20,000 a year for the children.

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City delegates

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sults when we are treated as individuals."

He asked the delegation to vote in favor of a pending constitutional amendment that would erase this year's reapportionment effort and allow the creation of identical senate and house districts each containing a senator and either three or four delegates.

If adopted by the voters in 1972, this amendment would create a three-member district which means that there will be one senator and three delegates running in each district.

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Voting against the plan were A. Dypski, J. Burns, Frank C. Robey Jr., Gerald J. Curran, John J. Gallagher, Mrs. Lena K. Lee, Mrs. Margaret A. Murphy, Paul Weisengoff, and John A. Rutkowski.

Black delegates attending the meeting were Troy Brailey, Lloyal Randolph, Kenneth L. Webster, Walter R. Dean Jr.; Mrs. Lean K. Lee, Mrs. Hildegardeis Boswell, Isiah Dixon Jr., Frank M. Conaway and Calvin A. Douglass.

Help Wanted

What's Happening

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Jones — a ritualistic play about the creation of evil by man and man being destroyed by his own creation.

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Pomerleau

(FROM PAGE 1)

who have sources to delve deep into the Sept.17 affaring.

Isn't it true that Major math (as concerns the Police Department) are asking Roy was merely the duty officer and that's all?

Why did they disband Area 2 Squad right afterwards?

Who was the sergeant-in-charge on the scene during the alleged brutality case?

Why is it that the names of the sergeant and the two police captains are not mentioned at anytime, anywhere?

Citizens should know; Who are Commissioner Pomerleau's real 'bosom enemies' on the force?

Didn't they try a 'paint trick' hopefully to boot him out some time ago?

Isn't it true that some folks at City Hall would rather have their own "pick" for Police Commissioner?

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Major Roy, who has scored many firsts in over 20 years of policing, claimed one for example in 1968 when he successfully completed technical courses at the Delinquency Control Institute at the University of Southern California. Maj. Roy was then director of the Police Department's Juvenile Services Division with offices at Old Pine Street Police Station.

His is the first member of his race to have been promoted from the grade of lieutenant to major and today is one of the department's highest ranking non-white officers.

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DISNEY VACATION PACKAGE PLAN

Dr. Jerusa Wilson, president of Service Corp. of America in cooperation with the Penn Central Transportation Co. notes that their "Wonderful World of Disney" vacation package to Orlando, Fla. is picking up, now that Xmas is over.

The tour offers round-trip fare on the Silver Star; accomodations at the Orlando-Hilton West and plenty of free tickets to Disney World. (See details in this issue).

CHORUS ACCEPTS NEW MEMBERS

The Columbia Choral Society of Columbia, Maryland, under the direction of Gayle Crawford, is now open for new members. Tenors and basses will be particularly welcome, though openings are available in all sections. Requirements are only that applicants be over 17 years of age, have some previous choral experience, and be able to read music or learn quickly by rote. Generally, no auditions are necessary.

The Society is preparing an all-Latin concert to be given in late May and early June, 1972. Rehearsals begin Jan. 5 and will be held every Wed. evening, 8:30-10:30, in the Loft of the Other Barn, Oakland Mills Village Center in Columbia. Interested persons are invited to attend any rehearsal, or may call 744-6373 for further information.

THE GHOST SONATA

The joint theatre company of Archbishop Keough, Cardinal Gibbons and Mt. St. Joseph will present an interpretation of one of August Strindberg's greatest creations, The Ghost Sonata, Jan. 13 and 14.

The play will be presented in the Cardinal Gibbon's auditorium at 9:00 p.m.

The school is located on the corner of Calon and Wilkens Avenues, using beltway exit 12. The auditorium is in the main building and everyone is welcome.

SOUL SOLDIER

Rafer Johnson, the Olympic Games decathlon champion turned screen actor, stars as rugged Private Armstrong in ("Soul Soldier", an exciting action drama based on the exploits of the U.S. Tenth Cavalry, an all-black unit formed at Civil War's end.

Johnson co-stars with Lincoln Kilpatrick and Robert DuQui in The Fanfare Corporation release, now playing at the New Theatre. As Private Armstrong, Johnson plays an easy-going, hard-drinking giant who one day is ordered to go forth and battle the red man, and in doing so, is forced to kill the Indian chieftain who was his friend, an act with tragic overtones.

A world-renowned athlete before turning to motion pictures, Johnson states that his role in "Soul Soldier", was the first role ever offered to him as a black actor, rather than as a black athlete. The major difference between this feature and others he has acted in, he states, is that "this film is about a part of black history never before told. The Tenth Cavalry was a black regiment, mostly former slaves, and they contributed an important part in the building of our country. The film is about them as people, and playing the part of Armstrong gave me a chance to grow as an actor and to do something other than the same role I've been playing over and over again in previous films."

The six-foot four-inch Johnson, who studied drama in high school and acted in stage productions at UCLA (where he also captained the track team and was elected student president), has appeared in numerous feature films, including "The Games," "The Last Grenade," "None But the Brave," "Pirates of Tortuga" and "Wild in the Country."