Baltimore's Elite Giants are alive and well

By Will Marshall

AFRO Staff Writer

Since 1971 the Baltimore Elite Giants Boys Baseball Club has been continuing the tradition of allowing Blacks to compete in arenas where there is little, or no Black involvement.

They are doing it in a way that the Elite Giants of old would certainly be proud of. **Going against the odds, and winning anyway.**

In 1959 The Baltimore Elite Giants (Negro League) Franchise left the city, ending an era of proud tradition.

A tradition that allowed the best Black baseball players in town to compete, in a professional setting, with other top rated (Black) players in baseball (In those days Blacks were prevented from playing in the white leagues).

The Elite Giants are one of six teams competing in the coveted Baltimore-Metro Baseball Senior Division, which boast of having "the best players in this area for that age division," according to Larry Monroe, coach of the Elite Giants.

Although there are no specific rules preventing Blacks from playing in the Baltimore-Metro League, all but a few of the Blacks in this league are on the Elite Giants team.

Charles Hamilton, father of one of the players said, "There are 90 players on the other teams and only six of them are Black. Some of them feel that they do better by playing on a White team, but the Elite Giants is either tied for first place or in second."

Hamilton also told the AFRO, "Many of the White teams players were hand picked from schools where they played about 50 games per year, and the average school games played by Elite Giants team members is 15-17. "Even though their amount of experience is less than the White teams, they are still winning.

Coach Monroe does not let past victories overshadow a current games needs, he firmly challenges each team member to go out and win every game.

During a June 13 game against the Columbia Reds, Monroe put fire into his players when he told them, "Either you beat them, or I'm going to beat you."

The Elite Giants went on to overcome a 7-1 third inning deficit and won the game by a score of 8-7 off of a last inning triple.

AREA SPORTS

Down 7-1 in the third inning, Coach Larry Monroe calls in first baseman Joshua "O" (No. 24), won the game 8-7.

Forest Park Little League Minor Division Team Manager Bryan Gould, (standing at fence) watches as his pitcher gets the team out of a tough inning.

AWARD PRESENTERS and recipients include: (L-R) Dr. Sam Banks (Chairman, William "Sugar" Cain Committee), Lisa N. Williams, Jonathan Johns, Bryant Carter, Dr. Richard Hunter (President City School System), Harvey Jones, Marnette M. Shields and Harry M. Bruce (Director, Instructional Support Services).

Orioles hold tryout camps

The Baltimore Orioles will hold ten tryout camps this summer, beginning with the first camp on Saturday at Memorial Stadium, John Barr, scouting director, announced.

Following this initial tryout camp at Memorial Stadium, the Orioles will hold nine other camps in cities up and down the East Coast. Except at the Frederick tryout camp, which is by invitation only, all men between the ages of 16 and 22 are welcome to attend these camps.

American Legion players must have written permission from their Post commander or their coach to participate in the camp.

Tryouts move to Richmond, July 1.

UDC Alumni Golf results

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FIRST FLIGHT MEN

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2nd — James Dean — 71
3rd — Diamond Davis — 72

SECOND FLIGHT MEN

Winner — Barry Scruggs — 71
2nd — Fred Gaston — 72
3rd — David Knorr — 72

THIRD FLIGHT MEN

Winner — Robert Brams — 72
2nd — Henry Simon — 73
3rd — Winston Jackson — 74

FIRST FLIGHT — WOMEN

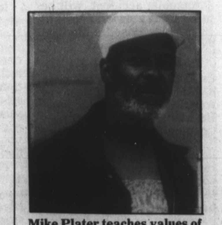
Winner — Betty Brabble — 75
2nd — Emma Clinkscale — 76
3rd — Claudette Flukos — 76

SECOND FLIGHT — WOMEN

Winner — Hattie Dorman — 70
2nd — Gloria Biagas — 74
3rd — Ogner Daniels — 75

THIRD FLIGHT — WOMEN

Winner — Joni Robinson — 71
2nd — Antoinette Mingo — 71
3rd — Jean Grant — 74



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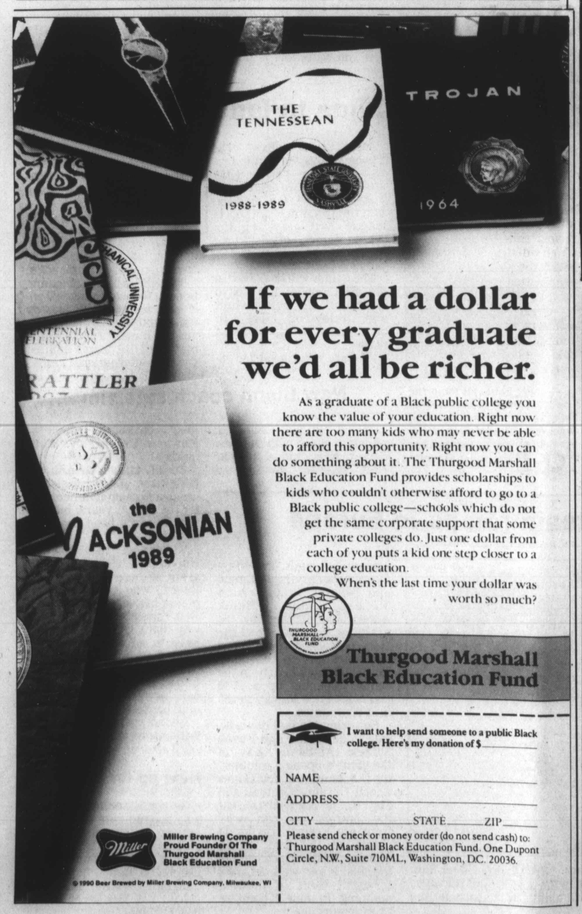

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Dealing with Drought in the Garden

By Pamela K. King
Extension Agent

On their way to the ocean, most people are probably busy dreaming of surf and sand, but I look at the corn fields. What I've seen this year is rather upsetting. When corn suffers from drought it starts to look spiky — the leaves roll and stick straight up like thousands of bayonets — and I saw a lot of prickly looking fields. Baltimore is not much better.

Many gardens look like the Sahara Desert. Most of the rain we have gotten has been short, heavy cloudbursts, and most of the water ran right off into the sewer.

Water is indispensable to plants. In fact, just as other living things, they are most completely made of water. The natural cooling system of plants, called transpiration, requires the evaporation of water from the outer surfaces of plant parts. Nutrients from fertilizers in the soil must be carried into the plants in a water solution.

Without adequate water, plant growth is reduced, they become weak and more susceptible to disease and insect attack. Vegetables and fruits grown under water stress generally lack quality and may suffer defects. Flowers will be smaller and fewer.

When drought strikes, there are some things that can be done to save water (and keep the water bill under control) as well as the garden.

*** Water**

—Apply water in the morning — it is usually cooler so evaporation will be slower. Evening watering may encourage disease in plants already stressed.

—Water an area for at least 45 minutes once a week to soak the soil to 6 inches in depth. This should be about 1 inch of water, that can be measured by placing some empty cans around the area being watered.

—Allow a hose to trickle, use a soaker hose or set the sprinkler as low as possible to minimize loss from evaporation.

—Apply water only as rapidly as it can be absorbed — do not allow runoff.

—Poke small holes in coffee cans or plastic milk jugs and bury them around the garden with only a ¼ inch lip above ground. Fill them with water, which will then be distributed below the soil line reducing evaporation and runoff.

*** Mulch**

—Cover exposed garden soil with newspaper, straw, compost or grass clippings to hold in moisture and prevent weeds.

*** Add Organic Materials**

—Be sure to add plenty of organic materials, like compost, peat moss, manure, and leaves, whenever preparing the soil to improve its water-holding capacity.

*** Plant**

—Plant fall crops in basins or furrows rather than hills, as water gathers in low spots and they stay moist a little longer.

*** Control Weeds**

—Weeds steal moisture from your plants. Control them by mulching, hand pulling, or scraping them off the soil surface with a hoe. Do not cultivate the soil as this speeds evaporation.

*** Try Drought Resistant Plants**

—Some ornamental flowers like marigolds, sweet allysum, and portulaca and shrubs like barberry, Aucuba, Cotoneaster and Juniper will tolerate dry conditions better than other types. Vegetables, because they must be tender and succulent to be most edible, are not drought resistant.

—If you have not been watering the lawn, don't start. The grass is dormant and will come back when the weather cools. If you have been watering or fertilized in the spring you must continue to water.

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Gardening Hints

By Kimberly Y. Purvis
AFRO Clean Block Writer

Where do I plant these carnations? How do I plant these marigolds? How much sun do these petunias require?

Ask no more! Here are some helpful planting and gardening hints for two of your favorite flowers.

MARIGOLDS - Golden Treasure

WHERE: Choose a well-drained garden location that receives at least 6-8 hours of full sunlight each day. Loosen soil to a depth of one foot and rake smooth.

WHEN: After the ground has warmed and danger of frost has passed.

AFTER PLANTING: Firm the soil over the seeds and keep moist until seedings appear. When plants are 1 1/2 inches apart. Thereafter, water weekly in dry weather and cultivate to control weeds.

CARNATION - Giant Mixed Colors

WHEN: Indoors 4 weeks before frost free weather.

HOW: 1/4 inch deep in a flat or peat pots filled with a commercial soil mixture available at your local gardening center.

AFTER PLANTING: Firm the soil over the seeds and keep moist until seedlings appear. Thereafter, grow with as much light as possible and water as needed.

TRANSPLANTING-Before transplanting outdoors, seedlings should be conditioned or "hardened off." This should be started about 2 weeks before final planting. During the day move seedlings outdoors in partial shade and bring them indoors at night. Each day gradually expose plants to more direct sunlight. Check plants for water daily. Finally, transplant to their permanent garden spot, 12 inches apart, in rows 18 inches apart.

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