ROTC AWARDS CEREMONY — The First ROTC Battalion at Morgan State University recently held its 32nd annual awards ceremony on the MSU campus. In the photo at left, cadets bearing arms and flags stand at attention. In the center photo, Mrs. Howard (Louise G.) Murphy, presents the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper award to Ranger Company as the best company. Receiving for Ranger Company are Cadet Capt. Brian Hux and Cadet Sgt. Audley Walters. In the photo at right, Cadet Lt. Col. Peggy D. Quinton receives the MSU President's Award from Stewart A. Brooks, assistant to the president of MSU.

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Officials say fewer Marylanders registered for primary than 1978 election

ANNAPOLIS — Fewer Maryland residents have registered to vote in the May 13 presidential and congressional primaries than were registered for the general election two years ago, state election officials said Wednesday.

The latest figures also show that the percentage of voters registered as Republicans or Democrats is virtually unchanged from two years ago.

New figures compiled by the state Administrative Board of Election Laws show that 1,884,135 voters will be eligible to cast ballots on May 13 — a decline of 4,170 from the number eligible to vote in the November 1978 election of the governor, comptroller, attorney general, the state legislature and Congress.

The overwhelmingly dominant Democratic party, which claimed 70.3 percent of the state's voters two years ago, has dipped ever so slightly to an even 70 percent of all registered voters.

Republicans, meanwhile, have edged up from 23.1 percent of the voters in 1978 to 23.4 percent now.

Perhaps more importantly, figures of registration by party since the Jan. 14, 1980 deadline for changing party affiliation shows that Republicans enjoyed a modest, seven-tenths of 1 percent increase in the months closest to the primary, while the Democratic registration dropped by a nearly identical six-tenth of 1 percent.

Despite voter registration efforts by both major political parties, most new registration efforts by both major political parties, most new registration has been offset by the elimination from election rolls of the names of voters who have died, moved or not voted for the last five years.

As a result, for instance, the state showed a net decline in overall registration during March of 259 voters as 37,405 names were deleted and 37,146 were added.

Of those names deleted, 18,250 were in Baltimore City alone and another 12,900 were in Anne Arundel County, which updated its registration records with a mailing campaign.

Democrats still outnumbered Republicans statewide, 1,318,102 to 440,525, with 125,508 listed as Independents, members of other parties or declining to be identified with a party.

In Maryland's 24 major jurisdictions, the GOP leads in voter registration only in Garrett County in far Western portion of the state, where Democrats are outnumbered, 6,513 to 4,448.

Broken down by the state's eight congressional districts, the Democrats outnumber the Republicans in each instance.

The most lopsided edge goes to the Democrats in Baltimore, where 328,950 are registered compared with 42,719 Republicans.

Of the 323,743 registered voters in Montgomery County, there are by far more Republicans (94,191) and voters without affiliation with either major party (37,967) than in any other single jurisdiction in the state.

Baltimore City has the most registered voters, 386,434, with Baltimore County second, 334,349. The lowest total is in rural Kent County on the Eastern Shore, where 7,758 voters have registered, including 299 who say they are neither Democrats nor Republicans.

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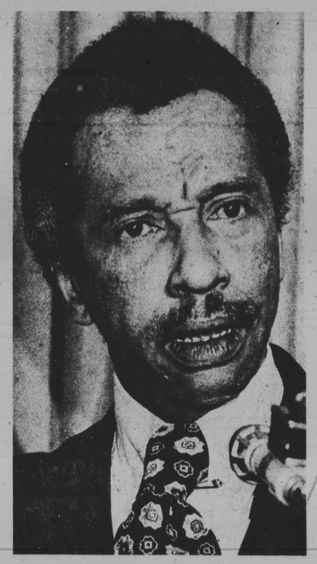

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BY THE WAY...

By Joe Black

Black Americans can tell you about the great athletic feats of Joe Louis, "Sugar Ray" Robinson, Muhammad Ali, Jesse Owens, Wilma Rudolph, Jackie Robinson, Jim Gilliam, Roy Campanella, Willie Mays, O. J. Simpson, Gayle Sayers, Wilt Chamberlain, Bill Russell, and Elvin Hays. But despite their apparent enthusiasm and understanding about the various athletic games, Black people don't seem to be able to grasp or recognize the games that society attempts to play on us. It seems as though we are so busy looking for reasons to shout "Racism" that we fail to see the subtle ways in which we are held back.

Some of you are probably asking what the heck is Joe Black talking about now? The answer is simple ... Black English. Sure. I realize that some young people who don't want to study will claim that there is a Black language, and all of those do-gooders, Black and White, who have written books about so-called Black English will attest to the fact that Black English is a legitimate communication tool. It is time for Black people to wake up to this ripoff. Don't you realize that much of our unemployment and under-employment is the result of Black Americans not being able to communicate with other facets of society? A profitable Black business is not going to hire anyone who says: "We is selling" or "We be doing it."

My friends, we say "Axe" instead of ask; "Poke" instead of pork; and fail to conjugate verbs because we didn't and don't want to pay the price in a classroom. Other ethnic groups can migrate to this land and learn to speak English within five years, but there are those who are trying to make us Black people believe that although we have been in this country since 1619, we don't have the ability to learn the English language. Of course, the immigrants retain their native language and speak English with a dialect, but Black Americans' native tongue would be an African language. Our parents and forefparents failed to speak correctly because they were denied educational opportunities. What is your excuse ... mental inferiority, or are you a victim of the "Super-coon" myth?

Joe Black
Vice President
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Judicial candidates stump social circuit

UBIQUITOUS BILLY — Attorney Billy Murphy, who is seeking a judgeship on the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, has been steadily making the social rounds lately. He is pictured above at the recent testimonial held at Blue Crest North in honor of Senator Clarence Blount, 41st D., with (L to R): Delegate Howard (Pete) Rawlings, 40th D.; Del. John Douglass, 45th D.; Clarence 'Du' Burns, vice president, City Council and Del. Hattie Harrison, 45th D.

Photos by I. Henry Phillips

Those three energetic, well-qualified gentlemen who are seeking a judgeship on Baltimore's City's Supreme Bench are all busy making their rounds socially as well as politically.

The effervescent and flamboyant Attorney William "Billy" Murphy is to be seen everywhere, with charm, wit and versatility in full evidence. He is ever-ready with intelligent answers to any questions that may arise on his candidacy for the judgeship.

His recent fundraiser, held at the Convention Center and called "A Tribute to Billy" was highly successful.

On Friday, April 25, Carrie Bowie hosted a cocktail sip for him at The Vulcan Blazers Clubhouse on Park Circle Drive.

Guests enjoyed munchies and cocktails, and Billy, in his usual rare form, charmingly greeted the guests who came out to enjoy the affair.

He made no speeches that night. He said he just wanted to relax and enjoy the company of his guests.

Among those attending were: Bill Clark, Audrey May, Marguerite Daniels, Judy Daniels, Attorneys Askew Gatewood and John Wood.

Also James Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Diggs, Julian Morgan, Osborne Dixon, Irving Hamer, Delegate Pete Rawlings, Iram Perry, Thomas Younger, Larry Pollard, Edwin Johnson, Bobby Wilson;

Also Attorney Shirley Huffine, James Burton, Denise Smith, Doris Veney, Lloyd Jones, Michelle Green and Karen Bowie.

Billy was also seen at the recent testimonial for Senator Clarence Blount on April 15 at Blue Crest North.

Judge Robert Bell, sitting judge on the Supreme Bench who is seeking re-election is also quitebusy making the social rounds.

He was in great form at the Kappa's 'Las Vegas Night,' and was on hand to award one of the prizes — the main one — that car.

Of late he has been spotted at the Open House hosted by Congressman Parren Mitchell recently, and at the political Black Caucus affair held at Blue Crest North.

On Wednesday, April 30, he was on hand for the "Candidates Night" affair held at The Blessed Sacrament Rectory Hall, 4100 block of Old York Road.

Attorney Alonzo T. Hairston, another able gentleman who is seeking a spot on the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City has been seen at many social fuhctions.

His own fundraiser was held on Sunday, April 27 at the Belevedere Hotel.

Almost 200 guests came out for hors d oeuvres and open bar and heard many remarks on the ability of this man for a Supreme Bench judgeship.

Most inspiring of the remarks were those made by Edward T. Smith, head of the Monumental City Bar Association.

He spoke on the need for blacks to endorse black candidates like Hairston. He stated: "Let's believe in our collective goal to forge ahead in the 80s — to prevail against the things which have held us back in this system."

JUDGE ROBERT BELL (C) sitting judge up for reelection to the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, chats with Ms. Gwen Cooke (L) and Ray Haysbert (R) at the Candidates' Night affair held at the Blessed Sacrament Rectory Hall, 4100 block of Old York Road on Wednesday, April 30.

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NANBPWC Founder's Day

The Baltimore Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. will observe their Annual Founder's Day Celebration and Awards Presentation, Sunday, May 4, 1980 at 4 p.m. Heritage United Church of Christ, 3106 Liberty Heights Avenue. Speaker: Mrs. Mary Singletary, National President of the Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

Four persons will be honored. Miss Anita Williams will receive the Sojourner Truth Award; Mrs. Thelma Cox the Professional Award; Mrs. Roberta March, Business Award; Judge Robert Bell, Man of the Year Award.

WEIGHTY DISCUSSION — Judge Robert Bell (L) is engaged in deep discussion with Congressman Parren Mitchell (R) at the recent Black Caucus fundraiser held at Blue Crest North.

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RAP SESSION — Judge Robert Bell (L) up for reelection to the Supreme Bench, raps with Bill Mackins (C) and Avon Crowell (R) of the Supreme Bench Pretrial Release Div. at the Open House hosted recently by Congressman Parren J. Mitchell.

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ALONZON T. HAIRSTON, attorney, and his wife, Helena, far left, pictured at the fundraiser hosted for him at the Belvedere Hotel on Sunday, April 27. Hairston is seeking a judgeship on Baltimore's Supreme Bench.

REMARKS AND CONGRATULATIONS — Attorney Alonzo T. Hairston (left panel) aspirant to a judgeship on Baltimore City's Supreme Bench, gives remarks at his April 27 fundraiser held at the Belvedere Hotel. In the right panel, he receives a congratulatory handshake from William Kidd while friends look on.

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