

**THE TRIP**  
**of**  
**THE PRESIDENT**  
**to**  
**BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

**December 23, 1998**

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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT  
FOR  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1998

*Final Schedule*

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.

*Mostly sunny and cold, becoming mostly cloudy by evening. Winds northwest at 6 to 12 knots. Low 17 to 22. High 30 to 35.*

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**Schedule of the President  
for  
Wednesday, December 23, 1998  
*Final Schedule***

|       |     |                                                                                                                                                       |
|-------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:45  | am- | <b>MEETING WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT</b>                                                                                                                |
| 9:15  | am  | <b>OVAL OFFICE</b>                                                                                                                                    |
| 9:15  | am- | <b>MEETING</b>                                                                                                                                        |
| 9:25  | am  | <b>OVAL OFFICE</b>                                                                                                                                    |
|       |     | Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.                                                                                                                 |
| 9:30  | am- | <b>MEETING/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY</b>                                                                                                                      |
| 9:35  | am  | <b>OVAL OFFICE</b>                                                                                                                                    |
|       |     | Staff Contact: Mickey Ibarra                                                                                                                          |
| 9:40  | am  | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> proceeds to the South Lawn                                                                                                       |
| 9:45  | am  | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> departs The White House via motorcade en route the<br>Reflecting Pool<br>[drive time: 5 minutes]                                 |
| 9:50  | am  | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> arrives the Reflecting Pool                                                                                                      |
| 10:00 | am  | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> departs the Reflecting Pool via Marine One en route<br>Fort McHenry Landing Zone<br>[flight time: 25 minutes]                    |
| 10:25 | am  | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> arrives Fort McHenry Landing Zone                                                                                                |
|       |     | Greeters: Governor Parris Glendening<br>Senator Paul Sarbanes<br>Representative Elijah Cummings<br>Mayor Kurt Schmoke<br>Senate President Mike Miller |

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10:35 am      **THE PRESIDENT** departs Fort McHenry Landing Zone via motorcade en route Boys and Girls Club  
[drive time: 15 minutes]

10:50 am      **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Boys and Girls Club

Greeters:

- Senator Barbara Mikulski
- Attorney General Joseph Curran
- Senator John Jefferies (T)
- Delegate Howard Rawlings
- Delegate Ruth Kirk
- Delegate Clarence Mitchell IV
- Council President Lawrence Bell
- City Council Member Nicholas D'Adamo
- City Council Member Lois Garey
- Wayne Curry, Prince George's County Executive
- Dutch Ruppersborger, Baltimore County Executive
- Janet Owens, Anne Arundel County Executive
- Frank Williams, CEO, Boys and Girls Club
- Paul Shelton, Chairman of the Board
- Phyllis Taylor, Unit Director
- Rosemary Atkinson, Community Building Coordinator
- Thelma Millard, Director of Family Support Services
- Jaielyn Obey, Director of Development

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11:00 am-  
12:00 pm

**HUD GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT EVENT**  
**GYM**

Boys and Girls Club

Remarks: Lowell Weiss

Staff Contact: Bruce Reed

Event Coordinator: Aviva Steinberg

**OPEN PRESS**

- Off-stage announcement of **the President**, accompanied by Secretary Andrew Cuomo and Christa Spangler.
- Mayor Kurt Schmoke makes welcoming remarks and introduces Representative Elijah Cummings.
- Representative Elijah Cummings makes brief remarks and introduces Senator Barbara Mikulski.
- Senator Barbara Mikulski makes brief remarks and introduces Senator Paul Sarbanes.
- Senator Paul Sarbanes makes brief remarks and introduces Governor Parris Glendening.
- Governor Parris Glendening makes brief remarks and introduces Secretary Andrew Cuomo.
- Secretary Andrew Cuomo makes brief remarks and introduces Christa Spangler.
- Christa Spangler makes brief remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks, works a ropeline and departs.

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|-------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12:05             | pm  | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> departs Boys and Girls Club via motorcade en route Fort McHenry Landing Zone<br>[drive time: 15 minutes]    |
| 12:20             | pm  | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> arrives Fort McHenry Landing Zone                                                                           |
| 12:30             | pm  | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> departs Fort McHenry Landing Zone via Marine One en route the Reflecting Pool<br>[flight time: 25 minutes]  |
| 12:55             | pm  | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> arrives the Reflecting Pool                                                                                 |
| 1:05              | pm  | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> departs the Reflecting Pool via motorcade en route The White House<br>[drive time: 5 minutes]               |
| 1:10              | pm  | <b>THE PRESIDENT</b> arrives The White House                                                                                     |
| 1:15              | pm- | <b>DOWN</b>                                                                                                                      |
| 5:30              | pm  |                                                                                                                                  |
| 5:30              | pm- | <b>RESIDENCE RECEPTION</b>                                                                                                       |
| 7:00              | pm  | <b>DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION ROOM</b><br>Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall<br>Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz<br><b>CLOSED PRESS</b> |
|                   |     | -- <b>The President</b> and the First Lady arrive Diplomatic Reception Room for the receiving line.                              |
|                   |     | -- <b>The President</b> and the First Lady receive guests.                                                                       |
|                   |     | -- <b>The President</b> and the First Lady depart.                                                                               |
| <b>BC/HRC RON</b> |     | <b>THE WHITE HOUSE</b><br><b>WASHINGTON, DC</b>                                                                                  |

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 22, 1998

**HOMELESS ANNOUNCEMENT**

**DATE:** December 23, 1998  
**LOCATION:** Pleasant View Gardens Boys and Girls Club  
**EVENT TIME:** 10:40 am - 11:40 am  
**FROM:** Bruce Reed

**I. PURPOSE**

To highlight your commitment to strengthening communities by announcing: (1) a 15% increase in homelessness assistance in your FY 2000 budget; and; (2) \$850 million in grants to help more than 330,000 homeless people obtain housing and receive social services to reach self-sufficiency.

**II. BACKGROUND**

You will speak to an audience of approximately 500 homelessness activists and advocates from the Baltimore area. The event will take place in the Boys and Girls Club Recreational Center in the Pleasant View Gardens Development, which is operated by the Housing Authority of Baltimore City. The development has been revitalized through a HUD grant and reopened in July 1997. The development now offers numerous community services and houses over 300 homeless families and individuals.

**Fiscal Year 2000 Budget**

You will announce that your FY2000 budget for HUD includes \$1.125 billion for homeless assistance. The budget includes \$1.025 billion for homelessness grant programs and \$100 million for 18,000 additional Section 8 vouchers targeted to help homeless people move from homeless facilities into permanent residences. If enacted, the \$1.125 billion will be the largest ever appropriation to HUD for homeless assistance. The budget request represents more than a 15 percent increase from the \$975 million enacted for HUD homeless programs for FY 1999. It builds on a long-term record of achieving budget increases for homeless assistance, totaling more than 70 percent since you took office.

**Continuum of Care Grants for the Homeless**

You will announce \$700 million in Continuum of Care competitive grants to help homeless persons in 307 communities located in 46 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The grants provide homeless people with transitional and permanent housing

and fund social services such as job training, child care, substance abuse treatment, and mental health services. The grants are provided under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act and fund 1420 individual projects including more than 1000 non-profit organizations. The non-profit organizations receiving funds include local chapters of the Salvation Army, Volunteers of America, and Catholic Charities.

### **Emergency Shelter Grants**

You also will announce \$150 million in funding for the Emergency Shelter Grants program. Under this program, states and cities select local projects to receive funding for emergency shelter and other homeless needs. The funds are distributed through a formula based on a community's housing and poverty needs.

### **Continuum of Care Strategy to End the Cycle of Homelessness**

The Continuum of Care strategy, initiated in 1993, requires local public and private agencies to work together to create a comprehensive plan to address the needs of poor and homeless people, and to coordinate services to use resources most efficiently. The goal of the Continuum of Care strategy is to ensure that communities respond to homelessness not simply by providing emergency assistance, but putting into place comprehensive and long-term approaches that will help homeless people become self-sufficient. The key elements are outreach and assessment; emergency shelter; transitional housing and services; permanent housing; and permanent supportive housing. In 1998, Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and the Ford Foundation recognized the Continuum of Care policy as one of the 25 finalists in Innovations in American Government.

## **III. PARTICIPANTS**

Secretary Andrew Cuomo  
Mayor Kurt Schmoke  
Governor Parris Glendening  
Representative Elijah Cummings  
Senator Barbara Mikulski  
Senator Paul Sarbanes  
Christa Spangler, Baltimore woman who was formerly homeless.

## **IV. PRESS PLAN**

Open Press.

## **V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS**

- **YOU** will be announced onto the stage accompanied by stage participants.
- Mayor Schmoke will make remarks and introduce Representative Elijah Cummings.
- Representative Cummings will make remarks and introduce Senator Mikulski.
- Senator Mikulski will make remarks and introduce Senator Sarbanes.

- Senator Sarbanes will make remarks and introduce Governor Glendening.
- Governor Glendening will make remarks and introduce Secretary Cuomo.
- Secretary Cuomo will make remarks and introduce Christa Spangler.
- Christa Spangler will make remarks and introduce **YOU**.
- **YOU** will make remarks, work a ropeline, and then depart.

## **VI. REMARKS**

Provided by Speechwriting.

**B**

Draft 12/22/98 8:00pm  
Lowell Weiss

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON**  
**REMARKS ON COMMUNITY BUILDING AND HOMELESS GRANTS**  
**BALTIMORE, MD**  
**December 23, 1998**

*Mickey Ibarra,*  
Acknowledge: introducer Christa Spangler, Sec. Cuomo, Sen. Sarbanes, Sen. Mikulski, Rep. Cummings, Gov. Glendening, Mayor Schmoke, community leaders and caring citizens, AmeriCorps members and residents of Pleasant View Gardens.

For more than 200 years, the greatness of this city and our nation has rested on a simple premise -- that our strength should be judged not just by the size of our bounty but by the number of people we can fit around the table. Today, as families here at Pleasant View Gardens and all over the country begin preparing their holiday feasts, we can be very proud that there are more people sitting around the table than ever before.

I have come to Baltimore today to show America what committed community leaders and active citizens are doing to help families come to the table, to share in our nation's prosperity. And I have come here to provide additional support for your efforts. In a few moments I will announce grants to help you give homeless men and women who once spent Christmas on steam grates the opportunity to live in their own apartments -- with all the independence and pride that Christa spoke of just a few moments ago.

But before I do, I want to thank you and the rest of the American people for helping us make so much more room at our national table. We now have over 17 million new jobs, the fastest real wage growth in two decades, the lowest unemployment in 28 years, the lowest African-American poverty rate on record, the highest home-ownership in history. By almost every measure, our families, communities, and country are stronger, healthier, and more prosperous. Crime, divorce, teen pregnancy, and drug abuse rates are falling. Welfare caseloads have plummeted. The American Dream is alive and well.

But now is not the time to kick back and relax. Now is the time when we should be working harder than ever before to address the real issues that face the American people. At long last, we have proof that by working together we can turn around once-intractable problems like homelessness and crime and poverty. At long last, we have the momentum to help millions more Americans share in our nation's prosperity. So to all of you who have already done so much, I say: Let us not rest. Let us all make a New Year's resolution to use this time of prosperity to address the big challenges that remain.

At the dawn of the 21st century, we have much more to do. We must give all our children world-class schools. We must pass a patients' bill of rights. We must save Social Security and Medicare. We must make sure the economic turbulence around the world does not curb our economic opportunity here at home. We must keep working to build that elusive "One America." We must keep America the strongest force for peace and freedom in the world.

And we must use this time to renew and rebuild the urban and rural communities that have not yet seen the benefits of our growing prosperity. Not long ago, such an ambitious goal seemed completely out of reach. But thanks to citizens like you, now we know better. We see that a renaissance is underway.

We see it clear as day in Baltimore. Tourists see it in Camden Yards and the Inner Harbor, but residents see it in communities throughout this city. You can see it in new community patrols and clean-up days, in rising day care centers and falling crime. You can see it in West Baltimore and East Baltimore, in Sandtown-Winchester and Pleasant View, where you have created not only affordable housing but true communities where people want to live and raise a family. You should be very proud.

This is the model we can -- and must -- continue to promote here and around the country. We must use this time to build on the historic public housing reforms passed this year through the leadership of Sens. Sarbanes and Mikulski and Sec. Cuomo. No family should have to live in crime-ridden towers of despair like the ones that once occupied this very lot. We must give families across America the chance to blossom in neighborhoods like Pleasant View Gardens.

We must use this time to spark greater entrepreneurship and investment in America's urban and rural communities -- with community development banks and successful Empowerment Zones. Just look at what Baltimore's Empowerment Zone has produced: more than 2,800 new jobs, crime down a remarkable 20%, more than \$50 million in new private-sector funding. In the coming weeks, we will designate 20 new Empowerment Zones -- because, as Rev. Jackson says, the best investment for America is America.

We must use this time to help more Americans move from welfare to work -- with transportation and child care ... with housing vouchers to help people move closer to available jobs ... with new commitments from businesses, civic, religious, and non-profit groups. We must take advantage of the best job market in a generation to help more families succeed in the world of work.

We must use this time to build on the success of community policing. We have already helped fund more than 92,000 of the 100,000 officers we pledged to add to the neighborhood beat. Here in Baltimore, we are providing full funding so you can hire another 100 community officers, on top of the 450 we've already helped you hire, specifically to target high-crime neighborhoods. Violent crime is still too high in parts of this city. We will not stop until every community in Baltimore takes back its streets.

We must use this time to tap the vast potential of our young people -- by helping you build more safe and modern schools ... by providing quality after-school programs like the ones run by the Boys and Girls Clubs ... by giving young people a chance to serve their communities. Here in Baltimore more than 300 AmeriCorps members are building new homes, removing lead paint, and restoring parks -- and nearly 500 more will join you in the coming year. To the AmeriCorps members here today, I say thank you from all of us for your hard work and commitment. You are doing a remarkable job.

And we must use this time to break the cycle of homelessness. Under the leadership of Sec.

Cuomo, and with the tireless efforts of Mrs. Gore, we have revolutionized our approach to homelessness and helped move thousands of families off the streets and into jobs, homes, and more secure lives. This new "Continuum of Care" strategy acknowledges that most people who are homeless need more than just to get out of the cold. As you heard today from Christa, they need a whole range of ongoing services and support from committed men and women like you.

Today, I am pleased to announce that we are awarding \$850 million in grants to help communities in all 50 states give homeless families a chance to rebuild their lives this holiday season and throughout the new year. Maryland alone will receive more than \$17 million, and grass-roots organizations in Baltimore will receive more than \$8 million. These grants will help you reach out in innovative ways to homeless adults and children, veterans and the disabled, people with mental illness and AIDS. They will help with emergency shelters and permanent housing, drug treatment and medication, job training and child care. They will help you lift up fellow citizens, fellow human beings, from the lowest point in their lives. They will help you give them the greatest holiday gift imaginable -- the gift of self-sufficiency and hope.

To build on this successful approach, I am also pleased to announce that my next balanced budget will include more than \$1.1 billion for homeless assistance. **If enacted, this will be the largest investment in combatting homelessness in our nation's history.** While maintaining our fiscal discipline, we can use this time of prosperity to help some of our most vulnerable citizens join in our national feast.

Baltimore has always been known as a "City of Neighborhoods." Well, after coming here and seeing the remarkable ways you are rebuilding communities and recharging lives, it is clear that this is also a city of neighbors. I want America to be a country of neighbors. A country where neighbors volunteer their time to help improve schools or mentor a young person from a troubled home. A country where neighbors don't retreat behind gates and walls. A country where neighbors care and learn about those who eat different foods, celebrate different holidays, and have backgrounds very different from their own.

Of course this room looks nothing like a house of worship, but there's a passage from the Bible that sums up this sentiment very well: "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body... If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it." So it is with the body. So it is with a country of neighbors. And thanks to people just like you, this is the kind of country we will continue to build. Thank you, God bless you, and very happy holidays.

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December 22, 1998

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT**

**FROM: CRAIG T. SMITH AND CHRIS LAVERY**

**RE: MARYLAND POLITICAL BRIEFING**

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**PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULTS**

| <b>1992</b>     |         |     | <b>1996</b>  |         |     |
|-----------------|---------|-----|--------------|---------|-----|
| Clinton/Gore    | 988,571 | 50% | Clinton/Gore | 966,207 | 54% |
| Bush/Quayle     | 707,094 | 36% | Dole/Kemp    | 681,530 | 38% |
| Perot/Stockdale | 281,414 | 14% | Perot/Choate | 115,812 | 7%  |

**MOST RECENT PRINCIPAL TRAVEL**

**YOU** attended the New Psalmist church in Baltimore on November 1.

**The Vice President** attended a luncheon in honor of Governor Glendening in Chevy Chase on October 27.

**The First Lady** participated in a Glendening fundraiser at the home of Terry McAuliffe in McLean, Virginia, on October 20.

**YOU** were at a Montgomery County elementary school for a school construction event with Governor Glendening, Ralph Neas, and members of the congressional leadership on October 13.

**The First Lady** was in Severna Park on October 5, for a Millennium Trails announcement at the Baltimore and Annapolis Trail.

**YOU** were in Silver Spring on September 8 for a school modernization event.

**YOU** were in Prince George's County for a summer jobs event on August 1.

**The First Lady** visited the Francis Scott Key memorial and Fort McHenry in Baltimore during the Save America's Treasures Tour on July 13.

**The First Lady** attended a National Historic Trust for Preservation event in Montgomery County on June 15.

**YOU** were in Annapolis to give the commencement speech at the U.S. Naval Academy on May 21.

**YOU** attended a fundraiser in Washington, D.C., for Senator Barbara Mikulski (D) on April 9.

**YOU** were in Wheaton for an education event on March 13.

**The First Lady** was in District Heights for an America Reads event on March 2.

**YOU** were in Baltimore for a clean water event and a DNC fundraiser on February 20.

**YOU** visited Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring with British Prime Minister Tony Blair on February 5.

**The First Lady** was in Baltimore on January 21 to receive an honorary degree and attend a question and answer session at Goucher College.

**The Vice President** attended a fundraiser for Governor Glendening on January 7 in Washington, D.C.

### **POLITICAL DATA**

|                   |                                       |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Governor:         | Parris Glendening (D) 56% in 1998     |
| U.S Senate:       | Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D) 59% in 1994    |
|                   | Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D) 71% in 1998 |
| U.S. House:       | 4D/4R                                 |
| State Senate:     | 32D/15R                               |
| General Assembly: | 106D/35R                              |
| Electoral Votes:  | 10                                    |

### **MARYLAND AT A GLANCE**

- 1995 estimated population was 5,072,000.
- 70.8% of Maryland residents are White, 25.7% are African American, and 3.4% are Asian American.
- 11.3% of Maryland residents are age 65 or older.
- The median household income is \$39,198.
- 26.5% of Maryland residents have a college degree. 78.4% have a high school diploma.
- In Maryland, 39% of the Voting Age Population (VAP) voted in the 1998 elections, compared with 46.2% of the VAP in 1996, and 53% in 1992.
- Maryland's unemployment rate is currently 4.1%.
- Violent crime falls 12% in Maryland since 1992.
- Maryland received \$14.9 million in Welfare-to-Work grants.
- There are 100,532 fewer people on welfare in Maryland now than at the beginning of 1993-- a 45% decrease.
- 221,200 new jobs have been created in Maryland since 1993.
- Business failures have dropped an average of 4.3% per year since 1993.
- Approximately 90,000 Maryland workers have benefitted from an increase in the minimum wage since October 1996.
- Personal income in Maryland has risen at annual rate of 2.6%.

- YOUR 1994 Crime Bill has funded 2,159 new police officers across Maryland.
- Maryland will receive \$102.9 million in Pell Grants this year. A total of 56,300 Maryland students will benefit.
- Over 3,000 have served in Maryland through AmeriCorps, working in Maryland's schools' hospitals, neighborhoods and parks.
- Between 1992 and 1997, serious crime has fallen 14% in Baltimore.
- YOUR tobacco plan will cut smoking and premature deaths by 42% by 2003 in Maryland, if enacted.
- This year, Maryland will receive \$8.8 million in safe drinking water funding.
- Designated as an empowerment zone, Baltimore was awarded \$100 million to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity.
- YOUR and the Vice Presidents push for a 40% expansion for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit will help develop 2,900 to 3,400 new affordable housing units in Maryland over the next five years.

### **1996 STATE ELECTION RESULTS**

Clinton/Gore '96 captured 54.3% of Maryland's popular vote, the second largest percentage for a Democratic presidential candidate in 56 years, while increasing the margin of victory in the state by 2% from 1992. Clinton/Gore '96 did especially well in the City of Baltimore as well as in Baltimore, Prince George's, Dorchester, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, and Sommerset counties. The large margins of victory in the Baltimore-Washington I-95 corridor offset the losses in the less populous Western Maryland and Eastern Shore counties. The Democrats failed to pick up any congressional seats in the 1996 election, but successfully held their four seats.

### **CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION**

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D)      | Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D)   |
| Rep. Wayne Gilchrest (R-01) | Rep. Bob Ehrlich (R-02)     |
| Rep. Ben Cardin (D-03)      | Rep. Albert Wynn (D-04)     |
| Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-05)     | Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-06) |
| Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-07) | Rep. Connie Morella (R-08)  |

### **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP**

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Governor:                 | Parris Glendening (D)          |
| Lt. Governor:             | Kathleen Kennedy Townsend (D)  |
| Secretary of State:       | John Willis (D)                |
| Attorney General:         | Joseph Curran, Jr. (D)         |
| State Comptroller:        | Robert Swann (Acting)          |
| *State Comptroller-Elect: | William Donald Schaefer (D)    |
| State Treasurer:          | Richard Dixon (D)              |
| Senate President:         | Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. (D) |
| Senate President Pro-Tem: | Clarence Blount (D)            |
| Senate Minority Leader:   | Vernon Boozer (R)              |

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| House Speaker:         | Casper R. Taylor, Jr. (D) |
| House Majority Leader: | John A. Hurson (D)        |
| House Minority Leader: | Robert Kittlenan (R)      |

### **1998 GOVERNOR'S RACE**

Governor Parris Glendening (D) defeated Harford County Executive Ellen Sauerbrey (R) 56% to 44% in a hard-fought reelection. Glendening's win is attributed to the record high number of African-American voters, with African-Americans representing one fifth of all the voters, 90% of which voted for Glendening. These numbers have been attributed to Glendening's TV advertisements which focused upon Sauerbrey's opposition to past civil rights laws and to Glendening's appearance with the President at political events after publicly distancing himself from him.

### **1998 SENATE RACE**

Senator Barbara Mikulski (D) easily won reelection to a third term, defeating Ross Pierpont (R), 71% to 29%. She also won her second term in 1992 with 71% of the vote. Mikulski remains a extremely popular, with high approval ratings and a leadership position as Senate Democratic Conference Secretary.

### **1998 CONGRESSIONAL RACE**

#### **Eighth Congressional District**

Rep. Connie Morella (R-08) defeated Ralph Neas (D) with 60% of the vote. This was Morella's toughest re-election campaign to date, as Neas proved a formidable challenger. Neas was a tough campaigner and fundraiser and allowed Morella to win the lowest percentage of votes since her first campaign. While Neas' attempt to demonize Morella on the basis of her vote for the impeachment inquiry did not translate into votes, it did prompt Morella to re-think her position on impeachment. Morella voted against the articles of impeachment, re-gaining touch with her heavily Democratic district.

### **MARYLAND HOT ISSUES**

#### **1999 Baltimore Mayoral Race**

Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke announced on December 3, 1998, that he would not seek a fourth term. Since his announcement, an abundance of candidates have surfaced. Early on, Kweisi Mfume, the NAACP President and former Congressman, was the clear frontrunner. However, he decided to remain as the NAACP leader and left the field wide open. Four Democratic candidates have officially entered the race so far, with others expected to announce soon. Both City School Board Director Carl Stokes (D) and city activist Phillip Brown (D) have placed education at the forefront of their platforms. Meanwhile, perennial candidate Robert Kaufman (D) announced his candidacy, along with his support for the legalization of drugs in order to lower violent crime rates and for lowering car insurance rates for Baltimore residents. A fourth candidate, Maryland Register of Wills Mary Conway announced her candidacy but is still developing a platform. A short list of other potential Democratic candidates include state Delegate Howard Rawlings (D), City Council President Lawrence Bell (D), Comptroller Joan

Pratt (D), state Attorney Patricia Jessamy (D), and state Sen. Joan Carter Conway (D).

### **Sauerbrey-D'Amato Check Swapping**

Maryland gubernatorial candidate Ellen Sauerbrey (R) and New York Senator Alfonse D'Amato (R) collaborated in campaign fundraising efforts. The connection was devised behind the scenes between the two campaigns in order to circumvent Federal Election Commission limitations on contributions maxed-out. Sauerbrey contributors were encouraged to send checks to D'Amato's campaign, while D'Amato supporters were urged to contribute to Sauerbrey. This, in effect, allowed supporters of either campaign to contribute more money to their candidate after they had reached the FEC limit. The arrangement netted Sauerbrey at least \$118,000 from New York contributors and D'Amato at least \$50,000 from Maryland supporters.

### **Schmoke versus Leno**

Jay Leno on "The Tonight Show" jabbed at the city of Baltimore for having the nation's worst rates of syphilis and gonorrhea. He displayed a fake billboard that read, "Welcome to Baltimore. Please put on your condom now!" In response, Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke (D) released a dry statement regarding his "aggressive response to this problem." Schmoke further commented that, "...I'm not putting up any street signs as Mr. Leno suggested." Schmoke also appeared on "The Tonight Show" in order to counteract the effects of Leno's jokes.

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**PRESIDENT CLINTON AND VICE PRESIDENT GORE'S  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS: MARYLAND**

***EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL***

- **Unemployment Down to 4.1%:** The unemployment rate in Maryland has declined from 6.4% to 4.1% since 1993.
- **221,200 New Jobs:** 221,200 new jobs have been created in Maryland since 1993 -- an average of 38,470 per year, compared to an average *loss* of 11,900 jobs per year in the previous administration.
- **201,700 New Private Sector Jobs:** Since 1993, 201,700 new private sector jobs have been created -- an average of 35,078 jobs per year, compared to an average *loss* of 14,225 private sector jobs per year in the previous administration.
- **18,900 New Construction Jobs:** 18,900 construction jobs have been created in Maryland since 1993 -- an average of 3,287 jobs per year. In contrast, an average of 11,050 construction jobs were *lost* each year during the previous administration.
- **Poverty Has Fallen:** Nationally, the poverty rate has fallen from 15.1% in 1993 to 13.3% in 1997. In Colorado, the poverty rate has fallen from 9.7% in 1993 to 8.4% in 1997--down 1.3 under President Clinton. [Census Bureau]
- **90,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 35,000 Maryland workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 55,000 more received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **Business Failures Down 4.3% Per Year:** Business failures have dropped an average of 4.3% per year since 1993, after increasing 41.6% per year during the previous administration.
- **New Business Incorporations Up 0.9%:** New business incorporations in Maryland have increased at an average rate of 0.9% per year since 1993.
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. **Thanks to President Clinton, the Balanced Budget delivers a child tax credit to 535,000 families in Maryland.**
- **Home Ownership Has Increased in Maryland:** Home Ownership in Maryland has increased from 64.8% to 69.0% since 1992.
- **2.6% Growth in Personal Income:** Personal income in Maryland has risen at an annual rate of 2.6% since 1993, compared to an average growth of just 0.7% per year during the previous administration.
- **Over \$25,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four:** The national debt will \$1.7 trillion lower in fiscal year 1999 than projected in 1993 -- that's \$25,000 less debt for each family of four in Maryland next year.

***EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION***

- **\$51.9 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Maryland received \$47.7 million in Head Start funding benefitting 9,500 children. In FY98, Maryland received \$51.9 million, an increase of \$4.3 million over 1997.
- **More High-Quality Teachers With Smaller Classes for Maryland's Schools:** Thanks to President Clinton, the final FY99 budget provides for the first year of the President's new initiative to hire 100,000 new, well-prepared teachers, to reduce class sizes in the early grades to a national average of 18. Maryland will receive \$17.5 million in 1999 to hire about 450 new public school teachers.
- **\$7.1 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY99], Maryland receives \$7.1 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$5.5 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY99], Maryland receives \$5.5 million for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.

- **Over \$105 Million for Students Most in Need:** Maryland receives over \$105 million in Title I Grants (to Local Education Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY99]. This is an increase of \$6.4 million over FY98 funding.
- **\$102.9 Million in Pell Grants:** This year [FY99], Maryland will receive \$102.9 million in Pell Grants for low-income students going to college, an additional \$4.8 million over last year. With this increase, a total of 56,300 Maryland students will benefit.
- **Expanded Work-Study To Help More Students Work Their Way Through College:** The FY99 budget includes a significant expansion of the Federal Work Study program. Maryland will receive \$12.4 million in Work-Study funding in 1999 to help Maryland students work their way through college.
- **Over 3,000 Have Served in Maryland through AmeriCorps:** Since the National Service program began in 1993, 3,344 AmeriCorps participants have earned money for college while working in Maryland's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. [through 11/98]
- **Tuition Tax Credits to Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget included both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. **112,000 students in Maryland will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 138,000 students in Maryland will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.**
- **Expanded Job Training to Maryland's Dislocated Workers:** Thanks to President Clinton, the FY99 budget includes a significant expansion in the dislocated worker program. Maryland will receive \$15.1 million in 1999 to help 8,960 of Maryland's dislocated workers get the training and reemployment services they need to return to work as quickly as possible.

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE***

- **Violent Crime Falls 12% in Maryland:** Since 1992, Maryland's crime rate has fallen 6%. Violent crime and property crime have also declined 12% and 5% respectively. In Baltimore, serious crime, as indicated by the crime index, fell 14%, robbery declined 30%. [1992 and 1997 Uniform Crime Index]
- **2,159 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 2,159 new police officers to date in communities across Maryland. [through 11/98]
- **Baltimore Will Receive Targeted Funding to Hire More Community Police:** Baltimore was recently selected as a pilot city for the President's new effort to target high crime neighborhoods. The pilot program will provide full funding for new officers by waiving the usual matching requirements. Baltimore will deploy new officers to help meet the unique needs of its community, such as combating gangs or targeting drug "hot spots."
- **Crime Falls in Baltimore:** Between 1992 and 1997, serious crime has fallen 14% in Baltimore. [preliminary 1997 Uniform Crime Report data, FBI]
- **Reducing Crime with Drug Courts:** Working to reduce drug-related crime in Maryland, the Clinton Administration has awarded Drug Court grants to the communities of Annapolis and Baltimore. Drug courts use the coercive power of the criminal justice system to combine drug testing, sanctions, supervision and treatment to push nonviolent, drug-abusing offenders to stop using drugs and committing crimes.
- **Over \$5.6 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Maryland received \$5.66 million in federal funds in FY98 to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution and victims' services.
- **Nearly \$1.1 Million in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In FY98, Maryland received approximately \$1.1 million in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse, an additional \$190,200 increase over FY97.

- **\$6.6 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Maryland's Schools:** Maryland received \$6.6 million in FY99 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING MARYLAND RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK***

- **100,532 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 100,532 fewer people on welfare in Maryland now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 45% decrease. [through 6/98]
- **Child Support Collections Up 66%:** Child support collections have increased by over \$128 million - or 66% -- in Maryland since FY92. [through FY97]
- **Breaking the Cycle of Dependency -- Preventing Teen Pregnancy in Maryland:** Since 1993, President Clinton has supported innovative and promising teen pregnancy prevention strategies, with significant components of his strategy becoming law in the 1996 Personal Responsibility Act. The law requires unmarried minor parents to stay in school and live at home or in a supervised setting; encourages "second chance homes" to provide teen parents with the skills and support they need; and provides \$50 million a year in new funding for state abstinence education activities. Efforts are making a difference, adolescent pregnancy rates for teens aged 15-19 decreased between 1992 and 1995 and fewer teenagers gave birth from 1991 to 1996. Teen abortion rates are also declining. **Notably, between 1992 and 1996, teen birth rates declined 9 percent in Maryland.**
- **Maryland Receives \$14.9 Million in Welfare-to-Work Grants:** In FY98, Maryland received \$14.9 million in welfare-to-work state formula grants, helping Maryland prepare welfare recipients for work and to place them in jobs. Part of the President's comprehensive efforts to move recipients from welfare to work, this funding is included in the \$3 billion Welfare-to-Work Jobs Challenge Fund signed into law in the 1997 balanced budget.

#### ***INVESTING IN MARYLAND'S HEALTH***

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget included the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Maryland the Balanced Budget provides \$62 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health coverage to 49,700 children in Maryland.
- **Helping Maryland Women and Children with WIC:** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). In FY98, Maryland received \$49 million in total WIC grant funding, helping 92,600 women, infants and children in need receive health and food assistance, 10,000 more than in 1994.
- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Maryland in 1996, 98% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 94% received the vaccine for polio; 95% received the vaccine for measles, and 95% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.
- **Increased Funding for HIV/AIDS Programs by 234%:** In FY97, Maryland communities received \$22.4 million in Ryan White formula and other HIV/AIDS program funds, a 234% increase over FY93 levels. This funding provides people living with HIV and AIDS medical and support services, including the AIDS Drug Assistance Program which helps those without insurance obtain much needed prescription drugs. [HHS, Health Resources and Services Administration, 4/98]

- **President's Tobacco Plan Will Cut Smoking and Premature Deaths by 42% in Maryland:** If the Clinton Administration's tobacco proposal on youth smoking is enacted, by 2003, Maryland will see a 42% cut in youth smoking and resulting premature deaths. Over the next five years, 47,000 youth of Maryland will be kept from smoking and 16,000 will be spared a premature tobacco-related death. [Treasury Dept., 3/23/98]
- **2,230,000 Americans in Maryland Cannot Be Assured They Have Patient Protections.** Even if Maryland enacted all the protections in the Patients' Bill of Rights, 2,230,000 people in Maryland cannot be assured they have the comprehensive patient protections recommended by the President's Advisory Commission. This is because the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) may preempt state-enacted protections. That is why the President has called on Congress to pass a federally enforceable patients' bill of rights so that everyone enrolled in managed care may have a basic set of protections. Notably, 1,130,000 Maryland women are in ERISA health plans and are therefore not necessarily protected. Women are particularly vulnerable without these protections because they are greater users of health care services, they make three-quarters of the health care decisions for their families, and they have specific health care needs addressed by a patients' bill of rights.

#### **PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT**

- **\$8.8 Million in Safe Drinking Water Funding:** This year [FY99], thanks to President Clinton, Maryland will receive \$7.4 million for the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds to provide low-interest loans to municipalities to build, improve, and prevent pollution of drinking water systems. In addition, Maryland will receive \$1.3 million in Public Water Supply Supervision grants to help monitor drinking water quality and enforce health standards.
- **Superfund Clean-up in Harmans:** In September 1993, the EPA completed a toxic waste site clean-up in Harmans, Maryland.
- **Revitalizing Brownfields in Communities in Maryland:** As part of the Clinton-Gore Administration's efforts to clean up Brownfields, the EPA has awarded grants to Maryland communities Baltimore and Hagerstown, as well as Baltimore County, for environmental clean-up and economic revitalization. These projects are intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

#### **SPEARHEADING URBAN RENEWAL EFFORTS**

- **\$100 Million to Baltimore, Maryland:** Baltimore was designated as an Empowerment Zone and was awarded \$100 million to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for Baltimore residents.
- **Expanding the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Will Help Develop 2,900 To 3,400 New Affordable Housing Units in Maryland Over the Next 5 years:** This year, the President and Vice President pushed for a 40-percent expansion in the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit. Next year, the President and Vice President will try again to enact tax incentives to develop affordable housing. In Maryland alone, this proposal would mean an additional 2,900 - 3,400 quality rental housing units for low-income American families during the next five years.

#### **EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT**

- **Nearly \$1.6 Billion in Federal Highway Aid:** Since 1993, Maryland has received \$1.58 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate nearly 67,000 jobs. [through FY97]
- **Nearly \$92 Million in Aviation Funds:** From FY93-FY97 Maryland received \$91,830,000 in AIP funds to help build and renovate airports, and, when necessary, to provide funds for noise abatement to improve the quality of life for residents who live near airports.