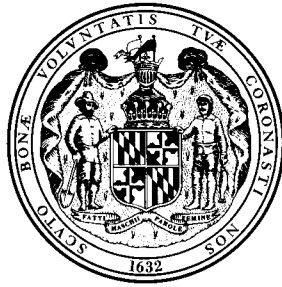




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“Nearly all men can stand adversity,  
but if you want to test a man’s character,  
give him power.”

- Abraham Lincoln

## INAUGURAL MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR.

On behalf of the entire Ehrlich family, thank you for participating in today's historic inaugural celebrations.

Inaugurations are about renewal and new beginnings. They also remind us of the important role that tradition and ceremony plays in a democracy. No matter how competitive the campaign or context, Marylanders will always unite and move forward together for the good of our state.

From Cumberland to Cambridge, the citizens of our state demand action on the issues of universal importance to all. They want safer streets, schools that work, and a convenient commute. They want us to compete against neighboring states for new jobs — and to win. They want us to initiate a new era of open, accountable, and fiscally responsible government.

We have problems that are daunting, not insurmountable. None will stand when confronted with the full force of Maryland's energy and enterprise. In the end, we will achieve what every Marylander wants: thoughtful government that spends wisely and produces results.

Thanks again for being a part of history. Lieutenant Governor Michael Steele and I are honored to have the chance to serve you during such a pivotal time. With your energy, support, and a lot of hard work, we can change Maryland.

PRE-INAUGURAL CEREMONY  
WEST PORTICO, STATE HOUSE

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: MARC STEINER

229th Maryland Army National Guard Band  
Bandmaster: First Sergeant Arnold L. Bundy

Concert Choir

Dulaney High School

Baltimore County

Musical Director: Mr. Scott Frutchey

Principal: Mr. Lyle Patzkowsky

Great Expectations

Patapsco High & Center for the Arts

Baltimore County

Musical Director: Ms. Beverly Bruening

Principal: Mr. Fred Prumo

Chamber Choir

Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Prince George's County

Musical Director: Dr. Barbara W. Baker

Principal: Mr. Sylvester Conyers

Ms. Gail Stanfield  
Kevin Carr  
Coppin State College  
Baltimore, Maryland

Brandon Derek Kahl  
Baltimore, Maryland

Standing Room Only  
Quince Orchard High School  
Montgomery County  
Musical Director: Ms. Jolene Brubaker  
Principal: Mr. Daniel Shea

I Can't We Can Choir  
I Can't We Can Recovery Program  
West Baltimore City  
Choir Director: Mr. Kendal Leonard

“The whole art of government  
consists in the art of being honest.”

- Thomas Jefferson

# INAUGURAL CEREMONY

(Beginning at 12:00 p.m., audio coverage of the Senate Chamber ceremony will be provided to the public both inside and outside the State House).

Invocation:            Reverend Richard J. Pender, Sr., Senior Pastor  
                                 Beth-El Temple Church of Christ  
                                 Baltimore, Maryland

Oath of Office - Lieutenant Governor

Oath of Office - Governor:  
                                 Reverend Dr. Stacey E. Nickerson, Pastor  
                                 Arbutus United Methodist Church  
                                 Arbutus, Maryland

Benediction:            Rabbi Sander Goldberg  
                                 Congregation Nachal Chochma  
                                 Baltimore, Maryland



# CEREMONY AT THE WEST PORTICO OF THE STATE HOUSE

## WELCOME:

The Honorable Jack Kemp  
Co-Director, Empower America

## "THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER":

Caitlin Redding

## INVOCATION:

Reverend Dr. Walter Scott Thomas, Pastor  
New Psalmist Baptist Church  
Baltimore, Maryland

## PRESIDENTIAL GREETING:

Ken Mehlman  
Deputy Assistant to the President and  
Director of Political Affairs  
The White House  
Washington, DC

## PRESENTATION OF GOVERNOR ROBERT L. EHRlich, JR.:

The Honorable William Donald Schaefer  
Comptroller of Maryland

## INAUGURAL ADDRESS:

The Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor of Maryland

## CELEBRATION OF STATE:

The Honorable Janet S. Owens  
County Executive  
Anne Arundel County

## MARYLAND MY MARYLAND:

Gilman Traveling Men  
Gilman School  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Musical Director: Mr. David Doherty

## REMARKS BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

The Honorable Michael S. Steele

## BENEDICTION:

Reverend Jack Ward, Pastor  
Our Lady of Hope Roman Catholic Church  
Baltimore, Maryland

## SPIRITUAL SINGER:

Nicholas Hollingsworth  
Coppin State College  
Baltimore, Maryland

## PARADE OF COUNTIES:

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

## PUBLIC RECEPTION AND RECEIVING LINE:

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Government House

## RECEPTION ENTERTAINMENT:

Pianist: Joseph Davis, Jr.  
Dundalk, Maryland

Music by the 229<sup>th</sup> Maryland Army National Guard's "Take Five"  
Jazz Combo Leader: Sergeant First Class Joseph F. Loosmore

# PARADE OF COUNTIES

*Maryland National Guard Color Guard*

*1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 158<sup>th</sup> Cavalry (Recon) "The Governor's Guard",*

*Maryland Army National Guard*

*Leonardtown High School Marching Band (St. Mary's County)*

*Kent County Banners (Kent County)*

*Broadneck High School Marching Band (Anne Arundel County)*

*United States Naval Academy Color Guard*

*Calvert High School Marching Band (Calvert County)*

*Thomas Stone High School Marching Band (Charles County)*

*Dulaney High School Marching Band (Baltimore County)*

*Naval Junior ROTC Color Guard (Talbot County)*

*Maryland State Police Color Guard*

*Crisfield High School Marching Band (Somerset County)*

*North Dorchester High School Marching Band (Dorchester County)*

*Cecil All-County High School Marching Band (Cecil County)*

*Charles H. Flowers High School Marching Band (Prince George's County)*

United States Marine Corps 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion Color Guard

Kent Island High School Marching Band (Queen Anne's County)

Snow Hill High School Marching Band (Worcester County)

Linganore High School Marching Band (Frederick County)

Colonel Richardson High School Marching Band (Caroline County)

C. Milton Wright High School Marching Band (Harford County)

Gaithersburg High School Marching Band (Montgomery County)

Boonsboro High School Marching Band (Washington County)

Fort Hill High School Marching Band (Allegany County)

Frederick Douglass High School Marching Band (Baltimore City)

United States Coast Guard Baltimore Area Color Guard

Westminster High School Marching Band (Carroll County)

Howard High School Marching Band (Howard County)

Mardela High School Marching Band (Wicomico County)

South Garrett High School Marching Band (Garrett County)

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John F. Nicoll Pipe Band

Governor Ehrlich

and

Lieutenant Governor Steele

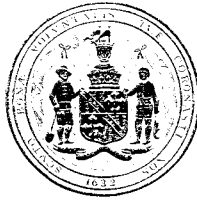
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Inaugural Address

of

Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.

January 15, 2003

Annapolis, Maryland

GOVERNOR ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR.  
INAUGURAL REMARKS  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2005

Lieutenant Governor Steele, Secretary Kemp, Chief Judge Bell, elected officials, members of the Maryland National Guard, members of the U. S. military, honored veterans, special guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Let me begin my remarks by conveying my thanks to some distinguished public servants.

Governor Mandel, thank you for your firm friendship and willingness to help as we reform state government.

Governor Hughes, thank you for your calm leadership and steady hand during a very difficult time in our state's history.

Governor Schaefer, thank you for your boundless enthusiasm for our state, zeal for public service, and stewardship of our tax dollars over so many years.

Governor Glendening, thank you for your strong commitment to the environment and excellence in higher education.

Thank you all for your invaluable contributions to our state.

Life is about learning. During the course of my life, I have been fortunate to have many amazing teachers.

I'd like to acknowledge some of these remarkable individuals and friends for the important lessons that they have taught me.

Lieutenant Governor Steele, you embody conviction and class. You are indeed a "man of steel."

Today – on Dr. King's birthday – you become Maryland's first African-American lieutenant governor. You personify the principles of hope, determination, and opportunity to which Dr. King devoted his life. What a remarkable and historic day for our state.

My service in Congress taught me a greater respect for the great diversity of this state, and this nation!

My eight years in the Maryland General Assembly taught me that much is accomplished when good people of different philosophies cooperate, and partisanship takes a back seat to progress.

My legal career taught me to respect the law, grow as an advocate, and give back to those less fortunate. This is in large part to the excellent counsel I received from my former colleagues at the law firm of Ober, Kaler, Grimes and Shriver, and so many members of the Maryland bar.

My classmates from Gilman, Princeton, and Wake Forest School of Law taught me the value of loyalty, teamwork, and friendship.

Further, the excellent mentors, teachers, and coaches who helped a working class kid from Arbutus succeed at these fine schools taught me that the link between education and opportunity is unbreakable.

My friends and neighbors in Arbutus, Maryland taught me about the importance of Little League, town halls, neighborhood schools, and looking out for your community.

My family has taught me the lessons that matter most.

My parents, Bob Sr. and Nancy, have blessed me with their unconditional support every day for 45 years. “Thanks” does not begin to express the love and gratitude I feel for you.

Kendel, you are my foundation and my partner. Your faith and confidence have made a tremendous difference in my life. You will be an exceptional First Lady.

Drew, you taught me what really matters in life.

I stand here before you today because of the profound influence these wonderful people have had in my life. They have instilled in me a deep commitment to Maryland, its people, and its possibilities.

With Michael’s help, I intend to translate these valuable life lessons learned into a successful administration. We will achieve progress on issues of universal importance to all.

First, we will ensure that government meets its most basic obligation: keeping our citizens safe.



We can no longer allow career criminals to consume so much of the time and energy of those who protect us. Our streets and communities must be made safer – or we will not thrive!

At the same time, we must stop giving up on young people trapped by drug abuse and despair. We can shut the revolving door of recidivism and open the door of hope and opportunity for all our people. We must be receptive to new ideas and more effective solutions.

The Ehrlich-Steele administration will also address the threat posed by international criminals. The war on terrorism requires vigilance and commitment, especially here in Maryland. “Homeland defense” is now a part of our national lexicon and our daily planning. Our police and public safety resources must be utilized more effectively, and better coordinated with those of the Federal government, if we are to succeed.

Second, we will prepare Maryland’s children to meet the challenges of the future.

A quality education guarantees an even playing field for all Marylanders. It is the ticket to success every young person needs. I ask everyone to work with us to provide the finest educational opportunities for our children, and those who wish to better prepare themselves to participate in our 21<sup>st</sup> century economy.

Third, we will ask government to do what thousands of Maryland families do every day: live within its means.

We will attempt to do what is right—not what is most convenient, or politically correct. We should not be fearful of change—of reform—of better ideas, particularly where public dollars are at stake. For us, every day is a taxpayer day, every dollar is a taxpayer dollar, and every cause is a taxpayer cause!

There will be honest disagreements over spending priorities, but good and hard working people can overcome their differences in the best interests of all.

Fourth, we will improve upon our ability to lend assistance to citizens who need it the most.

People with disabilities deserve the opportunity to thrive in this age of technology and empowerment. It is a Constitutional right, a moral imperative, and a good deal for the taxpayer. Those afflicted with mental issues must be afforded the same services as those suffering from physical conditions. Further, the working poor must be able to maintain health coverage while continuing to work and build personal wealth.

Fifth, we will empower the faith-based problem-solvers in our society.

Kendel and I have been blessed with strong and loving families. Our families have instilled in us the belief that the essence of life is God – Family – Friends – Work. And, with regard to work, making a difference in the lives of others.

We have witnessed the good hearts of our citizens who make a difference in the lives of the disadvantaged. We shall open the privileges of the Governor's Office to assist those organizations and individuals of faith who devote themselves to the performance of good deeds. It's about time—and our state will be the better for it!

During the course of my life, the citizens of Maryland have embraced me in wonderful ways.

Great teammates looked out for me on the athletic field. Tens of thousands of people trusted me to do the right thing in two legislatures. Amazing parents, mentors, friends, and an incredible spouse offered me their encouragement and loving support.

So many of you have taught me so much. Now, as governor, I will carry your lessons with me each and every day. I will reciprocate your goodwill by helping to make life better for every Maryland family.

To the people who supported me during the course of a lifetime, thank you for being a part of my life and this historic day. To the people who entrusted me with this high honor, thank you for giving me the chance to make Maryland a better place to live, grow, and prosper.

Now, let's get down to work . . . together.

Be safe and Godspeed.

# 5 festive days to celebrate Ehrlich's swearing-in

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Parade, galas scheduled  
as GOP marks its return

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By **TIM CRAIG**  
SUN STAFF

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Maryland Republicans are getting ready to party like they're back in power after 36 years.

Beginning today, Gov.-elect Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. and thousands of his supporters will join for a five-day celebration that will be capped by his inauguration as Maryland's 60th governor on Wednesday and two gala balls that night.

"This is the first time in most people's lifetimes that they have been able to celebrate," said Richard E. Hug, a veteran GOP fund-raiser who was Ehrlich's campaign finance chairman. "We want to thank them for their efforts."

But Republicans aren't the only ones who will be festive. Plenty of Democrats plan to join the \$1 million shindig as well.

"Obviously, it is a time for celebration," said House Speaker Michael E. Busch, an Anne Arundel County Democrat who plans to attend a gala. "Governor Ehrlich should celebrate, and Demo- [See Parties, 2B]

# 5-day party to mark Ehrlich inauguration

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crats and Republicans alike should join in the festivities."

The events start this morning when Ehrlich and Lt. Gov.-elect Michael S. Steele attend a mock swearing-in before 350 children who will gather at Howard Community College in Columbia.

The inaugural ceremonies continue tomorrow when — in recognition of Steele, a Catholic — the two men attend Mass at Steele's church, St. Mary's in Landover Hills, Prince George's County.

Later in the day, Ehrlich returns to the neighborhood where he grew up for a hero's parade down East Drive in Arbutus.

Ehrlich and Steele will join several marching bands — including the Ravens Marching Band — and fire departments on the mile-long parade route, which ends at Leon's Restaurant. "That is going to be a fun one — it's Arbutus," said Pat Miller, a member of Ehrlich's inaugural committee.

Monday night, several hundred people are expected at an "Inaugural Jam" to be held at Hammerjack's nightclub in Baltimore. Tickets are \$20.

The next morning, Ehrlich and Steele will attend a prayer

## Inaugural festivities

### Today

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Children's event  
Howard Community College,  
Columbia

### Tomorrow

10:30 a.m.

Mass and reception  
St. Mary's Catholic Church,  
7207 Annapolis Road, Landover  
Hills.

2 p.m.

Parade, Arbutus

### Monday

8 p.m. to 12 p.m.

Inaugural jam — \$20  
Hammerjacks, 300 E. Saratoga  
St., Baltimore

### Tuesday

8:30 a.m.

Prayer breakfast  
Bowie State University  
6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Inaugural concert

University of Maryland  
Performing Arts Center, Col-  
lege Park

### Wednesday

Noon

Inauguration ceremony  
State House, Annapolis  
7:30 p.m.

Inaugural galas — \$100  
Baltimore Convention Center  
and Camden Yards

breakfast at Bowie State University. Ehrlich's favorite band, The Spinners, will headline an inaugural concert that evening at the University of Maryland, College Park.

"It's a lot of major events tied together," Ehrlich said of the five-day affair.

The main event is Wednesday, when Ehrlich will be sworn in as governor at noon in the Senate chamber of the State House. Only the governor-elect's family members and 300 friends will be able to watch the official ceremony, but Ehrlich plans to repeat it a short time later on the steps of the Capitol.

The new governor will then address what his advisers believe could be a record crowd gathered on Lawyers Mall.

Several of Ehrlich's former colleagues in Congress are expected to attend. Former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Jack Kemp is scheduled to speak, as are some Democratic officials. Marc Steiner,

host of *The Marc Steiner Show* on WYPR-FM, will be master of ceremonies.

The finale of the five-day celebration will be Wednesday night, when up to 6,000 people are expected to attend the two galas.

Initially, only one ball at the Baltimore Convention Center had been scheduled, but that \$100-per-ticket event sold out in a week. Ehrlich advisers scrambled to organize a second ball at Camden Yards.

Longtime Ehrlich supporters said they will savor the inaugural balls because they will signal a new era in state government.

"This is a very big deal," said John Wolf, managing director of Ober, Kaler, Grimes and Shriver in Baltimore, the law firm where Ehrlich worked for 12 years before being elected to Congress. "There were a lot of people who said this couldn't be done, that a young moderate, conservative Republican would be elected in this state."

Del. Kenneth D. Schisler, an

Eastern Shore Republican, said the inauguration has been the talk of his household for several weeks.

"I'm going to the gala with my wife. She wouldn't let me miss it," Schisler said. "She was showing me the dress the other night, and she made baby-sitter plans weeks in advance. This is going to be our opportunity to show our pride in what we [Republicans] have accomplished."

It will be the first such GOP celebration in Annapolis since Spiro T. Agnew was elected governor in 1966. At Agnew's inauguration, state dignitaries wore morning coats and top hats.

Since then, inaugural celebrations have been less grand than the party the Republicans are throwing this year.

In 1987, Gov. William Donald Schaefer's celebration consisted of a 10-minute speech and a few patriotic songs. Four years later, Schaefer spent just \$30,000 on his inauguration, which did not include a ball.

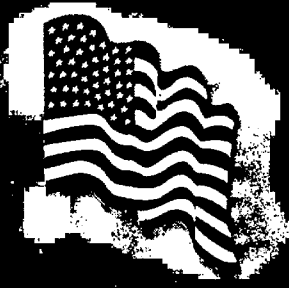
Gov. Parris N. Glendening revived the inaugural ball in 1995. Four years later, Glendening spent \$865,000 on his inaugural.

Hug said Ehrlich's celebration will likely top \$1 million. About half the expenses will be paid out of proceeds from gala ticket sales. Corporate sponsors are financing most of the rest of the inaugural expenses.

Carl Wright, chairman of the inaugural committee, said as many as 50 corporations are paying from \$1,000 to \$20,000 each to sponsor the inauguration. In exchange for their gifts, the companies receive tickets to the events.

But Wright said the inauguration is really for Ehrlich's grassroots supporters, including a lot of Democrats.

"There has been an overwhelming response to this inauguration," Wright said. "I think Governor-elect Ehrlich must just have a lot of friends."



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# It's Ehrlich's big day



Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. and Lt. Gov. Michael Steele take in the view from the podium on the steps of the State House.

## Governor vows to help poor, cut down on crime

By EARL KELLY  
Staff Writer

Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. took office today as the state's first Republican governor in 36 years, pledging to help the working poor and crack down on career criminals.

Repeating a campaign theme, Mr. Ehrlich said a distinction needs to be made between repeat criminals, juveniles and drug offenders.

"Our streets and communities must be made safer — or we will not thrive!" Mr. Ehrlich's said in a copy of his inaugural speech released before the noon ceremony at the State House. "At the same time, we must stop giving up on young people trapped by drug abuse and despair. We can shut the revolving door of recidivism and open the door of hope and opportunity for all people."

Mr. Ehrlich promised that he would "open the privileges" of the governor's office to faith-based groups and individuals who "devote themselves to the performance of good deeds."

Kemp, a former New York congressman and prominent national Republican leader, to welcome guests and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Shut out of the state's top post for more than three decades, Republicans this morning were downright joyful.

Spectators showed their Republican pride with buttons or other GOP-themed paraphernalia. Those who didn't bring any could stop by a tent set up around Bladen Street, where business was brisk.

In the House of Delegates lounge this morning, Del. James Rzepkowski, R-Glen Burnie, said he was happy enough to "break out in song."

"It's Independence Day for a lot of us," he said. "Democrats always said it would be a cold day in Annapolis before we saw a Republican governor. It's a cold day in Annapolis."

Two other events were scheduled in Annapolis today — a parade following the speeches and a reception at the Governor's Mansion.

Along Route 50 outside Annapolis, traffic already was

Mr. Ehrlich chose Jack (See EHRlich, Page A16)

AP photo

# EHRLICH

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backing up before 8 a.m., said Sgt. Jay Gulley of the state police barrack in the city.

"It's going to be worse than that," he said, predicting backups and slowdowns to the Prince George's County line as the inauguration grew closer.

With the temperatures only reaching 28 degrees by 10 a.m., most people waited until closer to noon to grab a seat for the big event. Traffic downtown was still moving fairly smoothly two hours before the ceremony, but College Avenue was likely to be cordoned before the event started.

## Lots of activity

That didn't mean State Circle was dormant. A school choir started singing around 9:30 near the main podium. Television cameras occupied two stages nearby, and satellite trucks were parked all along North Street.

Police from all levels — city, state police, Department of General Services and even the military — monitored the grounds.

One police officer patrolled the State House grounds with the help of a German shepherd. A General Services Police car sat at the intersection of Rowe and Calvert streets.

Michael Steele, the first African-American to serve as lieutenant governor, also was sworn in today — the birthday of the Rev. Martin Luther King.

"You personify the principles of hope, determination, and opportunity to which Dr. King devoted his life," Mr. Ehrlich told him in his speech. "What a remarkable and historic day for our state."

Mr. Steele, also scheduled to address the inauguration crowd, told legislators this

week that the moment of truth has arrived for the Ehrlich-Steele administration.

"It's not just about elections any more, it's about a job well done, and we need to be held accountable," Mr. Steele told legislators.

## What lies ahead

The first day of that accountability will come Friday when the new administration will submit its first budget which must address a projected \$1.7 billion deficit.

Because Mr. Ehrlich has promised not to raise sales or income taxes, legislators wonder whose programs will be slashed to close the gap.

"It is nice to be conciliatory, but if he cuts county budgets, some people are going to disagree," said Speaker of the House Michael E. Buschi, D-Annapolis.

"Funding through taxes should be part of the debate. You shouldn't take off the table these other options."

Sen. Philip C. Jimeno, D-Brooklyn Park, said that with a Republican governor in office, GOP legislators will be forced to take a more active role in solving problems such as the budget deficit.

One such Republican, Del. David G. Boschert, R-Crownsville and vice chairman of the county delegation, said today's festive mood could pass quickly.

"It's going to be an enjoyable day," Mr. Boschert said. "But on Friday, Maryland is going to come face to face with reality."

Mr. Rzepkowski was one of few local legislators who thought a period of harmony could last.

Mr. Rzepkowski said that based on briefings by the administration, he expects Mr. Ehrlich to increase spending on care for groups such as the

developmentally disabled.

"Groups that traditionally would be nervous about a Republican governor will be relieved: This is a 'people-first' budget," Mr. Rzepkowski said.

## Farwell to Parris

While Mr. Ehrlich was preparing to take the reins of power, Gov. Parris N. Glendening was winding down his political career.

Chuck Porcari, spokesman for the outgoing governor, said Mr. Glendening would leave the State House after Mr. Ehrlich took the oath of office but before he delivered his inaugural address.

Mr. Glendening spent yesterday cleaning out his desk, signing autographs and hearing some last-minute appeals that he sign pardons or commute sentences for convicted criminals.

He said he turned down about a dozen requests the last day.

"I don't believe in midnight pardons," Mr. Glendening said.

Sitting at his desk late yesterday surrounded by bare walls previously covered with photographs and awards from his career, Mr. Glendening said it had been "kind of a warm and fuzzy day."

He said before clearing out for good, he planned to leave a note on his desk for Mr. Ehrlich wishing him well.

His one piece of advice for his successor on inaugural day was to "take a lot of pictures because you're not going to remember any of this. The next several weeks will be a blur."

Staff Writers Brian Haynes, Jeff Horseman, Tim Hyland and the Associated Press contributed to this story.

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# Ehrlich era begins with festive time

By EARL KELLY  
and JEFF HORSEMAN  
Staff Writers

State and local Republican stalwarts figured it would be a cold day in a more infernal region than Annapolis before one of their own occupied the Governor's Mansion.

So in spite of frigid temperatures during yesterday's inauguration of Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. and Lt. Gov. Michael S. Steele, they treated the event as an impromptu Fourth of July, complete with marching bands and a cannon salute.

Mr. Ehrlich was inaugurated as Maryland's 60th governor and first Republican governor in 36 years during lighthearted ceremonies characterized by informality and bipartisan humor.

Mr. Ehrlich's inaugural address lasted just 12 minutes, and frequently departed from the written. Mostly he spoke about the lessons he had learned

from parents, neighbors, friends and teammates, such as the importance of loyalty, teamwork and perseverance.

"These life lessons learned will serve me — us — well in the difficult days to come," he said.

Mr. Ehrlich touched lightly on issues that will be his priorities over the next four years — controlling spending, improving education, reducing crime, making faith-based charities partners with state government and providing necessary services for the state's neediest residents.

The "state must reverse the trend of giving up on young people trapped by drug abuse and despair," he said.

Mr. Ehrlich, who campaigned against the spending of the outgoing administration of Gov. Parris N. Glendening, drew his loudest applause when he said that the state government "must live within our means."

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By G. Nick Lundskow — The Capital  
Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich soaks in the applause during his inauguration flanked by his wife Kendel, right, and County Executive Janet S. Owens. More than 1,000 people gathered outside the State House yesterday to witness Mr. Ehrlich's first day as governor. More photos on Page A12.

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE

## EHRlich

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Mr. Ehrlich, 45, and Mr. Steele, 44, took the oath of office shortly after noon in a short ceremony held in a Senate chamber packed with family members and top state officials.

Mr. Ehrlich smiled broadly as he was sworn in, then kissed his wife, Kendel, and hugged his mother and father, who choked up with tears.

The two men then went outside, where more than 1,000 people had gathered despite subfreezing temperatures to listen to about an hour of speeches and music.

## Goodwill reigns

Former Democratic Gov. William Donald Schaefer, who introduced Mr. Ehrlich, deadpanned that he had gotten a letter from Mrs. Ehrlich, saying her husband had chosen Mr. Schaefer for the honor "over my objections."

Mr. Schaefer, now state comptroller, proceeded to talk for 11 minutes, almost as long as Mr. Ehrlich, in what was part speech and part standup comedy routine.

"I want Bob Ehrlich to succeed. I want him to be a great governor," he said.

After Mr. Ehrlich and Mr. Steele — the state's first African American lieutenant governor — descended the State House steps to repeat their oaths of office, a 19-gun salute by the Maryland National Guard created a plume of smoke that obstructed the view of Rowe Boulevard from Lawyers Mall.

Anne Arundel County Executive and Democrat Janet S. Owens was the only county executive invited to address the crowd.

"I have every confidence that Gov. Ehrlich knows and understands the needs

of our counties and cities, that he will work with all of us to forge a new direction that addresses the compelling demands of public education and public [safety]," Ms. Owens said.

Earlier in the day, Ms. Owens explained that she was chosen to speak because she and the Ehrlich family became friends "about two years ago, before the politics heated up."

Mayor Ellen O. Moyer also sat on the stage, though she did not address the crowd.

"It's an exciting day, but he's going to have a lot of challenges," said Sen. Ed DeGrange, D-Glen Burnie.

A member of the Budget and Taxation Committee, he said the governor must now deal with the state's projected \$1.7 billion budget deficit.

Mr. Ehrlich will unveil his budget tomorrow and has said that he aims to balance the budget without increasing taxes.

## Cheers and jeers

While Mr. Ehrlich and Mr. Steele were walking onto the stage before a cheering audience, about 50 anti-death penalty protesters shouted slogans and waved signs to denounce Mr. Ehrlich's intention to lift a moratorium on executions imposed by Mr. Glendening in May.

The protesters, who came from several states, shouted "They say death row! We say hell no!" and "Hey Ehrlich, just face it! Death row is racist!" among other slogans.

Among them was Rob Savidge of Eastport, who said while the cold didn't bother him, "I hope it's bothering Ehrlich."

But the protesters' pleas were often drowned out by cheers and songs by bands, choirs and soloists. Mittens and gloves came together in muffled applause throughout the inauguration.

Among the new governor's supporters

were Crofton residents Todd and Karen Bailey, who attended the event at the invitation of the Ehrlich camp.

"I've waited a long time for Republican leadership," Mr. Bailey said. "I wanted to hear it first."

Undeterred by the cold, high school bands from across the state marched up East Street from the academy, around the east side of State Circle, and up Rowe Boulevard, while Mr. Ehrlich watched from a viewing stand.

Broadneck High School's proud maroon and white colors shone in the bright sunlight as about 150 of its students performed for the new governor, and about 40 Kent Island High School students performed.

As the afternoon wore on, the Ehrlichs hosted an open house at the Governor's Mansion. The line of visitors reached from State Circle to College Avenue.

Businesses on State Circle remained open despite the circle's closure to traffic. But Flowers by James clerk Wendy Stauffer said the shop couldn't promise delivery of bouquets by a specific time.

"Instead of saying, 'We'll be there by 2 p.m.', we're saying, we'll be there whenever," she said.

Another merchant took a light-hearted angle to sales. Chesapeake Photo Gallery ran a "Consolation Sale," where customers could get an extra 20 percent off photos if they said they were Democrats.

"I want to see if any Republicans come in here saying they're Democrats," said gallery owner Eric Lund, a registered independent.

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