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COLUMBIA CAPERS

GRAY HAS HOPE AND ANTICIPATION

Installation ceremonies for the new Howard County Executive and Council were held at the George Howard County Office Building in Ellicott City last Monday evening.

Prior to the ceremonies, the final Council legislative session for 1986 took place. That session was chaired by Council Chair, Dr. C. Vernon Gray, a confident political science professor at Morgan State University, who begins his second term as Council Chair.

As the retiring members of the Council filed into chambers and took their respective seats, Gray was in the center (and looking good). He struck the gavel and said, "The Council legislative session is in session." The purpose of the brief session was to give the outgoing members an opportunity to express themselves.

Ruth Keeton, a charming woman and long time member of the Council, had very warm words as usual. Ruth is a dedicated member and is very popular among both black and white county residents. She has been my personal friend since the inception of Columbia. SHE IS FOR REAL.

The one and only Liz Bobo is the New County Executive and the only woman county executive in the State of Maryland. How well deserving Liz is of this very important position. A nine year veteran of the Council, who loves the County, she looks forward to working with all members of the community as the many concerns are addressed in her administration.

C. Vernon Gray was most appreciative to have been able to serve as Council Chair with his fellow members. "It has helped me grow; however, we did not agree on all matters, but things worked out alright."

Members leaving the Council were Lloyd Knowles, Liz Bobo and James Clark. Their replacements are: Shane Pendergrass, Algela Beltram, and Charles Feaga, the only Republican.

Each outgoing member received a gold clock with a wooden plaque at the bottom with an expression of appreciation for service on the Howard County Council.

IMPRESSIVE INSTALLATION CEREMONIES

With good listening string music provided by the Howard County Schools Advanced Orchestra String Section and the Wilde Lake High School Brass Quintet, internationally known Wintley Phipps rendered the Star Spangled Banner. His rendition was preceeded by a flag ceremony and pledge by the Oakland Mills High School ROTC Unit.

The newly elected Howard County Council members were introduced to the overflow audience by Diane G. Schulte, Judge of the District Court of Maryland. She made personal remarks about each of the members of the new Council.

She said that Councilman C. Vernon Gray was a gentleman, whose academic background had enhanced the work of the Council over the years. She also spoke of his effectiveness and his productivity.

Gray's remarks were very warm. "I am overwhelmingly filled with pride and joy to serve this county for four more years, I owe this opportunity to a lot of people, my family, my dear mother and father who attend all my activities. I look forward to the next four years with great hope and anticipation. It's a pathway to the 90's."

Councilman Gray pledged that the New Council would be concerned with issues such as Low and Moderate income in rental housing.

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Gray was selected unanimously as Chairman from the New Council members. He has served as Chairman for the past two years.

Elizabeth Bobo, Howard County Executive was introduced by William E. Earle, acting County Executive, who will be her assistant for the next four years, Bobo is an attorney, she is very friendly and loyal to this County. She wears a smile most of the time. She pledged that she, along with the Council, would "set a model of a Cooperative Working relationship in the County. She feels that the County is in good shape due to the good government before she took office: "It's a serious responsibility, I look forward to accepting it, I truly love this County, and will ask for your Widsom and judgement." Mrs. Bobo is very popular with groups in this county.

Ruth Keeton, the sixteen year veteran. She is quite a lady who pledges to do well by her voters who put her into office. Ruth is truly a dedicated person. She thanked her many friends and workers for their support. Pledges were made also by the new members.

Our dear friend Vernon Gray, took 60 percent of the County in his district. He is the first Black Council member in the history of Columbia and Howard County. His triumph and overwhelming win in the General Election was a true indication of his political strength and its growth since his first election by a thin margin four years ago.

(Cuff Note) Bless you Vernon and your family, Angelia and Michael, your dear wife Sandra, who is by your side at all times, your dear mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Major Gray who travel quite a distance to be with you, and all of your friends who have helped you in many ways.

Vernon Gray is what I call a unique Political Scientist who practices what he teaches. He has worked untiringly to improve the quality of life in our County and State of Maryland. He is a truly Christian gentleman.

Following the Ceremony, a reception was held in the lobby.

Thought For The Day
I said to my heart today:
Look upward, and laugh our way,
There's a lucky star guiding our way,
And a blessing in everything.
By Russel A. Kemp

Marjorie Green

WOODLAWN HIGHLIGHTS

JACKIE JOHNSON HONORED

St. Bernadine's Catholic Church Hall on Edmondson Ave. was the scene of a gala Thanksgiving Appreciation Dinner, catered by Edgar Gee and William Shannon, last Friday evening.

The informal gathering of friends, neighbors and co-workers of Ms. Jackie Johnson, a pre-trial investigator for the State of Maryland, were invited to join family members in a salute to the young woman who has dedicated her life to helping others.

One by one the program participants recalled the many times Jackie, not only volunteered her own time and energy, but very generously volunteered their services. It was a night to present flowers while the recipient could enjoy the scent of them.

Included in the program were longtime friends, Ms. Jean Early, Dr. Peggy Wall and George Buntin. Father Edward Miller, St. Bernadine's spiritual leader, offered a prayer and presented the honoree with a plaque.

The honoree's son, Lance, presented his mother with a plaque on behalf of the family.

Mrs. Carolyn Johnson, who spearheaded the appreciation effort, pinned an orchid corsage on her surprised daughter.

Among the family members expressing words of love, were brothers Earl and Arthur Jr., Darnell Johnson, a niece, and Mrs. Alice Woody, the honoree's aunt. James Berry delivered his tribute in song.

Others who spoke were Ms. Strassa Smallwood, Dr. Hilbert Stanley, Ms. Ruth Henderson, Deacon Philip Harcum, Commissioners Elsie Thompson and Alan Ackerman.

Tributes in Dance were performed by the Michael Benn's Dance group. The group also presented a mini fashion show.

Yours truly presided during the evening program dedicated to one of our favorite cousins.

The appreciation night hostess group included Icelean Jones, Romona Robinson, Alice Curtis, Lucille Smith, Helen Carroll, Hattie Hill, Ruth Kane, Veronica Pugh, Doretha Powe, Carolyn Ames and Vera Nicholson.

"I would rather have one little rose from the garden of a friend than to have the choicest flowers when my stay on earth shall end. Bring me all your flowers today whether pink or white or red — I'd rather have one blossom now than a truck load when I'm dead."

SSA DIRECTOR RECEIVES SEND-OFF TRIBUTE

The recent send off cocktail party given in honor of Ms. Huldah Lieberman at the Turf Valley Country Club was a smashing success. Executive staff members, along with 200 employees in the Office of Disability Operations, (ODO) SSA, presented an exciting program dedicated to their popular Director who is leaving to join the Office of Disability Staff. George Bodden, a division director, who acted as the toastmaster, in-

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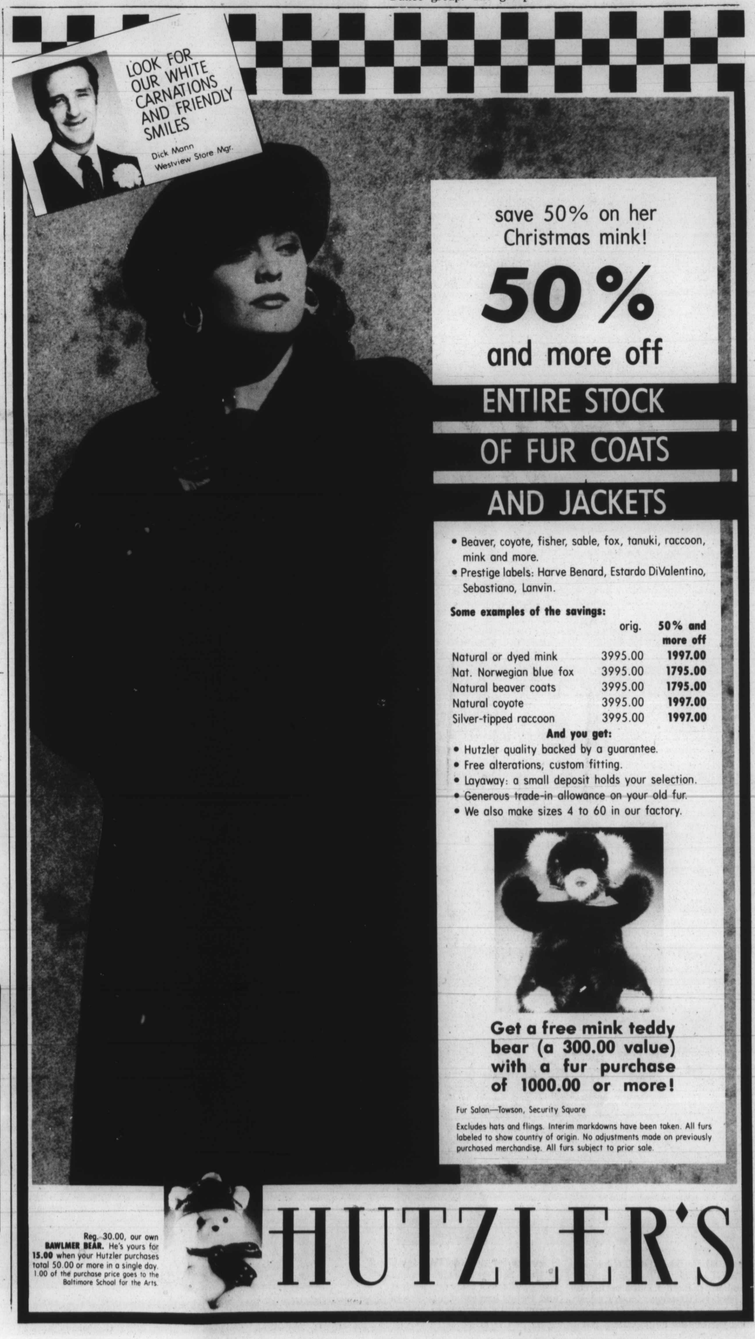

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Liberty Medical Center hosts 'International Fling'

SEEN AT THE BALTIMORE INTERNATIONAL FLING given by the Liberty Medical Center for the hospital's medical staff on Friday, Nov. 21 at Westminster Hall, are (L to R): Councilwoman Agnes Welch, board member; Stephen E. Asendorf, chairman of the Board; Dr. Claude Hill, William Jewes, president and David C. Daneker, board member.

Photos by Paris Gray

IN LIVELY SPIRITS are (L to R): Sheryl Stewart, Philip Stewart, Neal White and Jean Snyder.

REMY FRANCISCO (L) chats with Ricky Frazier, Sr. and Renee S. Frazier.

OTHERS HAVING FUN are (L to R): Olimpia Aybar, Dr. Rafael L. Aybar, Medical Director; Portia Badham, Public Relations Director for the Center and James Bentley.

More than 200 guests attended the "Baltimore International Fling" given by the Liberty Medical Center for the hospital's medical staff on November 21.

The affair was held at Westminster Hall in downtown Baltimore and included an international buffet along with music and magical entertainment.

Guests entered through a tree-lined entranceway with park benches and assorted plants. The stage featured a star-studded skyline of the Inner Harbor with a model of S.S. Constellation and the World Trade Center.

An array of ethnic dishes served from decorated food carts included hearty Italian cuisine, sumptuous French food, delectable African dishes and delicious Chinese foods.

Highlight of the evening was a magic show performed by local illusionist, William Gross.

Guests mingled on the three levels of the historic facility, known for the resting place of Edgar Allen Poe.

The annual event is given by the hospital's Board of Directors in appreciation for the work done by the medical center.

The function was coordinated by the hospital's office of Public Relations which includes Portia E. Badham, director of PR; Sheryl Stewart, assistant director of PR and Deborah Brown, PR Assistant.

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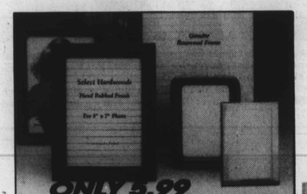

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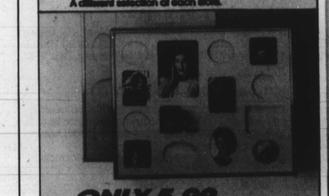

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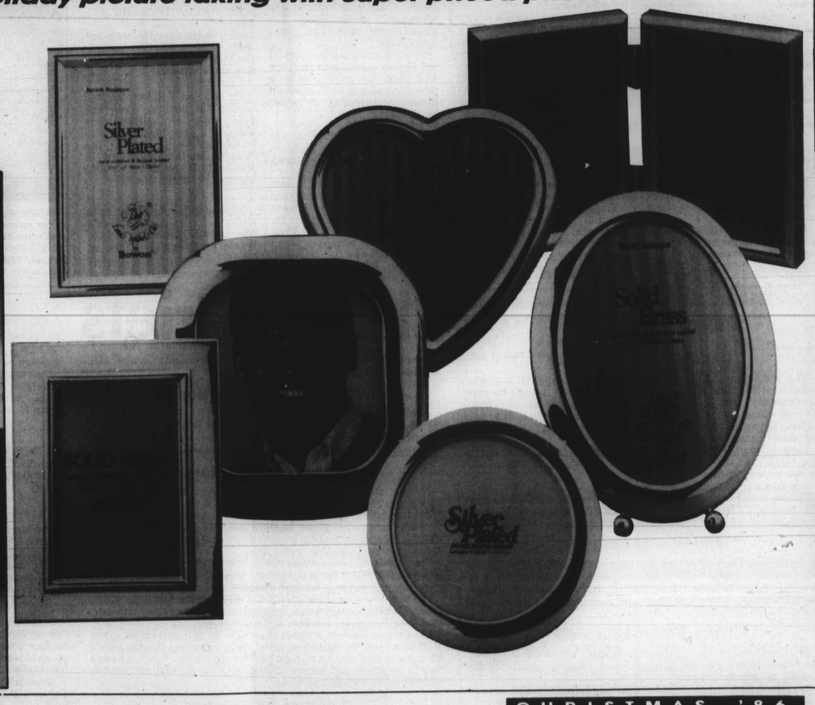

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