

As his farewell advice, Schaefer will offer a budget

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Gov. William Donald Schaefer, in a move that may prove to be largely symbolic, plans to introduce his own state budget next month, just days before Gov.-elect Parris N. Glendening introduces his own spending plan.

Maryland's attorney general has already concluded that legislators need not pay attention to Mr. Schaefer's budget. The budget of the incoming governor will supersede any other spending proposal.

But from Mr. Schaefer's point of

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view, that is merely a legal nicety that misses the point.

What his unusual action is likely to do is highlight the sharp differences between the activist style of government he has championed throughout his long political career and the more scaled back role of government that Republicans demanded during the recent election campaign, and which Mr. Glendening and many state legislators now say they believe Marylanders want.

"In some traditions, people used to

leave an ethical will, a testament to their heirs of how life should be lived," said Sen. Barbara A. Hoffman, a Baltimore Democrat who is to become chairman of the Senate's budget committee.

"This is like Schaefer's ethical will — how he thinks government ought to be," she said.

Mr. Schaefer's version of the budget, to be introduced after the General Assembly convenes Jan. 11 but before Mr. Glendening is sworn in Jan. 18, is expected to appropriate

almost every penny of revenue the state expects to receive next fiscal year.

That would amount to nearly an 8 percent increase in spending over this year's budget.

"After nearly eight years in office, the governor has some pretty strong feelings about where the state's priorities ought to be and what directions we should pursue. And in his final budget he is pursuing those goals," said Joseph L. Harrison, Mr. Schaefer's press secretary.

Mr. Glendening said Mr. Schaefer

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Maryland officials announced yesterday they would relax requirements for more than 40 percent of the 1.4 million cars and light trucks originally slated to get smog checks next year.

The changes, giving breaks to owners of new and older vehicles, are intended to make the emissions tests more "consumer-friendly" without significantly weakening the state's push to clean up air pollution in the Baltimore and Washington areas, said W. Marshall Rickert, chief of the state Motor Vehicle Administration.

Testing requirements have been dropped or modified for two major categories of vehicles. Specifically:

■ A projected 200,000 new 1995 model cars and light trucks that have been bought or will be purchased next year will not have to be tested for at least two years.

■ About 400,000 vehicles that are 1977 to 1983 models will get only the tailpipe exhaust test that has been standard in Maryland for more than a decade. They will not have to undergo two new tests that are planned for newer vehicles under the expanded emissions inspections.

About 150,000 vehicles built before 1977 will be exempted from any emissions testing, state officials say, because they lack the pollution controls installed on later models.

State officials say they made the changes after consulting with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which in recent weeks has signaled its willingness to give states

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Tube used to hide cocaine

Candy container popular with dealers

LifeSavers Holes have become popular storage cases used by street-level drug dealers selling crack cocaine on corners in Annapolis, police say. The tiny morsels are made to look like the insides of the candy rings, but they also resemble crack cocaine.

Drug dealers gamble that crack, stored in a candy tube, looks enough like candy that authorities won't no-

tice the difference. But Annapolis police say just the sight of the familiar LifeSavers label in drug-ridden neighborhoods is cause for suspicion.

"You're not going to expect everyone who goes out and buys LifeSavers Holes is doing drugs, but if you're in an area where there's a lot of drug dealing already, if you pat them down and feel a LifeSavers tube, you're going to check it," said Cpl. Jim Doran, of the Annapolis vice

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Crack cocaine was found hidden in this LifeSavers Holes bottle.

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notified him two or three weeks ago of his intention to submit his own budget.

"I'm not taking any exception to that. It is reflective of his style of being a strong governor right up to the end," Mr. Glendening said.

But he also said he made clear to Mr. Schaefer that his own budget priorities will be different, and that once he is in office he intends to submit a plan that will cut Mr. Schaefer's proposed spending increase in half, down to 4 percent or less.

"Times and expectations have changed considerably," the Democrat from Prince George's County said.

"The public message from the election . . . is that people want us to focus on jobs, education and safe communities, but they also want, clearly, no new taxes, some reduced taxes and budget stability."

Since almost losing the Nov. 8 election to Republican Ellen R. Sauerbrey, whose campaign was a relentless call to slash government spending and lower taxes, Mr. Glendening has become a steady advocate of lower taxes himself.

He said he already is talking with legislative leaders about finding a way to set aside money to finance a tax cut by the final year of their term, just before he and the General Assembly stand for re-election.

Just balancing the state budget, much less cutting taxes, may prove difficult. If Mr. Schaefer proposes that all the revenue available be spent, the increase would be \$730 million over this year's \$13 billion budget. If Mr. Glendening cuts that back to 4 percent, he will have to pare roughly \$350 million in programs from Mr. Schaefer's plan.

Mr. Glendening also will have to find enough money to finance a \$100 million increase in school aid required by law.

And budget officials project that he will have to identify another \$100 million for higher Medicaid costs and \$50 million for higher prison and juvenile detention costs.

"We're working on all that," Mr. Glendening said. "We understand it is not going to be easy. There will be a series of very hard decisions, both in this budget and the next couple budgets."

Mr. Schaefer's unusual budget submission could complicate Mr. Glendening's problems. William S. Ratchford II, veteran chief of the legislature's budget office, said he could not recall an outgoing governor ever doing such a thing.

"I don't want to tell you it has never happened, but certainly in modern times I've never heard of it happening," he said.

He and his wife, the former Mari-on Martin, who died in 1985, were charter members of the ForWinAsh Garden Club and members of the Baltimore Ethical Society.

A memorial service was set for 11 a.m. today at Macedonia Baptist Church, Lafayette and Fremont avenues, Baltimore.

Dr. Banfield is survived by three daughters, Sondra Perry of Parkville, Karen Evans of Baltimore and Adrienne Banfield of Columbia; a son, Gilbert L. Banfield Jr. of Baltimore; and nine grandchildren.

Gerald F. Beran Sun printer

Gerald F. Beran, a printer, died Saturday at Good Samaritan Hospital of complications from a stroke. The Parkville resident was 50.

He began working 28 years ago as a Linotype operator in the composing room of The Baltimore Sun Co., where he was a compositor at the time of his death. Earlier, he had been a printer for the *Port City Press*.

Mr. Beran was reared near Loch Raven Boulevard and Northern Parkway and was a 1962 graduate of City College.

A Mass of Christian burial was to be offered at 9:30 a.m. today at St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church, 6806 McClean Blvd., Baltimore, with interment in Florida.

Mr. Beran is survived by his parents, Frank J. and Irene K. Beran of Venice, Fla.; a sister, Lorraine Rich of Gilmer, Texas; a nephew; and a niece.

Jane B. Kallini, 77, a retired executive secretary for a New Jersey real estate company, died Tuesday of cardiac arrest at Howard County General Hospital. She had moved to Columbia in 1991 after her retirement.

Services are scheduled for today in New Jersey. She is survived by a son, Tad Kallini of Columbia; and two grandsons.

ELSEWHERE

Rose Silver, 90, a former Pima County, Ariz., lawyer who once defended gangster John Dillinger, died Monday in Tucson. Dillinger, who was arrested in Tucson in 1934, was sued by a bank he had once robbed. He hired Ms. Silver to represent him and paid her \$1,500 and gave her his car. Two years later, submachine guns and other firearms were found hidden behind the car's seats and were confiscated by the FBI, said her son-in-law, Gene Karp.

Glenn Anderson, 81, who became chairman of the Public Works and Transportation Committee during 12 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, died of Alzheimer's disease Tuesday in Los Angeles. A Democrat, he was lieutenant governor of California from 1958 to 1966. He was elected to the House in 1968 and left Congress in 1992.