Snoops to become hostess at mansion

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ANNAPOLIS — Some personnel notes from Government House, the official residence of Maryland's chief executive:

Jody Albright, Gov. William Donald Schaefer's director of cultural affairs, will be leaving her office in the mansion to move into quarters on West Street, a few blocks from the

State House.

And the official hostess at the mansion will be Hilda Mae Snoops, Mr. Schaefer's longtime companion.

Ms. Albright, who in Baltimore ran such programs as Artscape, the annual summer arts festival, has been the organizer of official events at Government House since Mr. Schaefer's inauguration in January and had functioned as the unofficial mansion hostess. She will continue to handle those formal events, while working on other artistic and cultural programs from her new office, said Bob Douglas, a spokesman for the governor.

Ms. Snoops, "at the request of the governor," will become the official hostess at mansion events, Mr. Douglas said. She will greet guests with the governor and help Ms. Albright organize official functions.