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Backing Bush



Moose
Self-deprecating



Levitan
Collecting legacy



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Telling it like it is

turned off from the GOP if they knew that party bosses were seeking to influence the outcome of the election.

"If you want these people excited about voting in the primary, you ought to make sure that there is a primary," he said.

— Josh Kurtz

Something about Moose

Montgomery Police Chief **Charles A. Moose** will unequivocally reject the allegation, as some contend, that the police department employs racial profiling — the practice of singling out blacks and other minorities for traffic stops.

But Moose also has a sharp sense of humor, and often finds it hard to resist a good line, which was the case Tuesday when he met for breakfast with a room full of local reporters and editors.

Moose touched on myriad issues, including an ongoing U.S. Department of Justice review of complaints that Montgomery police mistreat minorities, including racial profiling.

Moose said such investigations are becoming commonplace with police departments across the nation, tarnishing the image of police officers and hurting efforts to attract new recruits.

Moose noted that while he wears his police uniform to work each day, he really doesn't do much in the way of actually chasing down bad guys to help with the workload.

"But," said Moose, who is black, "fewer people stop me when I'm dressed like this."

— Mark Celender

A career well-chronicled

A few weeks ago, we told you that former state Sen. **Laurence Levitan** of Montgomery County would be donating his videotape collection of Senate debates and personal papers to the Maryland State Archives.

Late last month, Levitan sent a five-page letter to **Edward C. Papenfuss**, the state archivist, detailing the booty. It includes:

- 24 scrapbooks covering Levitan's 28-year political career.

- Videotapes of most "State Circle" programs on Maryland Public Television from 1985-1994.

- Videotapes of the "legislative follies" performances from 1985-1994.

- Videotapes of Senate activity, including a 1984 retreat of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, Gov. **Harry Hughes'** 1986 address to the legislature on the savings and loan crisis, the 1990 filibuster in the Senate over abortion, and more.

Believe it or not, all this excites Papenfuss.

"What Larry Levitan has done is the kind of work with a person's personal history that we like to see," he said. "It's the kind of thing that really enhances the public's understanding of the legislative process."

Papenfuss said the Levitan collection soon would be available for public viewing, and that the material would be catalogued and cross-referenced for people interested in researching various aspects of Levitan's career or the issues he provided materials on.

"It really helps the collective memory of state government," Papenfuss said.

— Josh Kurtz

Crowned

Congressional candidate **Terry L. Norman's** official campaign kickoff in Rockville Tuesday featured a veritable who's who of Democratic notables, including no fewer than three Kennedys — Sen. **Edward M. Kennedy** of Massachusetts, Lt. Gov. **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend** and Del. **Mark K. (for Kennedy) Shriver** (Dist. 15) of Bethesda. Add to that the presence of County Executive **Douglas M. Duncan**, State's Attorney **Douglas F. Ganster**, both U.S. Senators