



New Jersey Libertarian

MACRON WINS REVERSAL OF NEW JERSEY FORFEITURE LAWS

By John Paff

The War on Drugs in New Jersey suffered a stunning defeat on June 16, when the Appellate Division of the Superior Court ruled that the New Jersey Forfeiture Law is unconstitutional to the extent that it deprives property owners of jury trials before their property is taken.

The ruling was a personal triumph for NJLP member Elizabeth 'Liz' Macron of Brick Township, the attorney who filed the appeal.

The case, entitled "*New Jersey vs. one 1990 Honda Accord, NJ Registration HRB-20D, VIN #1HGCB7659LA063293, and Four Hundred-Twenty Dollars*", was typical of forfeiture cases, in that the local Prosecutor was suing a car and some money found on the driver of that car, on the grounds that the car and money had committed crimes (transporting illegal drugs). According to the legal theory used until now, the car and money have no constitutional rights (only citizens have rights), so they may be taken without a jury trial. This ruling applies the right to jury trials enumerated in Article 1, Paragraph 9 of the 1947 New Jersey Constitution to the owners of such properties.

The case, Appeal Docket No. A-6880-95T2, arose when Lois McDermott's car was confiscated by local police. Although Mrs McDermott, an elderly woman in poor health, was not charged with any crime, her car was seized because her son had borrowed it and allegedly transported drugs in it, and allegedly used it to assault a police officer.

Monmouth County Prosecutor John Kaye filed a forfeiture action against the car. Through her attorney, Liz Macron, Mrs McDermott contested the forfeiture and demanded a trial by jury. The Superior Court in Monmouth County denied the demand, tried the case in a summary manner (before a single judge) and convicted the car and money. Macron appealed, claiming that the lack of jury trial violated Mrs McDermott's rights under Article 1, Paragraph 9 of the New Jersey Constitution.



Elizabeth Macron

The Appeals Court agreed and reversed the forfeiture verdict, ruling that New Jersey's Constitution didn't create jury trial rights, but only preserved that right as it existed when New Jersey's first Constitution was adopted in 1776. The court found that in England and colonial New Jersey, forfeitures on the high seas were decided by Admiralty Courts, sitting without a jury, but that forfeitures on land were heard by common law courts, or Exchequer Courts, with a jury empaneled.

The court reasoned that, as forfeitures (on land) were tried by jury when

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Murray Sabrin

SABRIN CAMPAIGN ROARS OFF THE STARTING LINE

Murray Sabrin's bid for Governor of New Jersey has wasted no time in aggressively soliciting donations, volunteers, and endorsements. His campaign had already recruited a staff of over a dozen people, raised \$35,000 from almost one-hundred donors, and received one high profile endorsement, all by June 30.

The endorsement came from New Jersey 101.5 radio talk-show host **Jim Gearhart** on the air on June 11. Gearhart had met Sabrin three days earlier, at the campaign picnic of NJLP State Senate Candidate (30th district) **Bob Mondgock**.

Sabrin has also solicited funds from the national LP and Libertarian chapters in New York and Pennsylvania.

He taped guest spots on Monmouth Cablevision's show, *A Third Point of View*, and also for the Regional News Network. He also appeared on Adriane Berg's syndicated radio talk show.

Most dramatic of all, however, was an op-ed piece by Murray which appeared in the *Sunday Record* of Hackensack, which appeared on Sunday June 15, with his portrait. *The Sunday Record* has one of the largest circulations among newspapers in New Jersey.

Entitled "*Libertarian for Governor: 'Return to common sense'*", the approximately one-thousand word valediction outlined in summary form what the central problem of public policy is, and what Murray would do about it as Governor. It appeared next to a piece written by former Republican Governor Tom Kean.

Two days later, Sabrin received a postcard bearing this message from a stranger:

"Kudos on your opinion piece in today's Record. Not too long ago I was a big government liberal. I've worked in government most of my life and I've seen incompetent hacks in management, contracts given to friends of agency heads, and general malfeasance. Best of luck in your run."

Sabrin Campaign staffers **Dan Karlan** (Network), **Mike Buoncristiano** (Public Relations) and **Mark Peterson** (Treasury) say their overriding goal is to raise \$210,000 by September. They say that, if they do, state law guarantees Sabrin a berth in the televised debates for Gubernatorial candidates to be held in October. In case you haven't contributed yet, send donations payable to "Sabrin for Governor" to PO Box 445, Leonia, New Jersey, 07605.

Sabrin may be available to address your local group. Contact the campaign directly at: sabrin97@aol.com

'INDEPENDENT PARTIES' SUIT FOR BALLOT ACCESS HEARD

The Council of Alternative Political Parties (CAPP) lawsuit for ballot access was heard by Federal District Court Judge Mary Parell in Trenton on Monday, June 16.

The NJLP was represented in the courtroom audience by NJLP Secretary **Emerson Ellett**, along with members **Tom Abrams**, **Bob Figueroa**, **Lois Kaneshiki**, and **Carl Peters**.

At least nine other friendly spectators from various other alternative parties were also present.

CAPP, its member parties, and various individual members of those parties were represented by ACLU volunteer attorney Ms Lenora Lapidus, who was supported by ACLU staff attorney David Rocah.

Lapidus paraphrased the arguments of the opposition: that the existing early filing deadline prevents "voter confusion" and "clogging of the election machinery", and allows the Division of Elections to prepare in a timely fashion. In response, she pointed out that New Jersey allows Presidential candidates to file ballot access petitions until the ninety-ninth day before the general election, and asked that the same deadline be applied to the plaintiffs' candidates for other offices in partisan elections. The current requirement, she says, is an "unconstitutional burden".

CAPP members include the New Jersey Libertarian, Conservative, Green, Natural Law, and US Taxpayer Parties. The coordinator of CAPP is Albert La Rotonda of the former United We Stand.

PRESSER INTERVIEWED ON THE AIR

NJLP candidate for Assembly in the Eighth Legislative District **Dr Janice Presser's** taped interview by **Mary Jo Powell** of New Jersey 101.5 radio was aired repeatedly on Monday, May 19.

Dr Presser was the topic of several phone calls heard on the air that day. New Jersey 101.5 is heard throughout New Jersey.

BITTER HARVEST

Newark *Star-Ledger* columnist **John Farmer** penned a 900-odd word lament of the public's mistrust of government, which appeared on May 19, under the title *Government gets bad rap from all sides*.

In that column, Farmer wailed "...and **Libertarians**, if they had their druthers, would all but repeal government."

JOHN PAFF PROFILED IN LOCAL PAPER

NJLP member **John Paff** was the subject of a very flattering profile on page B-1 of the *Courier-News* (Bridgewater Township) on Sunday, May 25. The *Courier-News*' circulation is approximately 52,000.

Gadfly keeps the pols honest

By ANNA FARMER
Courier-News Staff Writer

John Paff, known during a recent year as the "Gadfly" of the Somerset County Courthouse, is now a full-time member of the Somerset County Board of Supervisors. He is not only a member of the board, but he is also a member of the Somerset County Board of Supervisors. He is not only a member of the board, but he is also a member of the Somerset County Board of Supervisors. He is not only a member of the board, but he is also a member of the Somerset County Board of Supervisors.



John Paff: "I'm ringing an alarm. I want somebody to hear it."

The story, entitled "*Gadfly keeps the pols honest*", included a photograph of him and a lengthy discussion of his causes and beliefs. His leadership of the non-partisan group, Citizens for Justice, was explored at length, as Paff and the other members of this group have acquired local prominence for their outspoken advocacy and remarkable success fighting abuses of law enforcers' authority.

A synopsis of personal facts about Paff was provided, mentioning that he is the Vice Chair of the Libertarian Party of Somerset and Middlesex Counties (LPSMC). Paff is also the spouse of the Chair of LPSMC, Diane Adler. Paff was quoted as saying that he is "driven by his Libertarian politics and Lutheran faith". His affiliation with the LP was mentioned several times in the story, which included this: "*Paff embraces the Party's central philosophy: Government doesn't work, and power corrupts.*"

The story read like a political resume, listing Paff's many forays into public policy, and listed his various lawsuits, lobbyings, and legal hobbies. It ended with

this: "*Paff said he will continue to dig and share his opinions of the county's government and judiciary.*"

"*I'm ringing an alarm' he said, 'I want somebody to hear it'*"

MACRON

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the first Constitution was adopted, the same right exists now. As statutes cannot conflict with the Constitution, NJSA 2C:64-3 (the forfeiture statute) was ruled unconstitutional, and Mrs McDermott's case was remanded to the Monmouth County Superior Court for a new trial -with a jury.

Macron's story and a photograph were on the front page of the June 23rd *New Jersey Law Journal*. The case was also covered in the *Asbury Park Press* on June 17. See Trial by Jury on Page 4.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"When two trains approach each other at a crossing, they shall both come to a full stop and neither shall start up until the other has gone."

-a law in Kansas

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APPEAL FILED

The defeated gun rights suit brought by NJLP member **Diane Adler** against her local police chief, Daniel Livak, is being appealed.

The suit, which sought to enforce the New Jersey law requiring gun permits be issued or denied within thirty days of application, was dismissed on March 21 by Superior Court Judge Edward Coleman.

Adler and fellow Libertarian **John Paff** immediately sought donations with which to finance an appeal of the ruling. Two NJLP members stepped forward with generous donations which made it possible, and the appeal was filed with the Appellate Division of the Superior Court on May 2, Docket no. A-004878-96T5.

Almost immediately, several members of the Coalition of New Jersey Sportsmen (CNJS), a gun-rights advocacy group, responded with vehement criticism of the appeal.

Their criticisms all boiled down to one central point: the appeal is unlikely to succeed, and will probably create case law to bolster the position of police chiefs who would prefer not to issue or deny gun permits at all, leaving applicants without a permit and without legal standing to sue for one. The CNJS members who communicated this opinion to Paff included **Terry Warner, Alan Rice, and Edward Zohn**.

The central point of Paff's reply to this criticism was that police chiefs can and do disregard gun permit application deadlines already, and the potential for additional damage that can be done by challenging that practice is more than outweighed by the chance of a favorable ruling.

TRIAL BY JURY: THE CITIZEN'S DEFENSE AGAINST TYRANNY

The peculiarly English institution known as the jury has now been protecting citizens from official arrogance and caprice for over eight-hundred years.

First employed by Henry II, founder of the Plantagenet Dynasty, in the twelfth century, jury trials were originally offered as an inducement to defendants to 'claim the King's justice', and to litigants to file lawsuits not with their local nobleman's court, but with the King's.

As jury trials were perceived as superior arbiters of justice, many litigants and defendants were attracted to the royal courts, and a new code of law common to all, regardless of locality, was gradually established. This 'common law' eventually replaced the quilt of local legal codes that we know as feudal law, and is the foundation on which American law is built.

Since then, juries have saved or condemned many whose verdicts would have been different, if decided by a judge. Their most dramatic effect has been demonstrated in criminal cases, when jurors have "nullified" laws they considered unjust or wrongly applied, by simply refusing to convict. The most famous example of this is the trial of William Penn for preaching an illegal religion, which ended in an acquittal despite overwhelming evidence of "guilt". Some trials right here in New Jersey have had similar results.

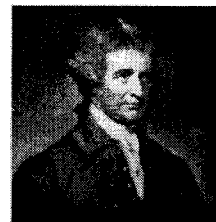
Jury trials are also used in nations founded by British emigrants: Canada, the United States, New Zealand, Australia, and in other scattered remnants of the British Empire.

The importance of the difference between *summary* trials, in which judges alone decide guilt or innocence, and *jury* trials, in which a panel of fellow laymen make that determination, is hard to exaggerate. This is how Winston Churchill describes it:

"We reach here (the confrontation of parliament and king in 1628) the main foundation of English freedom. The right of the Executive Government to imprison a man, high or low, for reasons of state was denied; and that denial, made good in painful struggles, constitutes the charter of every self-respecting man at any time in any land. Trial by jury of equals, only for offences known to the law, if maintained, makes the difference between bond and free."

Source: *History of the English-Speaking Peoples*; Vol. II, Page 185;
by Winston Churchill; Dorset Press, New York, 1990

NAME THAT SAGE



Sir Edmund Burke

Last month's quote,
"The true danger is when liberty is nibbled away for expedients, and by parts."
was taken from a letter to the Sheriffs of Bristol, written by the Irish/British statesman **Sir Edmund Burke** in 1777.

**"No man's life, liberty, or property
are safe while the Legislature
is in session."**

Who said this? The answer in the
August *New Jersey Libertarian*.

A NEW TIME FOR LIBERTY

A Libertarian Party member is using her commercial publication to help spread the word about our cause and our organization.

NJLP member **Claudia Montelione** of Matawan is the Editor of *The New Times*, a Monmouth County-based commercial services tabloid which features advertisements for local business, coupons, and promotions.

Formerly known as the *Penny Pincher Press*, Montelione recently changed its name to reflect the addition of editorial content. The bimonthly publication is distributed free and offers classified ads for five dollars.

In the May/June issue, along with the dozens of commercial ads, community service announcements, and articles on a variety of apolitical topics, Claudia saw fit to include: a full page item describing the many ways that state government extorts money from automobile owners, a notice of the date, time, and contact information for the meetings of the Libertarians of Monmouth County (LMC), an announcement of the Liberty Round Table's student essay contest, and the "World's smallest political quiz" as published by the Advocates for Self-Government.

Subscriptions to *The New Times* are available for six dollars per year (fifty cents per issue). Checks payable to the *Penny Pincher Press* should be sent with the subscriber's name and address to: Box 913, Matawan, NJ 07747.

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NJLP FORFEITURE CRUSADER COVERED TWICE

NJLP member **John Paff's** efforts to undo New Jersey's asset forfeiture laws were covered twice in June: in a front page story entitled *Audit piles blame on Bissell*, which appeared in the *Home News and Tribune* of East Brunswick on June 18, and again on the same front page on Sunday, June 22, in a story entitled *State says asset-forfeiture abuse curbed; others not so sure*.

The June 18 story included this quote from John Paff in an inset box:

"When you trust this kind of power and money to any law enforcement officer, it corrupts."

-John T. Paff, Franklin resident

GOVERNMENT WATER: BUY IT OR ELSE!

The *Asbury Park Press* published a story on June 11 that described the plight of a Stafford Township (Ocean County) man believed to be the first person ever jailed in New Jersey for refusing to hook his house up to a municipal water supply.

That man, Robert Kuznikow, was sentenced to ninety days in jail by municipal court Judge Paul J. Carr on June 2nd. Carr was apparently unimpressed by Kuznikow's arguments citing the constitution and America's heritage of freedom.

Kuznikow gave in after eight days of imprisonment, getting the house hooked up, but claims that he did it under protest, and plans to appeal Carr's ruling.

The story about him included this:

"His libertarian leanings were first instilled in him by his Russian emigre parents, who met while prisoners in Nazi Germany and later chose to make their way to America rather than return to Russia...(his) father always taught them 'you have to stand up for what you believe...'"

CORRECTION

An item in the June *New Jersey Libertarian* stated that NJLP candidate for Congress Dr Janice Presser was "endorsed" last year by the *Burlington County Times*, when in fact she received a lengthy favorable mention, not an endorsement.

The *New Jersey Libertarian* regrets the error.

MOONLIGHT SAIL

A delightful evening on the water awaits those who board the **NORMA KAY II** on Sunday evening, August 10, at 8 pm, for a trip through the Point Pleasant Canal, and down Barnegat Bay to Cattus Island.

Dinner will be served on board. There will also be a cash bar. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$24 per couple.

Moonlight sailors will be helping the campaign of NJLP candidate for State Senate in the Tenth Legislative District **Steve Nagle**, in addition to enjoying a smooth sail on calm inland waters.

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SUCCESS '97

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NEW LIBERTARIAN COLUMNIST

Florida Libertarian Party member **Irma Backelant Lanning** wants to parlay her local success and popularity as a columnist into syndication.

She asks that friends of liberty in New Jersey who see her by-line in print make a point of applauding her column in writing to the editor concerned.

Ms Lanning can be reached at:

irmajl@aol.com

NJCSE ROUNDTABLE

New Jersey Citizens for a Sound Economy (NJCSE) hosts a monthly roundtable to "discuss, vent, network, or listen" about regulatory reform.

The meetings are held at 7:30am on the second Wednesday of each month at the Holiday Inn on Route 46 West in Totowa (Passaic County).

For more information, call **Chris Price** at 908 233 4642.

NJLP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

May 18, 1997

Location: Home of John Paff & Diane Adler;
Franklin Township, Somerset County

Present: Flynn, Quarles, Ellett, Stefanelli, Peterson,
Abrams (SB Mercer), Paff (SB Somerset)

Absent: Imbriale, Presser, Campbell (SB Ocean),
Konek (SB Middlesex), Mehaffey (SB Hunterdon), Nagle (SB
Monmouth), Pearce (SB Union), Pearson (SB Atlantic),
Ramirez (SB Hudson)
SB = State Board Representative

Successful Motions:

- 1) The NJLP State Fund shall donate \$1000 to the Sabrin for Governor Campaign.
- 2) The NJLP shall borrow not more than \$3800 @ 10% over two years to pay for a Hewlett-Packard 5Si laser printer. Monthly payment not to exceed \$175.36
- 3) The membership shall vote on changes to the by-laws regarding State Board Representatives, at the July General Meeting. (Full text of the additions was published in the June *New Jersey Libertarian*)
- 4) The NJLP shall spend up to \$50 for supplies for the picnic at the July General Meeting.
- 5) Action on Dan Karlan's proposed resolution renouncing violence is deferred to the June Meeting.
- 6) The NJLP shall pay \$100 to Mr LaRotonda, Coordinator of the Council of Alternative Political Parties, for expenses incurred in filing the ballot access suit.

For a photocopy of the minutes of this meeting as prepared by NJLP Secretary Emerson Ellett, NJLP members may send a SASE to the Editor, whose address appears on Page 9.

NJLP STATE BOARD MEETING

The NJLP State Board will meet on Sunday, August 17, at 1 pm, at Tumulty's Pub; 361 George Street, New Brunswick.

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Jack Toussaint

NJLP OPENS PRINTING OPERATIONS

In the twenty-two years that the NJLP has published and distributed the *New Jersey Libertarian*, it has always contracted for the printing of the newsletter, until now. The June and July issues of the *NJL* were printed on the party's new high volume Hewlett-Packard printer, bought with funds to be repaid in monthly installments over the next two years (see Steering Committee action authorizing expenditure on this page).

The cost of printing has now been reduced by a volunteer's labor: Libertarian Party Life Member **Jack Toussaint**, of Flanders (Morris County). Jack and the printer will also be available for other printing work as well, although the terms under which they'll be available haven't yet been determined by the Steering Committee.

Jack responded to an appeal in the February *New Jersey Libertarian* for a volunteer to print the NJLP's newsletter. His industry, dedication, patience, and thrift are welcome additions to our staff.

Jack's generous gift of his time and sweat to all friends of liberty in New Jersey show clearly what our most valuable assets are, and bode well for the future of our cause.

-EW

FORTUNE COOKIE

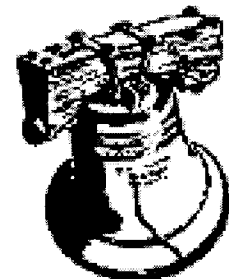
"An optimist is someone who tells you to cheer up when things are going his way."

*Politically Incorrect
Humor*

If a man speaks
out loud in the forest,
and there is no woman
around to hear him...

Is he still wrong?

- Mike Pierone



OPINION

COMPROMISE CAN RUIN LIBERTY'S REPUTATION

Editor:

I read with interest your Editorial in the June *New Jersey Libertarian*, entitled "Halfway Measures and Compromises".

The "patchwork" Libertarian policies you cite concern me. It's not that I believe in "instant liberty- just add Sabrin". It is rather that if we institute half-baked free market policies and they fail or aggravate matters, it will be blamed on "free-market policies", when in fact the market was not free in the first place. Take school vouchers as an example. Can you imagine what a disaster it would be if, as a result of a voucher system, we corrupt and bureaucratize our private schools, as government schools have been? This would be worse than what we have now.

Another example is tax credits. The problem with tax credits is that they create what economists refer to as market anomalies. They give the market (individuals) an unnatural, if you will, incentive to act a certain way, similar to that of tax deductions. This will work to our disadvantage if our ultimate goal is tax elimination, because individuals see their credits as subsidies, and if you take away the tax code, it eliminates the incentive for the particular activity. And this throws the markets out of whack.

We have numerous market anomalies in place, created over many years by many layers of government regulation and taxation policy. Free-market policies must be instituted over a period of time for this very reason. Markets adjusting are painful for the economy and all players involved. We can in effect "spread out the pain" over several years, giving the markets time to adjust.

So what is the solution? The solution is not tax credits. It is tax reduction. It is the elimination of bogus licensing and other fees which serve no other purpose than to collect revenue for the state. It is not "government accountability" legislation, it is the repealing of current inappropriate legislation which gives bureaucrats more power and creates more bureaucrats.

But most importantly, it is the gradual and permanent reduction of government spending to a fraction of what it is today. It is making sure that government never has the power to do it again. And watch the magic of freedom and free markets as we and they thrive.



Lois Kaneshiki

Lois Kaneshiki
Asbury Park

EDITORIAL: THE IMPORTANCE OF COURTESY

The purpose of the Libertarian Party is, or should be, to restore the liberties won for us by the Founding Fathers through activity in the political process.

However, it seems that some of us forget the importance of courtesy in that process. The passion with which we desire freedom, the complete disrespect shown for that freedom by almost everyone else in the political process, and the frustration these breed have combined to make many of us vehement and pedantic in our discussions of public policy.

Hardly a day goes by that a Libertarian somewhere isn't obnoxiously rude to those who disagree, even to fellow Libertarians. LP founder David Nolan gently referred to this at last year's national convention when he said that we are a "feisty" bunch. I'm certain this remark was prompted by some loud, insulting comments directed at Nolan by other LP members upset by some opinion he holds.

In one respect, this is good; it shows that we really care about moral principles, as we claim when we call ourselves the "Party of Principle".

However, this is also the hallmark of political amateurs doomed to perpetual failure. Being right about principles isn't enough to win over the majorities needed for us to change the status quo; we must give the vast majority who couldn't care less about moral principles practical and political reasons to support us.

That means not offending people unnecessarily. The policies that follow from our principles offend huge numbers of people, so adding more enemies earned with sarcastic, imperious, arrogant, or insulting comments will be enough to keep us marginalized forever. The similarity between the words "politics" and "polite" are not just coincidence.

I'm not claiming to be innocent of this political sin, but don't need to be to recognize it as wrong.

-EW

OPINION



Mike Buoncristiano

TWO MORE POSERS IN WASHINGTON

Two Washington Wizards are now poised to topple the traditionally respected method of trading stocks in America. Even if it were a good idea, it is none of their business and certainly not the way I want my taxes spent.

House Representatives Michael Oxley (R, Ohio) and Ed Markey (D, Massachusetts) have enthusiastically agreed to push an idea backed by the SEC (Securities and Exchange Commission) Commissioner to force investors and traders to value stocks in decimal fractions of a dollar.

Converting to a decimal system would mean expensive modifications to computer systems and probably limit the liquidity of less frequently traded equities. The duo's argument for this change is that the spread (commission kept by the traders) is currently larger than it would have to be, if stocks were valued in decimal fractions.

Stocks currently trade in fractions as small as 1/64th of a dollar (\$0.0156), so it's hard to imagine that the proposed change would save small investors a billion dollars a year, as claimed by these two champions of government interference.

The whole issue is really moot. What's really important is that we have two members of the House Commerce Committee (whose charter in the America we cherish should be to protect free trade) eager to stick their noses and our checkbooks into something that is really not the business of Congress. Rep. Oxley stated in a CNBC-TV interview that many hours of hearings would be involved in reviewing this "massive change." (Hearings and massive change cost money)

Speaking in platitudes, as is the wont of the Washington wagger, he said the Committee would "tee this up for the SEC" and "take their temperature" to see how they feel about it. Hopefully, he'll use a rectal thermometer when he does.

Mike Buoncristiano
Hoboken

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Chan Ming

Bootblack Chan Ming, 60, who has been shining shoes for 30 years in Central Hong Kong without having been bothered by the law, was arrested for the first time while plying his trade in Theatre Lane recently. He was taken by hawker control officers to court where he was fined \$800, his gross earnings for two days, for shining shoes without a license. This was part of a crackdown on illegal street vendors in preparation for the Chinese takeover. Obviously, the communist takeover will change things...soon Hong Kong will be indistinguishable from New York City. - Michael Pierone

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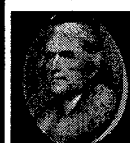
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