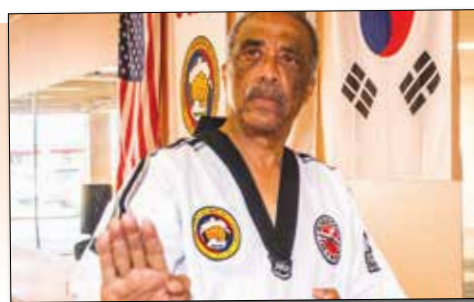




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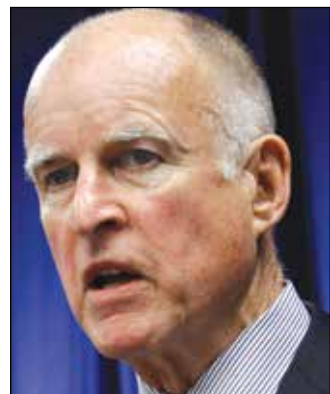
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## Chamber Crowns Big Guy Vlade 'King'

*Buddy Peja Stojakovic to Join April 8th Gala*

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - Carmichael Chamber of Commerce will celebrate a new culinary center and a new Person of the Year on April 8th.

During the new Milagro Center's first banquet event, basketball legend, humanitarian, and former Carmichael resident Vlade Divac (pronounced "Divacs") will be named 2016 Person of the Year. Now general manager for the Sacramento Kings, the giant community figure will receive his award at the Chamber's annual awards night. "It's my honor," said the star. "I am proud to be part of the Carmichael community." His long-time buddy and fellow Kings hero Peja Stojakovic will join April 8 celebrations. The presence of both towering Serbs promises to lift the Chamber banquet's celebrity element to an unprecedented level.

Divac, 47, was a conquering hero for six seasons of the Sacramento Kings' most winning years. The seven-foot center has also scored for the LA Lakers and Charlotte Hornets. The Kings retired his purple and white jersey in 2009 and last year appointed him team mentor and manager. Divac enjoys near-royal adulation in his Balkan homeland. Through his own charitable foundation and in cooperation with other Serbian agencies, he and his wife

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Above: Taking a break from Sleeptrain Arena Action (above) the Sacramento Kings' executive reads the recent Carmichael Times edition that announced his Person of the Year award.



Left: Former Sacramento King Peja Stojakovic (right) will be among Vlade Divac supporters at the Carmichael Chamber's April 8th Person of the Year event. Vlade and Peja have a Carmichael connection of old and were recently seen dining with friends in Carmichael's Yannis restaurant. Pictured fundraising for Serbian kids, the former Kings' teammates are a powerful force for humanitarian causes.

## Governor Brown Appoints Two Locals, Aspling and Astafan to Military Council

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - Deborah Aspling, 61, of Carmichael, has been appointed to the Governor's Military Council. Aspling was a line officer at JYG Innovations from 2015 to 2016 and at DTSI from 2014 to 2015. She served as deputy director at the U.S. Air Force Physical Evaluation Board from 2009 to 2014 and as a commander in the U.S. Air Force from 1998 to 2009. Aspling was a senior vice president and area manager for Kaiser Permanente from 2005 to 2008, chief operations officer at Lodi Memorial Hospital from 1994 to 2005 and assistant administrator at Sutter General Hospital from 1988 to 1994. Aspling served as a colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve from 1981 to 2014. She earned a Master of Business Administration degree from California State University, Sacramento. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Aspling is a Republican.

Alice Astafan, 77, of Carmichael, has been appointed to the Governor's Military Council, where she has served since 2013. Astafan served as a member of the California Veterans Board from 2006 to 2010 and the Federal Technology Center Board of Directors from 1998 to 2008. She served as a major general in the U.S. Air Force from 1960 to 1998. Astafan earned Master of Science degrees in international affairs and early childhood education from California State University, Sacramento. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Astafan is a Republican.

Source: Office of Governor Brown

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## Easter Egg Hunters are Pretty in Pink

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - Attended by record numbers, the annual Carmichael Park egg scramble disposed of more than 5,000 treat-filled eggs last Saturday.

Easter celebrations brought nearly 1,500 children with baskets, buckets, and bags. Divided by age groups, the hunters swarmed an acre of spring-green grass and harvested the 2016 egg crop in a few frenzied minutes. Event host, a suave six-foot bunny in bow tie and waistcoat, then

dispensed cuddles and photo-ops. County Supervisor Susan Peters augmented the candy haul from her meet-the-constituents table. Children were further indulged with balloon art and crafts. The Sacramento Fine Art Center provided paints and paper for junior watercolorists. Many bunny portraits resulted.

Carmichael Kiwanis Club served pancake breakfasts. Organized by the Carmichael Park District and Kiwanis, the egg hunt is a popular Carmichael tradition. Learn about other park activities at [www.Carmichaelpark.com](http://www.Carmichaelpark.com).



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The Fair will be held at the Village in the auditorium, located at 3939 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, Calif. For more information contact Judy Barnett, wellness and



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fitness coordinator at (916) 974-2000. Source: Eskaton Village Carmichael ★

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Snezana have raised millions to aid war-damaged children. On the Sacramento scene, he supports several children's foundations and basketball camps for under privileged children.

"I try to use my name as a positive influence," he explains. "In talking to children, I hope to share good values for their lives."

What's the Vlade/Carmichael connection? The area is like home turf for Serbian-born Divac. He and countryman Peja Stojakovic were recently seen dining at Yannis Greek restaurant on Fair Oaks Boulevard. Vlade evinced nostalgia for his old Kingsford Drive neighborhood. "Although I have lived in many places throughout my

career," he said, "Carmichael will always hold a special place in my heart. I am humbled to be named 2016 Person of the Year."

Former Carmichael Persons of the Year include sportscaster Jerry Reynolds, baseball hero Dusty Baker, Supervisor Susan Peters, District Attorney Jan Scully, radio host Kitty O'Neal, and Sheriff John McGinness.

The annual chamber fundraiser also hails achievers in business and community fields. Tiner Properties will be named Business of the Year. Founded in the 1970s, and now under the leadership of Ben Tiner (32), the Carmichael-based group is among Sacramento's most prominent real estate firms.

State Farm Insurance agent Jennifer Knighten (33) will be

hailed Young Professional of the Year. Both Tiner and Knighten are active community volunteers, serving child, health, and veteran charities.

The 54-year-old Carmichael Kiwanis Club will be acclaimed Non-profit of the Year. A portion of gala proceeds will be donated to this organization.

Anyone may attend April 8th celebrations at the Milagro Centre's convention room. The facility is located at 6241 Fair Oaks Boulevard. Tickets are \$75 to \$100 per person for a three-course dinner and no-host bar. The event begins at 6 p.m. Advance reservations are required and sponsorships are invited. For information, call (916) 481-1002 or visit [www.carmichaelchamber.com](http://www.carmichaelchamber.com). ★

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# Peacefully Confronting the Bullies Out There

By Steve Liddick

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - There are probably very few people who have never suffered bullying in some form in their lives. The small, the shy, the socially backward, the unattractive, sometimes even the popular are targets of those who would dominate them or bring them down in the eyes of others.

The short answer might be to fight back, to lash out at the bully. But Clint Robinson, a Grand Master in a Korean form of martial art and owner of Robinson's Taekwondo (with locations throughout the greater Sacramento area), says a violent response should not be the first alternative.

"Taekwondo is an effective means of self-defense," he said, "but it comes with a sense of responsibility."

Still, pity the mugger who tries to rob Clint Robinson.

"Aggressive behavior is an imbalance of power," Robinson said. "The aggressors are out to swing the power their way." What he hopes to instill in his students is how to bring that power back to themselves and meeting violence with violence is not always the answer.

Speaking in the massive mirrored room that is his Marconi Avenue dojang (gym) in Carmichael where he teaches males and females of all ages, Robinson said, "First you have to identify bullying. Then we apply the four C's."

**Caution:** Observe the environment in which the bullying is taking place.

**Control:** Take control over our emotions and do not respond to petty things like name calling.

**Confidence:** Posture is important. Victims are often those who look scared. That's what the bully wants. Victims should try to look confident even if they are not. Don't slump and look defeated. Stand up and face the aggressor.



Mirrors line the walls of the dojang (gym) at Robinson's Taekwondo in Carmichael. Clint Robinson is a Grand Master of the Korean form of martial art. That is a Korean flag on the wall behind him. Photo by Steve Liddick

**Courage:** When all else fails, be prepared to take a stand. Sometimes there is no other choice but to fight back. If you're going to get into a fight anyway, don't just stand there. Hand out some of what you're getting.

No parent wants their child to get into fights. Robinson agrees and emphasizes that fighting, while sometimes necessary, should not be the first choice on the list.

Clint Robinson can identify with those who are the younger, smaller, and more likely to be bullied. In elementary school he was a small, rowdy kid. Teachers decided he was disruptive because he was capable of working well above his grade level and bored with what was being taught. School officials skipped him ahead several classes to where the work would be challenging and perhaps inspire him to put aside the mischief.

Skipping the young Robinson out of his age group made him

the youngest in his class. That also might have been fodder for bullies. The boy was as friendly and outgoing as he is today, and he made a lot of friends. "Nobody wants to beat up a friend," he said.

Now in his 50th year of practicing the martial art, Robinson says those who come to him to learn how to defend themselves are not always properly motivated at the beginning. Improving the skills of bullies or turning victims into bullies is not his goal. Taekwondo is a striking and kicking art, but there is a gentle side that is taught in tandem.

Which goes back to one of the four C's in particular: Confidence. Knowing with certainty that he can defeat a bully physically, gives the Taekwondo practitioner great confidence. Choosing not to fight means he can simply walk away from the problem.

Robinson has made several educational trips to Korea—the

birthplace of his chosen form of the martial arts. Just like many other professions, continuing education is a requirement. Why would a Grand Master need further schooling in a discipline in which he is already a proven expert who could give Bruce Lee, Chuck Norris, and Jackie Chan a few tips? "Research and development has come up with refinements," he said.

"Taekwondo is really simple," Robinson said. "With dedication a student can become fairly proficient in six months to a year." Practice and dedication are the key words here.

Of course, bullying does not stop at childhood. Every workplace seems to have someone who maneuvers to be the "top dog," even if it means weakening someone held in high regard by others.

While the striking and kicking aspect of Taekwondo probably would not be useful for



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workplace bullies, whose tactics are generally more into the psychological realm, the peaceful application of the four C's would certainly come in handy.

Taekwondo offers colored belts to symbolize levels of

accomplishment, starting with white, then moving up the line to yellow, green, blue, red, and, finally, the coveted black belt. And, yes, Grand Master Clint Robinson wears the blackest of black belts. ★

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# California High Speed Rail Authority Forfeits Cap and Trade Money

*Assemblyman Hadley's Bill Redirects Funds to Local Transit*

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)**  
- Lost in the recent announcement that the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) is shifting its initial route to northern California was the fact that this route is ineligible for \$600 million in cap and trade funds.

In the 2014 budgetary process, the legislature designated cap and trade funds to the High Speed Rail project on the basis that it would provide pollution relief to underserved communities in the Los Angeles Basin. The new route now excludes these underserved communities and removes the entire basis for High Speed Rail receiving

these cap and trade funds. Today, Assemblyman David Hadley (R-Torrance) announced the introduction of Assembly Bill 1717, which will redirect those forfeited cap and trade dollars to fund local transit projects that directly benefit disadvantaged communities.

"The High Speed Rail Authority's decision to build the northern California route breaks the promise made to Southern California taxpayers. My legislation will ensure that cap and trade dollars go to the disadvantaged communities they are meant to help," said Assemblyman Hadley.

In 2014, the legislature passed Senate Bill 862, which provided that 25 percent of all cap and trade dollars must go toward benefiting low income Californians. With 60 percent of the state's disadvantaged communities in Southern California, the change in route for the High Speed Rail effectively makes this requirement impossible to meet.

"It's clear to me that SB 862 authorized funding only for the specific segment identified in the 2012 Business Plan. The bill did not contain language allowing CHSRA to change its mind in a future Business Plan on where funds can

be spent," said David Schonbrunn, president of the Transportation Solutions Defense and Education Fund (TRANSDEF).

In its 2012 business plan, the CHSRA made a commitment to the California Legislature when it asserted that in exchange for cap and trade funding, it would build the first leg of the High Speed Rail System south, and would accelerate construction of the Burbank to Palmdale segment.

In a letter addressed to Senator Fran Pavley on June 14th, 2014, the HSRA committed to use the cap and trade funds granted to the agency through the Senator's SB

862 to "accelerate work on the segment from Burbank to Palmdale... The Burbank-Palmdale segment, which potentially could become an operating segment on its own, would accelerate benefits to the Los Angeles region."

AB 1717 will devote the cap and trade funding that HSRA has forfeited to fund the Transportation Agency for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, which in turn will help the communities of southern California and contribute greatly to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions for the state.

Source: Office of Assemblyman David Hadley



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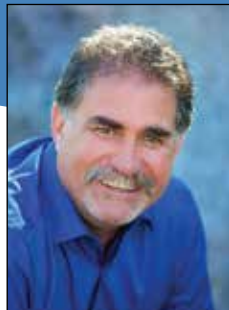
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# NFIB Reacts to Governor's \$15 Minimum Wage Announcement

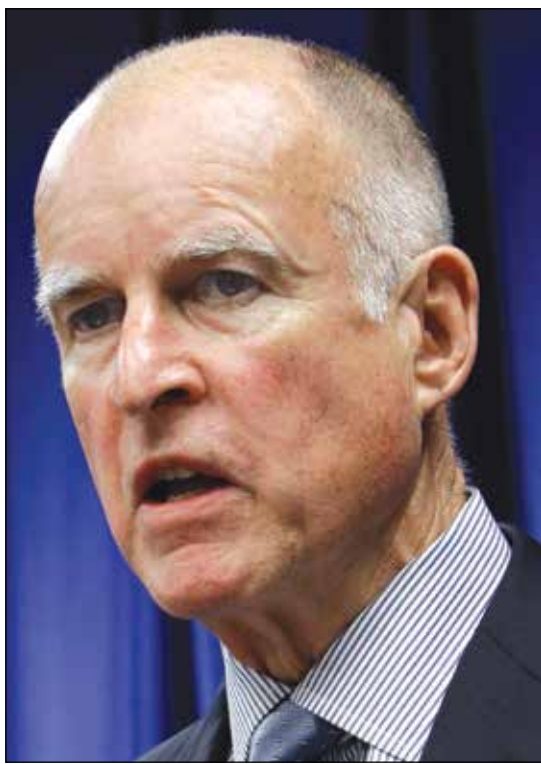
*Voice of Small Business Ignored in Secretive Deal With Labor Union Leadership*

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - NFIB/CA, the largest small business association in California representing 22,000 dues-paying small businesses and over 500,000 employees, issued the following statement in reaction to Governor Brown's \$15 minimum wage announcement today:

"Today Governor Brown and legislative leadership demonstrated a disturbingly clear disregard for the voice of small businesses in California. At his press event, Governor Brown claimed he and legislative leadership listened to and considered the small business perspective in crafting this proposal. NFIB has yet to hear from Governor Brown, Senate Pro Tem De Leon, or Speaker Rendon," said NFIB/CA State Executive Director Tom Scott. "It is concerning that in the 21st Century we are witnessing dark closed-door deals with no public input or transparency."

Tom Scott added, "Just two months ago, the Governor opposed a \$15 minimum wage on the grounds that it would have devastating fiscal consequences on both the public and private sectors. Although the Governor appears to have changed his opinion, he cannot change the facts: a reckless 50 percent hike in the minimum wage would have deep negative consequences including job loss and increased costs to job creators, senior citizens, and non-profits."

"Pro Tem De Leon repeatedly claimed this proposal is the 'pragmatic compromise' since the ballot initiatives had a more aggressive implementation timeline. Just because a policy is marginally better in his opinion, it does not make it supportable. There is nothing pragmatic about a 50 percent minimum wage hike, compounded by the existing 25 percent increase over the last two years. With regard to the 'safeguards' during economic downturns, we understand these would only delay the implementation momentarily—ultimately there



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.

would be no safeguard for small business, only a temporary pause."

NFIB California issued this statement earlier today ahead of Governor Brown's press conference. Keeping in mind that none of the described deal is currently in print nor has it undergone fiscal or policy analysis, NFIB remains strongly opposed to Senate Bill 3 (Leno) and intends to educate legislators and constituents in their respective districts about the devastating impacts this bill would have if signed into law.

Source: NFIB

# Governor Brown, Legislators, and Labor Leaders Announce Landmark Agreement to Raise California's Minimum Wage

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. recently joined legislators and labor leaders to announce a landmark agreement that makes California the first state in the nation to commit to raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour statewide.

The Governor was joined at the announcement by: Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León; California Labor Federation president Kathryn Lybarger; SEIU United Long Term Care Workers' Union president Laphonza Butler; Burger King employee Holly Diaz; Senator Mark Leno; California Labor and Workforce Development Agency secretary David Lanier; United Domestic Workers of America executive director Doug Moore; Teamsters Union International vice president Rome Aloise; and United Healthcare Workers West executive board member Georgette Bradford.

"California is proving once again that it can get things done

and help people get ahead," said Governor Brown. "This plan raises the minimum wage in a careful and responsible way and provides some flexibility if economic and budgetary conditions change."

Under the plan, minimum wage will rise to \$10.50 per hour on January 1, 2017 for businesses with 25 or more employees, and then rises each year until reaching \$15 per hour in 2022. This plan also recognizes the contributions of small businesses – those with fewer than 25 employees – to California's economy and allows additional time for these employers to phase in the increases.

The purpose of the plan is to increase the minimum wage over time, consistent with economic expansion, while providing safety valves – known as "off-ramps" – to pause wage hikes if negative economic or budgetary conditions emerge. The Governor can act by September 1 of each year to pause the next year's wage increase for one year if there is a forecasted

budget deficit (of more than one percent of annual revenue) or poor economic conditions (negative job growth and retail sales).

Once the minimum wage reaches \$15 per hour for all businesses, wages could then be increased each year up to 3.5 percent (rounded to the nearest 10 cents) for inflation as measured by the national Consumer Price Index.

This plan also phases in sick leave for In-Home Supportive Services workers starting in July 2018.

Governor Brown signed AB 10 in September 2013 to raise California's minimum wage 25 percent, from \$8 to \$10 per hour, effective January 1, 2016. There are approximately 7 million hourly workers in California, of which about 2.2 million earn the minimum wage.

Additional information on the minimum wage deal can be found here.

Source: Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. ★

### Minimum Wage Increases (If No Increases Are Paused\*)

January 1, 2017 (2018 for small business):	\$10.50 / hour
January 1, 2018 (2019 for small business):	\$11 / hour
January 1, 2019 (2020 for small business):	\$12 / hour
January 1, 2020 (2021 for small business):	\$13 / hour
January 1, 2021 (2022 for small business):	\$14 / hour
January 1, 2022 (2023 for small business):	\$15 / hour
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**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Board of Equalization Member George Runner issued the following statement in response to the Governor's announcement of a tentative deal to raise California's minimum wage to \$15 per hour:

"Contrary to conventional wisdom, this dramatic wage hike won't hurt millionaires and billionaires. It will hurt lower and

middle class Californians, especially those who live in inner cities and rural areas. Entry-level and low-skilled workers, including young people, will find it more difficult to find jobs, pay for childcare, and eat out. Employers will hire fewer workers and instead turn to automation.

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Source: Office of George Runner ★

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- Shrek and Fiona, e.g.
- "\_\_\_ the Games Begin!"
- Core of personnel
- Motion picture
- Baseball stat
- Spock or Mork
- \*Mask and epee
- \*Pistes and moguls
- Santa \_\_\_ winds
- Attention grabber
- \* \_\_\_ -wrestling, like in "Over the Top"
- Openmouthed astonishment
- Hollywood's lighting person
- 1970s carpet
- \*"Cheers" regular
- a.k.a. Pleasant Island
- Queen of Carthage
- \* \_\_\_ racing, on a single-mast vessel
- Slang for safecracker
- Altogether
- 1952 Olympics host
- No neatnik
- Candy containing fruit or nut
- Spanish earthen pot
- Porky's home
- Log splitter
- A in IPA
- \*Scored with love
- \*Most popular sport in India
- Battle royal
- Color quality
- Fill with happy spirit
- "... for \_\_\_ waves of grain..."
- Sixth sense
- \_\_\_ Academy in

- Annapolis
- Popular newspaper page
- Hi \_\_\_ monitor
- Market booth

#### DOWN

- Remove, as a hat
- Eye rakishly
- Sheepish expression
- Hajj destination
- Inquiring
- Horsefly
- Old-fashioned "over"
- Squirrel away
- Island east of Java
- Norse deity
- Residue
- Japanese monetary unit
- Alligator's cousin
- Indian bread, pl.
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- Kind of can
- Echo sounder
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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2016-00191108
WHEREAS, Mike Iseley and Sabrina Bentley have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Michael Logan Lee Bentley to Michael Logan Iseley.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on May 25, 2016, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: March 2, 2016
Raymond M. Cadei, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 11, 18, 25, and April 1, 2016
BENTLEY 160301 04-1-16

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2016-00191319
WHEREAS, Sardar Mohammad has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sardar Mohammad to Sardar Mohammad Tarakai.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on May 31, 2016, in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: March 8, 2016
Raymond M. Cadei, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 18, 25, April 1, and 8, 2016
TARAKAI 160304 04-8-16

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2016-00191329
WHEREAS, Niaz Mohammad has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Niaz Mohammad to Niaz Mohammad Tarakai.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on June 1, 2016, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: March 8, 2016
Raymond M. Cadei, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 18, 25, April 1, and 8, 2016
MOHAMMAD 160301 04-8-16

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2016-00191327
WHEREAS, FNU Nazia has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of FNU Nazia to Nazia Tarakai.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on June 1, 2016, in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: March 8, 2016
David I Brown, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 11, 18, 25, and April 1, 2016
KROHR 160304 04-1-16

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2016-00190896
WHEREAS, John Rodriguez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of John Rodriguez to John Rosales.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on May 19, 2016, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: February 26, 2016
Raymond M. Cadei, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 11, 18, 25, and April 1, 2016
ROSALES 160301 04-1-16

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PUBLISH: March 25, April 1, and 8, 2016 REICH 160322 4-8-16

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LYDIA MARIA CRUZ
CASE No. 34-2016-00191279
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Lydia Maria Cruz (deceased): A Petition for Probate has been filed by Lino J. Cruz in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting that Lino J. Cruz, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: May 12, 2016 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129 at Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento 3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Gloria P. Martinez-Sentfner 1600 Sacramento Inn Way, Ste 129 Sacramento, CA 95815 916-797-9907
PUBLISH: March 25, April 1, and 8, 2016 CRUZ 160322 4-8-16

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DEAN ALLEN REICH
CASE No. 34-2016-00191773
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Dean Allen Reich (deceased): A Petition for Probate has been filed by Ray James Fraser in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting that Ray James Fraser, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: May 10, 2016 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129 at Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento 3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date

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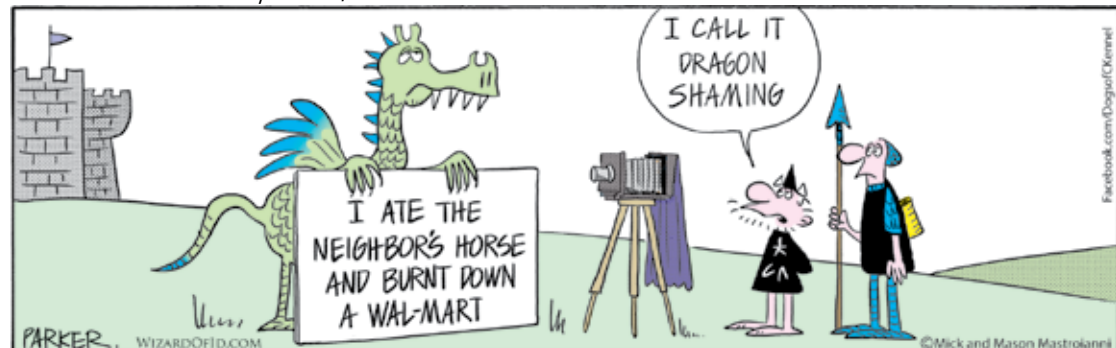
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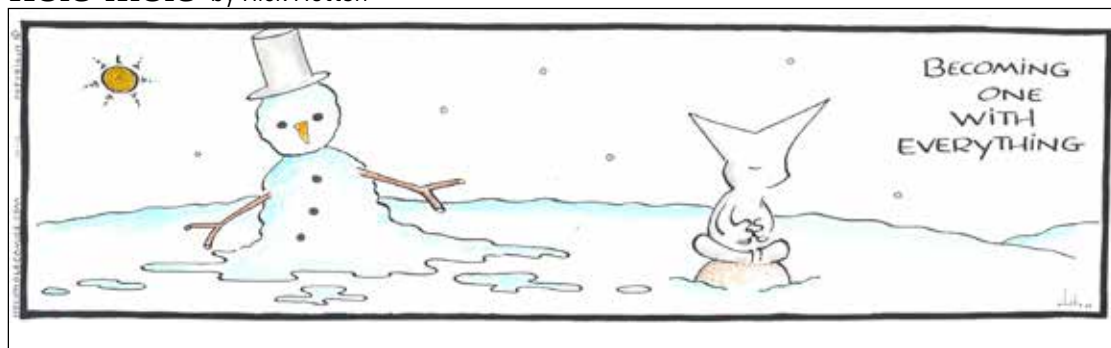
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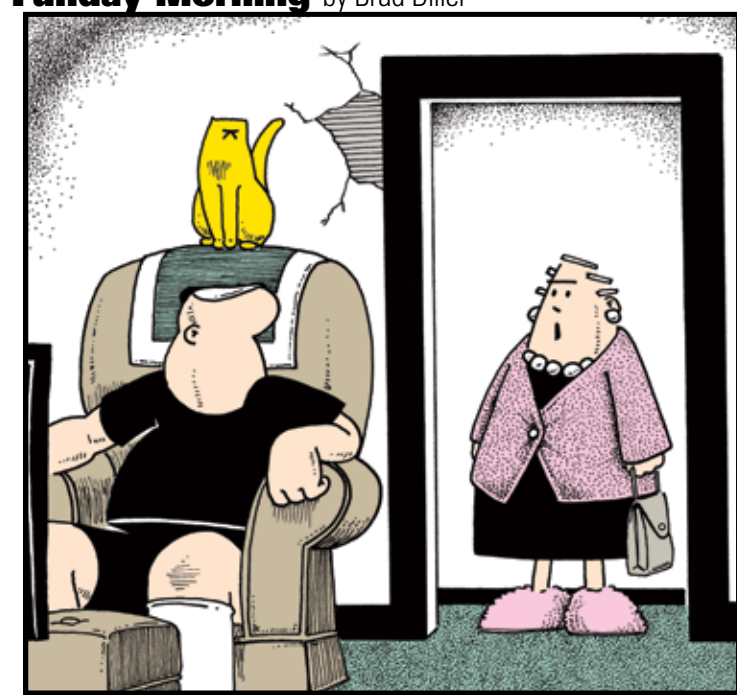
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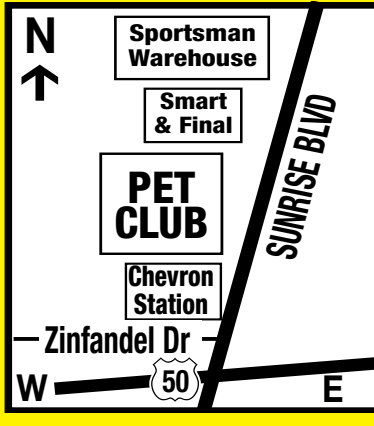
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# Mobile Homeowners Unite

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Golden State Manufactured Home Owners League (GSMOL) 2016 Convention will be held at the Ramada Inn in West Sacramento on April 8th, 9th and 10th.

The statewide organization is a non-profit benevolent group for mobile home owners. Through a system of chapters in California, it is able to educate owners on their civil rights and responsibilities relative to living in a mobile home park.

During the convention, members will hold breakout sessions, panel discussion groups, and attend an Awards Banquet Saturday evening. Sessions include subjects concerning mobile home ownership, real estate sales and marketing, earthquake, and flood insurance, disaster preparedness, and evacuation planning.

Attorneys will present programs based on legal issues.

Keynote speaker for the Banquet will be Senator Joe Dunn, former head of the Senate Select Committee on Manufactured Homes.

Mobile homes offer low-income seniors one of the last opportunities to live independently as the cost of other types of housing continues to escalate in California. They have the opportunity to have yards and gardens and to live in single unattached housing instead of small low cost apartments which may not coincide with their older years.

GSMOL champions the property rights of homeowners and is an advocate for the members throughout California. GSMOL lobbies the legislature for fair and just protection under the law so owners can experience the quiet peaceful enjoyment of their mobile home communities.

It strives to educate homeowners on their legal rights as renters

of their mobile home spaces. GSMOL proposes legislation for the benefit of mobile home owners and attempts to defeat legislation that would diminish the health and lifestyle of park residents.

The GSMOL corporate office is located in southern California, however there are hundreds of chapters located in northern California, on the coast, in the Sacramento area, in the Central Valley and in the foothills.

Basic schedule is Friday April 8th from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday April 9th from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday April 10th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. For a detailed schedule and more information visit www.gsmol.org/convention/ or visit the Ramada Hotel at 1250 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento, Calif., or call the hotel at (916) 371-2100.

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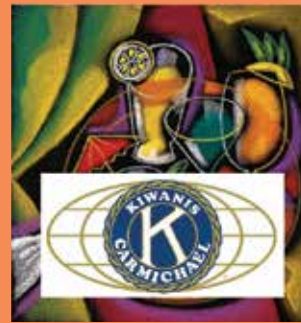
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# Fast-Tracking TiSA: Stealth Block to Monetary Reform



Commentary by Ellen Brown

**"It is well enough that the people of the nation do not understand our banking and monetary system, for if they did, I believe there would be a revolution before tomorrow morning." --**  
**Attributed to Henry Ford**

In March 2014, the Bank of England let the cat out of the bag: money is just an IOU, and the banks are rolling in it. So wrote David Graeber in *The Guardian* the same month, referring to a BOE paper called "Money Creation in the Modern Economy." The paper stated outright that most common assumptions of how banking works are simply wrong. The result, said Graeber, was to throw the entire theoretical basis for austerity out of the window.

The revelation may have done more than that. The entire basis for maintaining our private extractive banking monopoly may have been thrown out the window. And that could help explain the desperate rush to "fast track" not only the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), but the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA). TiSA would nip attempts to implement public banking and other monetary reforms in the bud.

## The Banking Game Exposed

The BOE report confirmed what money reformers have been saying for decades: that banks do not act simply as intermediaries, taking in the deposits of "savers" and lending them to borrowers, keeping the spread in interest rates. Rather, banks actually create deposits when they make loans. The BOE report said that private banks now create 97% of the British money supply. The US money supply is created in the same way.

Graeber underscored the dramatic implications: "... [M]oney is really just an IOU. The role of the central bank is to preside over a legal order that effectively grants banks the exclusive right to create IOUs of a certain kind, ones that the government will recognize as legal tender by its willingness to accept them in payment of taxes. There's really no limit on how much banks could create, provided they can find someone willing to borrow it."

Politically, said Graeber, revealing these facts is taking an enormous risk: "Just consider what might happen if mortgage holders realized the money the bank lent them is not, really, the life savings of some thrifty pensioner, but something the bank just whisked into existence through its possession of a magic wand which we, the public, handed over to it."

If money is just an IOU, why are we delivering the exclusive power to create it to an unelected, unaccountable, non-transparent private banking monopoly? Why are we buying into the notion that the government is broke—that it must sell off public assets and slash public services in order to pay off its debts? The government could pay its debts in the same way private banks pay them, simply with accounting entries on its books. What will happen when a critical mass of the populace realizes that we've been vassals

of a parasitic banking system based on a fraud—that we the people could be creating money as credit ourselves, through publicly-owned banks that returned the profits to the people?

Henry Ford predicted that a monetary revolution would follow. There might even be a move to nationalize the whole banking system and turn it into a public utility.

It is not hard to predict that the international bankers and related big-money interests, anticipating this move, would counter with legislation that locked the current system in place, so that there was no way to return money and banking to the service of the people—even if the current private model ended in disaster, as many pundits also predict.

And that is precisely the effect of the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA), which was slipped into the "fast track" legislation now before Congress. It is also the effect of the bail-in policies currently being railroaded into law in the Eurozone, and of the suspicious "war on cash" seen globally, but those developments will be the subject of another article.

## TiSA Exposed

On June 3rd, 2015, WikiLeaks released 17 key documents related to TiSA, which is considered perhaps the most important of the three deals being negotiated for "fast track" trade authority. The documents were supposed to remain classified for five years after being signed, displaying a level of secrecy that outstrips even the TPP's four-year classification.

TiSA involves 51 countries, including every advanced economy except the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa). The deal would liberalize global trade in services covering close to 80% of the US economy, including financial services, healthcare, education, engineering, telecommunications, and many more. It would

restrict how governments can manage their public laws, and it could dismantle and privatize state-owned enterprises, turning those services over to the private sector.

Recall the secret plan devised by Wall Street and U.S. Treasury officials in the 1990s to open banking to the lucrative derivatives business. To pull this off required the relaxation of banking regulations not just in the US but globally, so that money would not flee to nations with safer banking laws. The vehicle used was the Financial Services Agreement concluded under the auspices of the World Trade Organization's General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS). The plan worked, and most countries were roped into this "liberalization" of their banking rules. The upshot was that the 2008 credit crisis took down not just the US economy but economies globally.

TiSA picks up where the Financial Services Agreement left off, opening yet more doors for private banks and other commercial service industries, and slamming doors on governments that might consider opening their private banking sectors to public ownership.

## Blocking the Trend Toward "Remunicipalization"

In a report from Public Services International called "TiSA versus Public Services: The Trade in Services Agreement and the Corporate Agenda," Scott Sinclair and Hadrian Mertins-Kirkwood note that the already formidable challenges to safeguarding public services under GATS will be greatly exacerbated by TiSA, which blocks the emerging trend to return privatized services to the public sector. Communities worldwide are reevaluating the privatization approach and "remunicipalizing" these services, following negative experiences with profit-driven models. These

reversals typically occur at the municipal level, but they can also occur at the national level.

One cited example is water remunicipalization in Argentina, Canada, France, Tanzania, and Malaysia, where an increasing frustration with broken promises, service cutoffs to the poor, and a lack of integrated planning by private water companies led to a public takeover of the service.

Another example is the remunicipalization of electrical services in Germany. Hundreds of German municipalities have remunicipalized private electricity providers or have created new public energy utilities, following dissatisfaction with private providers' inflated prices and poor record in shifting to renewable energy. Remunicipalization has brought electricity prices down. Other sectors involved in remunicipalization projects include public transit, waste management, and housing.

Sinclair and Mertins-Kirkwood observe: "The TiSA would limit and may even prohibit remunicipalization because it would prevent governments from creating or reestablishing public monopolies or similarly 'uncompetitive' forms of service delivery..."

"Like GATS Article XVI, the TiSA would prohibit public monopolies and exclusive service suppliers in fully committed sectors, even on a regional or local level. Of particular concern for remunicipalization projects are the proposed "standstill" and "ratchet" provisions in TiSA. The standstill clause would lock in current levels of services liberalization in each country, effectively banning any moves from a market-based to a state-based provision of public services. This clause... would prohibit the creation of public monopolies in sectors that are currently open to private sector competition."

"Similarly, the ratchet clause would automatically lock in any

future actions taken to liberalize services in a given country. . . . [I]f a government did decide to privatize a public service, that government would be unable to return to a public model at a later date."

That means we can forget about turning banking and credit services into public utilities. TiSA is a one-way street. Industries once privatized remain privatized.

The disturbing revelations concerning TiSA are yet another reason to try to block these secretive trade agreements. For more information and to get involved, visit [www.flush-thetpp.org](http://www.flush-thetpp.org); [www.citizenstrade.org/ctc/](http://www.citizenstrade.org/ctc/); [www.citizen.org/trade-watch/](http://www.citizen.org/trade-watch/); [www.citizen.typepad.com/eyesontrade/](http://www.citizen.typepad.com/eyesontrade/).

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