

News**Ivanka's Biz Prospers as Politics Mixes with Business**By **ERIKA KINETZ and ANNE D'INNOENZIO**
Associated Press

SHANGHAI — Since her father was elected president of the United States, global sales of Ivanka Trump merchandise have surged and the company has applied for at least nine new trademarks in the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Canada and the U.S. The commercial

engine of the first daughter's brand is stronger than ever even as she builds a new political career from her West Wing office.

Sales hit record levels in 2017, despite boycotts and several stores limiting her merchandise. U.S. imports, almost all from China, shot up an estimated 166 percent last year.

The brand, which Ivan-

ka Trump no longer manages but still owns, says distribution is growing. It has launched new active wear and affordable jewelry lines, and is working to expand its global intellectual property footprint. In addition to applying for the new trademarks, Ivanka Trump Marks LLC has won provisional approval from the Chinese government for at least five

since the inauguration.

The commercial currents of President Donald Trump's White House are unprecedented in modern American politics, ethics lawyers say. They have created an unfamiliar landscape riven with ethical pitfalls, and forced consumers and retailers to wrestle with the unlikely passions now inspired by Ivanka Trump's mid-market collection of ruffled blouses, shifts and wedges.

Using the prestige of government service to build a brand is not illegal. But criminal conflict-of-interest law prohibits federal officials, like Ivanka Trump and her husband Jared Kushner, from participating in government matters that could impact their own financial interest or that of their spouses. Some argue that the more her business broadens its scope, the more it threatens to encroach on the ability of two trusted advisers to deliver credible counsel to the president on core issues like trade, intellectual property and the value of Chinese currency.

"Put the business on hold and stop trying to get trademarks while you're in government," advises Richard Painter, who served as chief White House ethics lawyer under George W. Bush.

In fact, on April 6, Ivanka Trump's company won provisional approval from the Chinese government for three new trademarks, giving it monopoly rights to sell Ivanka brand jewelry, bags and spa services in the world's second-largest economy. That night, the first daughter and her husband sat next to



AP PHOTO/EVAN VUCCI, FILE

In this Friday, Feb. 10, 2017, file photo, Ivanka Trump, right, walks with her husband, Jared Kushner, senior adviser to the president, to a news conference with President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, at the White House in Washington. Ivanka Trump's company continues to grow. Ethics lawyers fear the more her business expands, the more it may encroach on her ability, and husband, Jared Kushner, to credibly advise the president on core issues.

the president of China and his wife for a steak and Dover sole dinner at Mar-a-Lago.

The scenario underscores how difficult it is for the president's daughter, to separate business from politics in her new position at the White House.

In a statement Tuesday, a spokesperson for the Ivanka Trump brand said that all 2017 Chinese trademarks were defensive, filed to prevent counterfeiters or squatters from using her name.

To address ethical concerns, Ivanka Trump has shifted the brand's assets to a family-run trust valued at more than \$50 million and pledged to refuse herself from issues that present conflicts. She is also no longer running her design business and has given day-to-day responsibility to Abigail Klem, president of the brand. Meanwhile, her husband has taken steps to distance himself from his sprawling New York real estate business, di-

vesting some of his business interests including his stake in a major Fifth Avenue skyscraper.

"Ivanka will not weigh in on business strategy, marketing issues or the commercial terms of agreements," her attorney, Jamie Gorelick, said in a statement. "She has retained authority to direct the trustees to terminate agreements that she determines create a conflict of interest or the appearance of one."

China, however, remains a nagging concern.

"Ivanka has so many China ties and conflicts, yet she and Jared appear deeply involved in China contacts and policy. I would never have allowed it," said Norman Eisen, who served as chief White House ethics lawyer under President Barack Obama. "For their own sake, and the country's, Ivanka and Jared should consider stepping away from China matters."

Read the rest of this story at
TheSkanner.com

Obituary: Velesia R. Campbell

November 10, 1963 - April 16, 2017

Velesia R. Campbell (aka Felicia) was affectionately known as grandma Lesia to all the young people that knew and loved her. Felicia loved many things but most of all she loved spending time with her grandchildren and riding passenger with her husband, soulmate and love of her life Charles Campbell.

Felicia was born and raised in Portland, Oregon. Her parents welcomed her to the world November 10, 1963 and the Heavenly Father called her home to Glory on Sunday, April 16, 2017 surrounded by family and friends.

Felicia will be remembered for holding no punches she would always let you know what was on her mind. We will forever in our hearts



Velesia R. Campbell

remember her keen sense of humor, the love she had for her family and friends and inseparable relationship she had with her charming cat Frank.

Felicia was preceded in death by her mother Shirley "Dean" Hadley. She leaves to celebrate her memory husband, Charles Campbell; daughter, Quintoshia

Bell; son, Larry Bell Jr.; grandchildren, Chanteaje' Taylor, Adrian Bell, Cameron Bell, Jaliyah Jinter, Josiah Jinter, Amari Winston and a host of other family members and friends. May our loving mother and grandmother rest in heavenly peace.

A public viewing will be held Monday, April 24, 2017 at Terry Family Funeral Home from 4pm to 7pm followed by a funeral service on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at Highland Christian Center at 11 am.

MFHM**My Father's House Ministries**

**Pastors
Jerry and Annie
Gutierrez invite you
to join us for
service!**

Every Friday Evening @ 7:pm**The Double Tree Hotel**

1000 NE Multnomah Street

Portland, OR 97232

Across from the Lloyd Center Mall

Free parking at the hotelfor more information call **503.488.5481**or log onto **www.mfhmportland.com**

520 SW 3rd Ave. Portland, OR

(503)796-9250

*Avalonflowers@msn.com**avalonflowerspdx.com***Avalon Flowers***Creative, original designs**Anniversaries, weddings, funerals, birthdays!*