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New market manager sprouts from Santa Monica roots

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Jackie Rivera-Krouse is now managing the same farmers market her mother took her to as an infant.

Rivera-Krouse, who was born in Santa Monica and grew up in Northeast Los Angeles, said some of her earliest memories are of the Santa Monica Farmers Market.

"It piqued my interest at a young age in terms of seeing edible flowers and honeycombs and other agricultural products you don't see at a supermarket," she said.

Now a seasoned farmers market manager and public policy advocate, she is picking up where longtime Santa Monica Farmers Market manager Laura Avery left off. Avery forged deep ties to farmers around the state and Los Angeles' finest chefs during her 36-year tenure, becoming one of the most influential figures in California's farm-to-table movement.

Rivera-Krouse, who previously co-managed the Hollywood Farmers' Market and served as director of programs for benefits and incentives at Sustainable Economic Enterprises of Los Angeles, said she wants to continue Avery's legacy of creating a successful business environment for farmers, promoting fresh produce and ensuring that people of all income levels can shop at the market.

Rivera-Krouse's plan to build on Avery's work includes growing the market at Virginia Avenue Park. She and her new team are aiming

SEE **FARMERS MARKET** PAGE 7



BRIDGE WINNERS

Courtesy photo

Pam Wittes (far right) of Venice, Calif., was a member of the bridge team that defended its title to win the Marsha May Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match event at the North American Bridge Championships that concluded in Honolulu, Hawaii in December. Pictured (from left to right) are team members Cheri Bjerkian of Elmhurst, Ill.; Ljudmila Kamenova of South Setauket, N.Y.; Rozanne Pollack of New York, N.Y.; and Wittes. See Page 5 for more information.

Storms expected to last through Monday

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica beaches were temporarily closed Thursday as the first in a set of predicted storms brought thunder and lightning to the coast.

Beach areas were evacuated at about 9:30 a.m. Thursday morning. After several hours of heavy downpours and a morning of electrical storms the beaches eventually reopened at about 1:30 p.m.

A JetBlue flight safely returned to Los Angeles International Airport after the crew reported the aircraft was struck by lightning. A Federal Aviation Administration spokesperson says Flight 324 from LAX to John F. Kennedy Airport in New York landed without incident Thursday morning. Commercial jets are designed to withstand lightning strikes.

Areas of Los Angeles County near wildfire burn scars were under a flash flood watch as a storm moved in. The California Highway Patrol reports an active debris flow across Pacific Coast Highway just west of Malibu and roadway flooding on U.S. 101 in Ventura.

Flooding was also reported on State Route 154 in the Buellton area of Santa Barbara County.

The National Weather Service said the Thursday rainfall was the start in a series of Pacific storms that will move through the region for the next few days.

Heaviest rainfall is expected Friday night and into Saturday with high surf warnings throughout the weekend. The series of storms is expected to bring up to 5" total.

A high surf advisory is in effect, bringing possible strong winds, rip

SEE **WEATHER** PAGE 6

Judge rejects possible 'do-over' of Rams-Saints playoff game

KEVIN MCGILL
Associated Press

A quest by two New Orleans Saints ticketholders to force a full or partial do-over of this year's NFC championship game because of a blown "no-call" by game officials was rejected Thursday by a federal judge.

Officials failed to call interference or roughness penalties when a Rams player leveled a Saints receiver with a helmet-to-helmet hit at a crucial point in the final minutes of regulation time. The Rams won the Jan. 20 game in overtime and are set to play the New England Patriots in Sunday's Super Bowl in Atlanta.

Fan reaction in New Orleans has included disbelief, anger and resignation, expressed in newspaper headlines, billboards ("They reffed up" said one), promises by some restaurants and bars that they won't show the Super Bowl broadcast on Sunday, and posters of blind referees.

And at least two lawsuits. One is a class-action lawsuit on behalf of ticketholders, still pending in state court as of Thursday.

SEE **SUPER BOWL** PAGE 6

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All applications are due no later than 2/20/19 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for prequalification called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and approval limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the FIP website at http://fip.smmusd.org/contractors.html.

Mandatory Job Walk: 2/12/19 at 10:30 AM

Job Walk location: Washington West CDS located in Santa Monica, CA – **All Attending Contractors MUST meet the District representatives at the SMMUSD – FIP office located at 2828 4th Street, Santa Monica CA 90405**

Bid Opening: 3/6/19 at 2:00pm
Any further questions or clarifications to this bidding opportunity, please contact Sheere Bishop at smbishop@smmusd.org directly. In addition, any pre-qualification support issues relative to Colbi Technologies, Inc., website or for technical support please contact support@qualityBidders.com directly.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Public Hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following:

808 Woodacres Road, 18ENT-0276, Zoning: R1 (Single-Unit Residential) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation application 18ENT-0276 for the property located at 808 Woodacres Road to determine whether the residence in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark and, if so designated, whether an associated Landmark Parcel should be defined and described in order to preserve, maintain, protect, or safeguard the Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will consider the application based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented demonstrates that the building meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation pursuant to SMMC Section 9.56.100(A). Applicant: Santa Monica Conservancy. Owner: Marcia Alphson.

WHEN: Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

Questions/Comments
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Steve Mizokami, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Mr. Mizokami by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at steve.mizokami@smgov.net.

More Information
The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation requests, please contact (310) 458-8431 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the event. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines 1, 2, 3, Rapid 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 18 serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ESPAÑOL
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Craft, Swap, or Create @ Your Library
Do you have leftover yarn, extra buttons, or scraps of ribbon you haven't used in months? Join us at the library to share your crafting supplies or find new crafting treasures, and while you are at it, make some time to create, invent and learn a new craft or skill. Sewing machine, crochet tools, and other items available for your use. Pico Branch Library 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Greg Poree Band
Part of Fireside at the Miles 8 - 10 p.m. Tickets are $10.

Open Art Critiques
Facilitated by international visual artist Claudia Borgna www.claudiaborgna.org in collaboration with special guest poet Verónica Reyes www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/veronica-reyes Open to artists in all genres at any stage of their creative practice wanting feedback on their work. Free. 1450 Ocean, 1 - 4 p.m. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/70837

A Groundhog Day Musical Extravaganza
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DIY Days: Valentine's Edition
Get started on your Valentine's Day crafting! Check out our eight activity stations and get ideas to make your own Valentine cards and gifts. All ages welcome. 1 - 3 p.m.

Ocean Park Book Group
A Monthly Meeting of the Ocean Park Book Group. Meets the 1st Saturday of the Month. Open to All. No Registration Required. Ocean Park Branch Library. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 'Pachinko' by Min Jin Lee.

Saturday, Feb. 2

Discover the Real Santa Monica
Walk along with a Santa Monica Conservancy docent and explore the fascinating history of Santa Monica. The two hour tours are every Saturday at 10 a.m. departing from Hostelling International at 1436 Second Street. For reservations: dwt@smconservancy.org or by phone at (310) 496-3146. $10 per person, $5 for Santa Monica or L.A. Conservancy members.

Successful Seed Sowing for Spring Planting
Sue Michiels of Renee's Gardens shares information on when and where to sow seeds and transplant seedlings outside for a successful spring garden. She also shares tips on sowing seeds indoors, how to use soil-less mixes, and how to use heating mats and lights to grow. Free program. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. Fairview Branch Library, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Drum Workshop
This workshop begins with a floor warm-up with deep breath work and acknowledgment of the power of gravity. Learn basic skills for playing a traditional Korean hand drum and simple rhythmic patterns. Practice rhythmic phrases in small groups along with simple dance steps and combinations. Hand drums will be provided.. Cost: $5. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/70356. 1450 Ocean. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Conspiracy Fiction
Join author Gray Basnight for an edgy talk about how the world in which we now live "is so complicated and confusing that suspicion of conspiracy is not only reasonable, it's healthy." Main Library, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

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US prosecutors announce Chinese birth tourism crackdown

AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

Dongyuan Li's business was called "You Win USA," and authorities say she coached pregnant Chinese women on how to get into the United States to deliver babies who would automatically enjoy all the benefits of American citizenship.

Over two years, the now-41-year-old raked in millions through her business, where mothers-to-be paid between $40,000 and $80,000 each to come to California, stay in an upscale apartment and give birth, authorities said.

Li, who was arrested Thursday, is one of 20 people charged in the first federal crackdown on birth tourism businesses that prosecutors said brought hundreds of pregnant women to the United States.

Jing Dong, 42, and Michael Wei Yueh Liu, 53, who allegedly operated "USA Happy Baby," also were arrested. More than a dozen others, including the operator of a third such business, also face charges but are believed to have returned to China, the U.S. Attorney's office in Los Angeles said.

While it isn't illegal to visit the United States while pregnant, authorities said the businesses — which were raided by federal agents in 2015 — touted the benefits of having U.S. citizen babies, who could get free public education and years later help their parents immigrate.

They also allegedly had women hide their pregnancies while seeking travel visas and lie about their plans, with one You Win USA customer telling consular officials she was going to visit a Trump hotel in Hawaii.

The charges include conspiracy, visa fraud and money laundering. But U.S. authorities said the businesses also posed a national security risk since their customers, some who worked for the Chinese government, secured American citizenship for children who can move back to the United States and once they're 21 and then sponsor their parents for green cards.

"I see this as a grave national security concern and vulnerability," said Mark Zito, assistant special agent-in-charge of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's homeland security investigations. "Are some of them doing it for security because the United States is more stable? Absolutely. But will those governments take advantage of this? Yes, they will."

Messages left for Li and Dong's attorneys were not immediately returned. Derek Tung, Liu's attorney, said the growing interest among Chinese women to give birth to American babies drew attention to a phenomenon long employed by citizens of other countries.

His client had nothing to do with getting women visas from China but worked almost as a subcontractor to provide housing once they arrived, he said. "My client is merely the provider. The people who are in China are the ones in charge of everything," he said.

Birth tourism businesses have long operated in California and other states and cater to couples from China, Russia, Nigeria and elsewhere.

In the past, operators sometimes ran into trouble with local code enforcement officials when neighbors in residential areas complained about crowding or excess trash, but they didn't face federal scrutiny.

In 2015, federal agents in California raided roughly three dozen sites connected with the three businesses. More than 20 people were designated as material witnesses but some later fled to China and were charged with violating federal court orders, and a lawyer who helped them leave the country was convicted of obstruction of justice.

This week, a federal grand jury indicted four people who allegedly ran the birth tourism businesses until the 2015 raids, including Wen Rui Deng, 65, who is believed to be in China and accused of operating "Star Baby Care."

That business dated to at least 2010 but advertised having brought 8,000 women to the United States — half of them from China — and claimed to have been running since 1999, prosecutors said.

Each business brought hundreds of customers to give birth in the United States and some didn't pay all of the medical costs tied to their care, prosecutors said. One couple paid the indigent rate for their hospital bills — a total of $4,080 — even though they had more than $225,000 in a U.S. bank account they had used to shop at luxury stores including Louis Vuitton, according to court papers.

Li, who operated You Win USA, told an undercover federal agent who was posing as a pregnant Chinese citizen that her company would train her to interview for a visa and pass customs, according to court filings.

At one point, the papers said, she also sent a text message to her husband about the business, saying "After all, this is not legal!"



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Let them Eat Wall

Today is February 1. (How's that for late-breaking news?) In 13 days it will be Valentine's. Two days after that, the Congressional Continuing Resolution expires. Uh oh.

Unbelievably, Donald Trump, who infamously said, "I will be proud to own the government shut down!" and proceeded to shepherd the longest in history, is contemplating another. (Putin must be thrilled!)

In looking back, apparently the "Art of the Deal" means to make 800,000 federal workers, and much of the country, suffer for 35 days and then settle for what was on the table from day one. The U.S. economy lost $11 billion over his vanity border wall for which he's still demanding $5.7 billion. (And let's not forget, Trump once essentially turned down $25 billion for the wall in a deal involving DACA.)

Trump had two years of a subservient GOP House and Senate to get his "big beautiful concrete wall" and didn't. What does that tell us? Even the GOP doesn't want the damn thing. So Mr. Negotiator waits until the Democrats control the House to demand it. And now, interrupting any post-shut down relief, he's threatening to do it again. (Did I mention Putin was thrilled?)

Given Sunday is the Super Bowl and the L.A. Rams are in it, I probably should be writing about that. But Trump's insanity (and criminality?) compel me to vent about the madness he's inflicting on us on a daily basis. (That said, check tomorrow's Snide World of Sports "Can the Rams Beat the Brady Bunch?" in the Daily Press.)

To be honest, I'm still reeling from the remarkable lack of empathy from the Trump administration. When told that federal employees were standing in food lines reminiscent of the Great Depression, billionaire Commerce Secretary Wilbur ("Mr. Excitement") Ross was shockingly unsympathetic.

Famous for falling asleep during cabinet meetings, Ross observed, "I can't understand why they don't get loans." (Yeah, Wilbur, banks are just dying to lend money to people who don't get paychecks.)

Trump's daughter-in-law, Laura Trump, cavalierly said to federal workers, "I know you're going through a little pain but this is bigger than you." A "little" pain? I'd love to see her standing in a food line. Trump actually suggested that landlords and grocers would "work" with the federal workers, i.e. defer payments for rent and food. (As if he ever did that for his tenants.)

Meanwhile, on the news, we saw tearful federal employees pawning wedding rings; staging garage sales; and contemplating imminent evictions. (How does Trump sleep? The answer is he doesn't, that's why he tweets at all hours.)

The Trump administration and the Trump family apparently lack the empathy gene. They're so incredibly self-centered and heartless they make Marie "Let Them Eat Cake" Antoinette look like Mother Teresa.

For a guy who brags about how tough he is, Trump is actually a world-class wimp.



TRUMP

Prior to the shut down, he had a deal with Congress for the budget with no shut down. BUT Rush Limbaugh and Anne Coulter harshly criticized him and poor little Donnie can't bear that. But 35 days later he caved. (Google "He caved" and Trump comes up.)

Now, with the clock ticking, Don the Con is saying he, "won't take another shut down off the table." He's also threatening to declare a national emergency. After two long years of historic incompetence and scandal, not to mention criminality which hopefully will get him impeached and or prosecuted after he leaves office, it's obvious to two thirds of the country he's the national emergency.

Evidence of that came on Tuesday, when the highly-respected U.S. Intelligence chiefs, all appointed by Trump, presented their annual Worldwide Threat Assessment to the Senate Intelligence Committee. Shoulder to shoulder, they concluded ISIS remains a serious threat; North Korea probably won't give up nuclear ambitions and Iran isn't building a bomb.

Those assertions directly contradict Trump's hollow declaration of victory over ISIS; claim Kim Jong-un agreed to denuclearize; and pressuring Tehran with increased sanctions. (Keep in mind, Trump doesn't even bother to read Intel briefings!)

Noticeably absent, the spy chiefs didn't mention threats to the U.S. from undocumented immigrants at the southern border. They did, however, warn about past and future Russian interference in our elections. Whatever Putin has on him, the next day, Trump childishly tweeted, "They "should go back to school." (What school, Trump University?)

Only Trump could lecture people about going back to school and make a grade-school grammatical error in the tweet. (He obviously doesn't know the difference between "there" and "their.")

In defending her boss, Press Secretary, Sarah Sanders, whom I affectionately refer to as the "female Baghdad Bob," claimed, "God wanted Trump to be president." I don't know about the Almighty, but Putin certainly did.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

DIY Day: Valentine's Edition at Santa Monica Public Library

Santa Monica Public Library presents DIY Day: Valentine's Edition on Saturday, February 2, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the lobby of the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Get started on your Valentine's Day crafting! Check out our eight activity stations and make your own Valentine cards and gifts. Learn how to make flower pens, paper roses from upcycled book pages, fortune cookie valentines, and more! Bring a small photo printout of your loved one or create an original drawing and turn it into a button (finished size either 1.5" or 2.5" diameter). Play a chocolate piano, and discover other imaginative ways to interact with computers using everyday objects. All ages welcome.

This program is free and open to all ages. Supplies are limited and on a first-arrival basis. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, call Library Administration at (310) 458-8606 at least one week prior to the event. The Main Library is served by Big Blue Bus routes 1, R10 and 18. Ride your bike. Bicycle parking racks are available at the library.

SUBMITTED BY BARBARA CHANG FLEEMAN,

HORN LAKE, Miss.

Wittes Wins National Bridge Title at Fall Tournament

Pam Wittes, a resident of Venice, Calif., won her eighth national bridge title at the 2018 Fall North American Bridge Championships, which concluded in Honolulu, Hawaii on Dec. 2. The tournament was organized by the American Contract Bridge League, the sanctioning body for the game of bridge in North America.

Wittes was a member of the team that successfully defended its title in the Marsha May Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match event, which is contested annually during the fall tournament and consists of two qualifying and two final sessions and is restricted to female players. The 2018 event marks the final time the team competition will be held.

"When we discovered we had won we were floating on air," Wittes said. "There were a couple of really good hands against our top competition; getting those right was the reason for our win."

The ACBL has 14 masterpoint rank titles from Rookie to Grand Life Master, which requires 10,000 masterpoints and a NABC victory. Wittes is a Grand Life Master with more than 13,000 masterpoints.

Bridge is played with a standard deck of playing cards and four players comprised of two partnerships. Duplicate - or contract - bridge differs from other forms of bridge because the same deal (i.e., the specific arrangement of the cards into the four hands) is played at each table, and scoring is based on relative performance. This way, the element of skill is heightened while that of chance is reduced.

ABOUT THE ACBL

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All applications are due no later than 2/21/19 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for prequalification called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and approval limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the FIP website at http://fip.smmusd.org/contractors.html.

Mandatory Job Walk: 2/13/19 at 10:30 AM

Job Walk location: Pt. Dume Elementary School located at 6955 Fernhill Drive, Malibu, CA 90265 – **All Attending Contractors MUST meet the District representatives in front of the school to be directed to the meeting room location.**

Bid Opening: 3/7/19 at 2:00pm

Any further questions or clarifications to this bidding opportunity, please contact Sheere Bishop at smbishop@smmusd.org directly. In addition, any pre-qualification support issues relative to Colbi Technologies, Inc., website or for technical support please contact support@qualityBidders.com directly.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING

DATE/TIME: February 4, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- 18ARB-0356: 1235 5th Street: Mixed-Use
- 18ARB-0523: 395 Santa Monica Place: Retail
- 18ARB-0522: 395 Santa Monica Place: Retail
- 18ARB-0526: 2811 3rd Street: Multi-Unit Residential
- 18ARB-0531: 120 Hart Avenue: Single-Unit Residential
- 19ARB-0020: 395 Santa Monica Place: Retail

PRELIMINARY REVIEW(S):

- 1437 7th Street

More information is available on-line at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ or at (310) 458-8341 (en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail james.combs@smgov.net, or mail Santa Monica City Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, #8, #9, Rapid #10, and #18 service City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

CITY OF SANTA MONICA NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received by the City of Santa Monica located at 1717 4th Street Suite 250, Santa Monica, California, 90401 until 3:00 p.m. on the date indicated at which time they will be publicly opened, read and posted for:

BID #4377 ROOFING CONTRACTOR SERVICES

Submission Deadline is February 22, 2019 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm. There is no charge for bid package and specifications.

SUPER BOWL

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The other was filed by season ticketholders Tommy Badeaux and Candis Lambert. Filed two days after the game, it says the NFL should be forced to implement a rule allowing Commissioner Roger Goodell to investigate "extraordinarily unfair acts" that affect the game. Remedies under that rule include rescheduling the game in full, or from the point at which the unfair act occurred.

U.S. District Judge Susie Morgan rejected arguments that Badeaux and Lambert were entitled to an order, known as a "writ of mandamus," forcing the NFL or Goodell to take action.

"None of the actions Plaintiffs might seek to compel Commissioner Goodell to do are the kinds of actions a writ of mandamus may address," Morgan said in a 17-page ruling in which she detailed the extraordinary circumstances in which Louisiana law allows a writ of mandamus to be issued.

In the same ruling, she also rejected arguments that the case should be in state court in New Orleans, where it was originally filed.

WEATHER

FROM PAGE 1

currents, beach erosion and storm and fire debris in coastal waters.

California officials say January storms have pushed the Sierra Nevada snowpack to 98 percent of average to date, which is good news for state water supplies.

The California Department of Water Resources said Thursday that the snowpack is already at 71 percent of average for the state's rainy season, which typically reaches its maximum by April 1.

The department's John King said the second survey of the season found "a significant increase" from the previous tally. The Sierra snowpack was 67 percent of normal on Jan. 3.

Winter snow provides drinking water for much of the state as it melts in warmer months and flows into reservoirs.

Rain and snow has fallen across the state this week, and more wet storms are predicted.

A three-year drought emergency ended in 2017, but officials said water conservation efforts must

FORECAST:

Storm #2 - Saturday (Feb 1):

- Higher rainfall amounts likely, with storm totals of 1.5" to 3" and locally 4" foothills/mountains
- Peak rainfall rates of .75" per hour or higher possible
- Gusty winds up to 35 to 50 mph Friday afternoon through early Saturday

Storm #3 - Sunday into Monday (Feb 3-4):

- Much less moisture and lower rainfall rates
- Storm totals likely to be under 0.25", with scattered showers possible through Monday afternoon

High Surf - Saturday into Sunday (Feb 2-3):

- Highest on west to northwest facing beaches

The Associated Press contributed to this report

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FARMERS MARKET

FROM PAGE 1

to hold more events at the market, such as cooking demonstrations, that engage the surrounding Pico neighborhood. The events at the Main Street market could be a model, she said.

"I'm getting acquainted with new faces and the market and trying to understand what could be needed to enhance it, but Laura hasn't left too much for me to do," she said. "Our team is looking to keep promoting and strengthening our smaller markets."

While Rivera-Krouse may not have any sweeping changes lined up for the Santa Monica Farmers Market, she was behind a major policy initiative that made Los Angeles farmers markets more accessible to low-income shoppers.

As part of the Los Angeles Food Policy Council, Rivera-Krouse spearheaded the effort to require all Los Angeles farmers markets to accept CalFresh Electronic Benefit Transfer cards, formerly known as food stamps. Before Los Angeles City Council adopted the ordinance in 2016, more than half of markets were not equipped to accept EBT cards.

Rosana Franco, a policy associate at the Los Angeles Food Policy Council, said Rivera-Krouse has spent her career connecting farmers markets to communities with limited access to healthy food. Her expertise in public policy and background as a market manager has helped her succeed, Franco said.

"When markets asked her how the (EBT ordinance) was actually going to work, she definitely understood that perspective, and she also was able to understand the teeth behind the policy," Franco said.



RIVERA-KROUSE

The Santa Monica Farmers Market already accepts EBT cards and people receiving CalFresh and other benefits receive $10 to spend on produce for every $5 they spend at the Virginia Avenue Park market through Hunger Action LA's Market Match program.

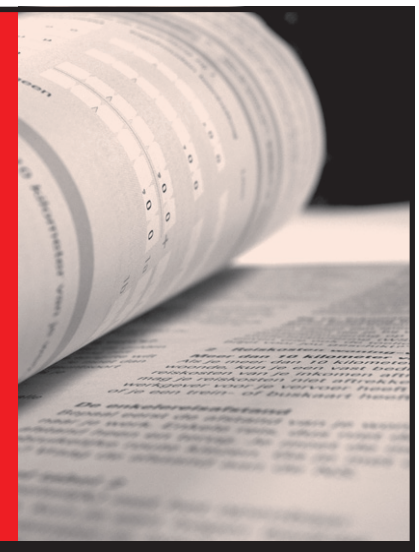
Rivera-Krouse said she wants to keep partnering with regional organizations like Hunger Action LA as well as local institutions like Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Avery said upon retiring that one of her great successes as manager was introducing salad bars with produce from the market in SMMUSD schools in 1997. The program has since dissolved because of changes in district leadership, Avery said.

Rivera-Krouse said she wants to start on a fresh footing with SMMUSD.

"I think it's a good opportunity to get reacquainted with the district and investigate what worked and didn't," she said.

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SURF FORECASTS

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4 ft waist to chest high
Nearby low sets up rise in NW swell-mix as WNW swell eases. Small Southern Hemi swells in the mix. Deep early AM high tide but morning may have a window of ok conditions.

SATURDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3 ft knee to waist high
Southerly windswell and steep new NW swell-mix pick up through the day. Deep early AM high tide.



CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON JANUARY 24, AT ABOUT 8:39 A.M.

Officers responded to the Walgreens - 1911 Lincoln Blvd - regarding a disturbance at the business. Officers learned a male subject was waiting for a prescription to be filled. While he waited, he walked behind the counter of the pharmacy and grabbed three packs of cigarettes and concealed them in his jacket pocket. An officer confronted the subject about the merchandise. The subject denied taking any cigarettes and stated he had purchased them at another store. The subject did not comply with the officer to return the merchandise and walked out of the store. The subject was taken into custody as he walked out of the store. The store was desirous of prosecution. Peter Bart Wojcieouwski, 26, homeless, was arrested for petty theft and resisting/delaying arrest. Bail was set at $10,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To Calls For Service.
HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Speeding 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:54 a.m.
Vandalism 500blk Broadway 3:04 a.m.
Burglary 1200blk 2nd St 5:39 a.m.
Construction noise 1100blk 12th St 5:49 a.m.
Fight 1100blk 6th St 6:26 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1100blk Stanford St 6:47 a.m.
Encampment 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:51 a.m.
Grand theft 1400blk Ocean Ave 8:01 a.m.
Encampment 200blk Santa Monica Pier 8:20 a.m.
Auto burglary 1800blk 12th St 8:24 a.m.
Hit and run 1600blk 11th St 8:37 a.m.
Person with a gun 7th St / Arizona Ave 9:17 a.m.
Petty theft 2400blk Pico Blvd 9:26 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 2000blk Pearl St 9:27 a.m.
Fraud 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:29 a.m.
Prowler 1500blk 6th St 9:35 a.m.
Auto burglary 1800blk 12th St 9:47 a.m.
Elder abuse 2600blk 28th St 10:03 a.m.
Traffic hazard 11th St / Pico Blvd 10:07 a.m.
Hit and run 1800blk Main St 10:13 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2500blk 6th St 10:19 a.m.
Vehicle out of space 1800blk Main St 10:26 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2200blk 21st St 10:34 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries city prop involved 1300blk 10th St 10:45 a.m.
Auto burglary 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 11:02 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 11th St / Bay St 11:11 a.m.
Fraud 500blk San Vicente Blvd 11:15 a.m.
Trespassing 1600blk Broadway 11:38 a.m.
Indecent exposure Cloverfield Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 12 p.m.
Drunk driving 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:05 p.m.
Elder abuse 1300blk 15th St 12:25 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 12:51 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 2300blk 5th St 1:30 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 700blk 18th St 1:35 p.m.
Battery 3100blk Wilshire Blvd 1:37 p.m.
Panhandling 4th St / Interstate 10 1:53 p.m.
Fraud 800blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:04 p.m.
Petty theft 2400blk Pico Blvd 2:04 p.m.
Threats 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 2:26 p.m.
Auto burglary 2400blk Olympic Blvd 2:28 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 2:31 p.m.
Indecent exposure 11th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:33 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 2700blk Wilshire Blvd 3:32 p.m.
Grand theft 600blk Marguerita Ave 3:43 p.m.
Speeding 14th St / Montana Ave 4:01 p.m.
Prowler 1000blk Stanford St 4:02 p.m.
Petty theft 2300blk 21st St 4:23 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 4th St / Pico Blvd 4:42 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1400blk 7th St 4:43 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 2nd St / Wilshire Blvd 4:51 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To Calls For Service.
HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Emergency Medical Service 2100blk Pico Blvd 12:30 a.m.
EMS 100blk Hart Ave 12:36 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 5th St 12:52 a.m.
EMS 500blk Ashland Ave 12:56 a.m.
EMS 2600blk 33rd St 2:29 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 18th St 5:50 a.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 7:35 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 8:16 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 8:54 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 9:59 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:12 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 1300blk 10th St 10:47 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 11th St / Bay St 11:11 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 11:33 a.m.
EMS 14th St / Wilshire Blvd 11:46 a.m.
Structure fire 2100blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:13 p.m.
EMS 1000blk Stanford St 12:47 p.m.
EMS 1000blk Lincoln Blvd 2:13 p.m.
Wires down 1400blk Olympic Blvd 2:20 p.m.
EMS Cloverfield Blvd / Broadway 2:29 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Main St 4:13 p.m.
EMS 200blk 19th St 4:36 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Harvard St 5:39 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 11th St 7:33 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Broadway 7:48 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 1700blk 15th St 7:54 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1300blk 5th St 8:11 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 5th St 9:07 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 9:24 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 9:36 p.m.
Broken gas main 900blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:44 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1200blk 15th St 9:56 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 1/30
2 12 16 29 54
Power#: 6
Jackpot: 191M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/29
10 33 53 54 62
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 125M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 1/30
3 14 16 20 46
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 15M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/30
3 17 18 25 26

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/31
MIDDAY: 7 1 6
Draw Date: 1/30
EVENING: 7 6 8

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 1/30
1st: 02 Lucky Star
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 05 California Classic
RACE TIME: 1:46.06

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WORD UP!

gibble-gabble
noun [gib-uhl-gab-uhl]
1. senseless chatter.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Med School

■ Q: Can you identify these body parts: hallux, purlicue, canthus, gnathion and glabella?

■ A: The hallux is your big toe. The purlicue is the space between the forefinger and thumb. The canthus refers to the point in the (inner or outer) corner of the eye, where the upper and lower eyelids meet. The gnathion is the lowest point of the jawbone, i.e., the outward point of the chin. The glabella is the smooth part of the forehead, between and above the eyebrows.

Never Say "Diet"

■ The Major League Eating record for Hostess Donettes is 257 in 6 minutes, held by Joey Chestnut. (This would be more impressive if we were talking about actual doughnuts.)

MYSTERY REVEALED!



Michael Tsirlin correctly identified the photo as Mendocino Farms on Wilshire Blvd.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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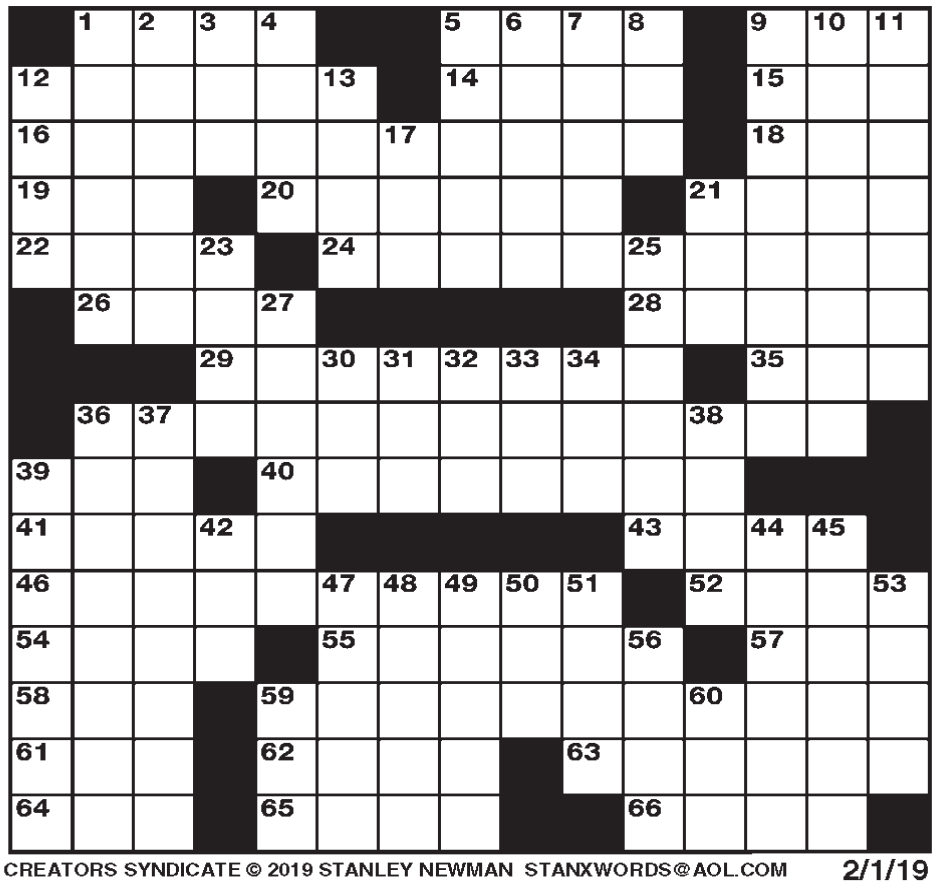
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Newsday Crossword

ECO-QUOTE by Greg Johnson
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS
1 Mesmerized
5 Imposing, as a structure
9 Sizable dollop
12 See 1 Down
14 Patent preceder, presumably
15 Calendrical brink
16 Workplace record of a sort
18 Pastime participation, for short
19 Breakthrough outburst
20 Buy to sell
21 Material for a roast
22 Hawaii's state bird
24 Start of a quote
26 Out of concern that
28 " . . . Prufrock" poet
29 Motivational messages
35 Doorstep accessory
36 Middle of quote
39 Info with a head shot, often
40 Silicon Valley city
41 Nickname akin to Liz
43 Holds up
46 End of quote
52 Beret's lack
54 Unnamed group
55 Involving a motive
57 *Arabian Nights* prename
58 Stop from entering
59 Inspirational episode
61 Aficionado's exclamation
62 Grandson of Eve
63 See 45 Down
64 Checked on paper
65 Small swarmer
66 Riverside deposit

DOWN
1 With 12 Across, author of quote
2 Mysterious
3 Inflation abbreviation
4 Robert __ Lincoln
5 Designation
6 Wing it verbally
7 Soprano Mitchell
8 Streaming delay
9 Apache raider
10 Common cold protection
11 *Waiting for Godot* author
12 Star of the *Hawaii Five-0* remake
13 Erstwhile hair removal brand
17 "Forget it"
21 Trusted one
23 National Spelling Bee airer
25 Secondary
27 China shop purchase
30 Scholastic Book Fair sponsor
31 Winery cask
32 An inlet, to a sea
33 Clover-filled field
34 Set for assembly
36 Rock source of fuel
37 Helped to develop
38 Latter-day rookie
39 Electronic drumming machine
42 Self-identifier
44 Major coffee source
45 With 63 Across, source of quote
47 School that sounds like a Canadian region
48 South Pacific nation
49 Knightly activity
50 CPO's group
51 Steed feed
53 Dynasty of Columbus' day
56 Prunes from plums, perhaps
59 Memory measure
60 Calendar abbr.



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 1)

Dare to make happiness a priority. People will mirror your happy state. Because they feel happier around you, you'll get better results, sweeter deals, more pleasing relationships and the satisfaction of knowing you made people's time here better. March shows you in a new position, and you'll be boosted again in May. Leo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 22, 24, 19 and 1.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You don't need to take the safe path. It's not scenic or more direct. It's not smoother really. The only redeeming thing about that path is that it's known. Take the unknown and less traveled path.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
When you like a person, you often like how they laugh, sound, look, smell, reason and more. But if even one of those things is off, it can impede the progress of the relationship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
If you feel you know everything about a person, you'll be uninterested in that person until something happens to shake it up and remind you that you can never know everything about a person.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
You don't mind being a servant (everyone is in one way or another) but you want to make your own terms for your servitude, and this you should do. Spell them out. Write them down. Understand your rights and responsibilities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Make a move to show that you know your own value. You are one of a kind. As you honor your unique character, the world will seem to cater to your sensitivities and proclivities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Critiques are not personal and shouldn't be taken as such. The proverbial red marks on your essay are signals that there's room for improvement. Take the note; get better. Before you know it, you'll be a master.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Doors open and close quickly today. Drink more water. It will keep your brain sharp and ready to jump through the opportunities as they open up, without hesitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
When one person in the couple is happy, the other is, too. That's love. Compassion takes it one step further – to be happy because another human is happy, perhaps a human you don't even know. That's great love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Noisy, superfluous thoughts could easily distract you from what's useful and important if you weren't so vigilant. Ways to mentally quiet down include meditation and exercise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
The new currents will be strong as riptides. How does one keep from getting caught up in something as powerful as that? Don't fight it in a polarized way. That's futile. How can you move sideways?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
To be someone's soft place to land is a beautiful role. You've needed that in your own life, when it wasn't there and when it was. You know the difference, and so you're happy to provide.

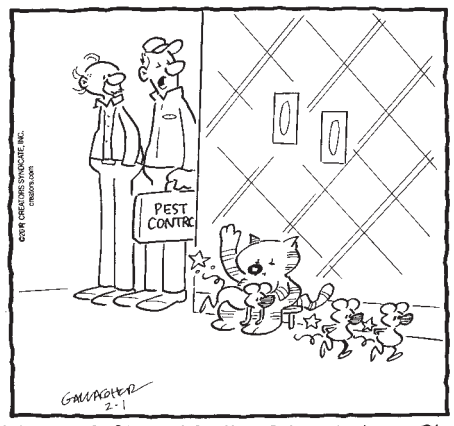
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Sometimes it takes laser focus to progress, and other times, like today, it just takes moving forward in the same direction all the others around you are going, like you're one fish in the school.

Mars and Pluto Chime In

Some people appear to think highly of themselves though the bravado is a disguise for how they really feel – afraid, unworthy, inadequate. The kindhearted may see through this act and offer love and acceptance. And even though that alone can't change someone's self-worth, Mars and Pluto chime in saying, "It certainly couldn't hurt!"

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Heathcliff
By PETER GALLAGHER



"STUDIES SHOW SPANKING DOESN'T WORK."

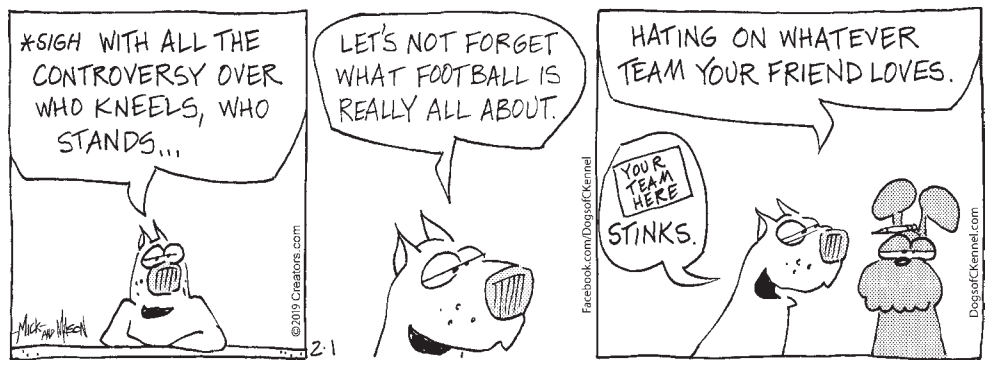
Strange Brew
By JOHN DEERING



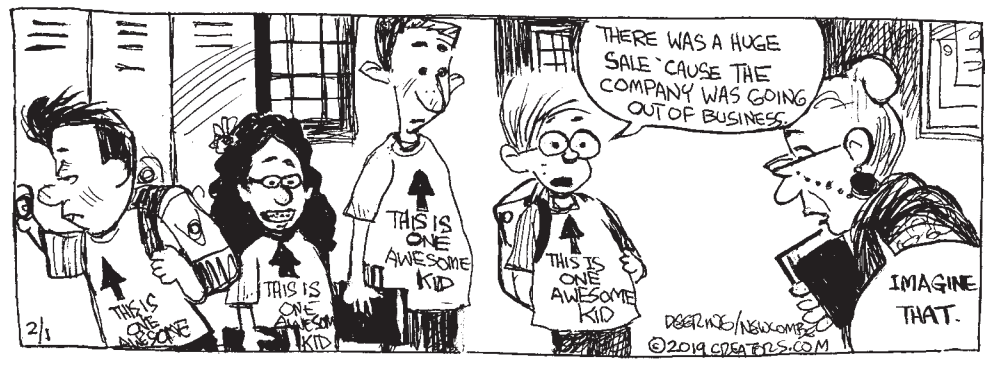
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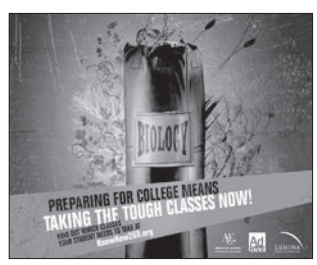
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Conservatives head to Texas to try to build their own wall

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What started as an online fundraiser to provide President Donald Trump with donations for his southern border wall has morphed into a foundation whose members vow to build a wall themselves.

The "We The People Will Build the Wall" campaign has surpassed $20 million since it was created in December by Air Force veteran and triple amputee Brian Kolfage. The campaign has received almost 350,000 donations even as wall opponents derided the effort and after the longest government shutdown in U.S. history ended with Congress refusing Trump's demand for billions in wall funding.

Kolfage and other Trump supporters have now organized a nonprofit corporation, WeBuildtheWall Inc. Its board of directors includes former Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, a hardline immigration opponent who has advised Trump. The group spent part of this week in South Texas touring the U.S.-Mexico border and meeting landowners the group hopes will allow private construction on their land.

Whether a private group could build such a wall remains to be seen. There are legal and environmental obstacles in South Texas that have delayed the U.S. government, even with its powers to seize land and waive laws for national security.

The group acknowledges the obstacles. But Dustin Stockton, one of the group's leaders, said he still believed they could build something in "months, not years."

"We talked to several people who weren't interested in having a wall five or six years ago who have since changed their mind based on what they're seeing happening on their land," Stockton said. He declined to identify the landowners they met, but said they said the security situation at the border had gotten significantly worse.

Experts on border walls are skeptical.

"If there is a landowner who wants a wall built on their property and they happen to have property near the border, I suppose they could convince the person to let them build on their property," said Efren Olivares, a lawyer with the Texas Civil Rights Project who is organizing landowners against a border wall. "It's extremely silly for achieving any kind of objective."

The fundraising so far "is still a tiny sum compared to the cost of any significant fencing on the border," said Reece Jones, a University of Hawaii professor and author of the book "Violent Borders."

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is working to build 33 miles (53 kilometers) of new walls and fencing in the Rio Grande Valley. The construction was funded by Congress in March. So far, the government has awarded 14 miles (22.5 kilometers) of construction for a total of $313 million, or roughly $22 million a mile.

The average cost of 1 mile built by the government exceeds what the campaign has raised.

"Walls alone are a very ineffective way to secure a border because they are expensive and still need to be constantly guarded," Jones said. "Even then, people regularly go over, under, around, or through them."

Most land along the Rio Grande is privately owned, and many landowners oppose surrendering their land for a border wall.

The U.S. government has the authority to seize land under eminent domain and will likely have to sue many landowners to build more barriers. It can also waive environmental laws to speed construction. A private group doesn't have those powers.

The river also feeds wildlife — including many endangered species — as well as farmland on both sides. A bi-national commission governs flood control on the river, and building at the water's edge is particularly difficult due to concerns about terrain and flooding.

Kolfage originally promised to donate any proceeds from his campaign to the U.S. government. But the group announced in January that it would instead fund a private construction effort. Donors before the change had 90 days to opt into the new effort or receive a refund. A spokesman for GoFundMe, the online fundraising site Kolfage used, says 53 percent of donors have opted in, and 57 percent of donors had responded as of last Friday.

The online fundraiser claims to have Trump's blessing, though the president has not tweeted or spoken publicly about the effort. The White House did not respond to a request for comment last week.

Kolfage posted a photo Monday of the sign outside the CBP Rio Grande Valley sector headquarters. He captioned it: "Time to see what USCBP thinks of our border wall plans." An agency spokesman said Kolfage did not have any meetings with local agents or chiefs; Stockton later confirmed there'd been no meeting.

WeBuildtheWall Inc. will employ a paid staff, though the group has not said how many employees it will have or how much they will be paid.

It continues to raise tens of thousands of dollars a day, Stockton said.

"It's an expression of the frustration of people all over the country about our politicians in Washington's inability to get the job done," he said.





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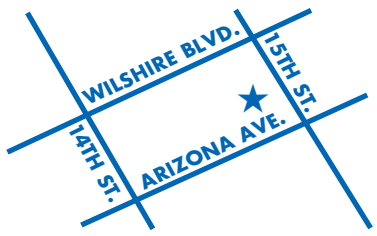
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