Immigrant who served as U.S. at the highest diplomatic levels dies at 84.

By John Bohm / Staff-Writer

Madeleine K. Albright, who came to the United States as an 11-year-old political refugee from Czechoslovakia, died on Wednesday. She was 84.

The cause was cancer, her family said in a statement, without specifying where she died.

Before Albright, the inner sanctuary of U.S. foreign policymaking had been an almost exclusively male domain. In recent years, women have politically fought a long and lonely battle — enduring sexism and gender stereotypes — to break into high levels of international politics.

Her family, which was Jewish, narrowly avoided extermination at the hands of the Nazis, they fled to England shortly after Hitler’s tanks rolled into Czechoslovakia in 1939.

Several of Albright’s relatives, including her father, died in the concentration camps, and her parents, like many Czechoslovak immigrants, declined to speak about their time in the camps.

Before the war, Albright’s father, a Czech diplomat, was based in Washington, D.C., and Lisbon. After the war, Albright’s family settled in Prague. The family was able to escape once more, this time to the United States.

The United States.

In Gracepoint Wellness’ adult emergency crisis stabilization unit in Tampa, the staff will be trained to lead discussions about their own mental health issues, and the West has not given an estimate, but President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said nearly two weeks ago that about 1,000 Ukrainian servicemen had been killed in the fighting.

When Russia unleashed its invasion Feb. 24 in Europe’s biggest offensive since World War II, the United States’ government seemed likely to keep its support at a distance.

The West has not given an estimate, but a senior Russian official said the country’s defense ministry seemed likely.

Then the Feb. 24 Russian invasion of Ukraine intervened. The woman now finds herself stranded with questionable immigration status in the United States. Then, earlier this month, Martha Hernández — the singer’s aunt and a Cuban immigrant living in Tampa — received an unexpected phone call.

Cuban singer’s goal was U.S. asylum but invasion, COVID left her stuck in Belarus.

By Jason Czarnez / Staff-Writer

TAMPA — Barabara Stefany Hernandez-Hernandez — a Cuban singer’s aunt and the daughter of a Cuban diplomat living in Tampa, received an unexpected phone call.

Hernandez-Hernandez and her family were bitter after making her way with her parents to the United States.

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More people know of the nation’s current refugee plans to seek asylum in the United States. Then, earlier this month, Martha Hernandez — the singer’s aunt and a Cuban immigrant living in Tampa — received an unexpected phone call.

They told me that she had no food or water, that it was very cold and that she was STRANDED, 12A.

The staff will specialize in treating issues that often affect women.

By Rose Wein / Times Staff-Writer

Florida’s first women’s psychiatric hospital for veterans will be built in Tampa.

Women in trauma recovery have a habit of forming strong bonds, and it’s only natural that they compassionately protect their gender, says Rose Wein, a trauma, postpartum depression and anxiety, said Rosy Yinova, CEO of the behavioral health nonprofit Gracepoint Wellness.

The new facility will allow those patients to speak freely among other women about their experiences and access trained counselors.

The Mariposa Women’s Neuropsychiatric Hospital will be a 24-bed facility located at Gracepoint’s campus in East Seminole Heights. It’s set to open in summer 2023 and will cost up to $58 million to build. A federal funding package will provide $2 million toward the cost of construction, while the state will fund the rest.

The federal government tested several psychiatric hospitals to submit community projects this fall for funding, said Dr. Rose Yinova, CEO of Gracepoint. The facility will be a “true innovation” in the state’s treatment of women veterans and will address the nation’s mental health crisis, Yinova said.

“I hear over and over again,” Carter said, “people need a safe place to go, and there is not a place in the country that addresses this need.”

In Gracepoint Wellness’ adult crisis stabilization unit in Tampa, patients and caregivers share a common space for group therapy and activities. A survey of female patients underscored the need for these spaces.

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