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SMMC Behavioral Health Unit set to open March 1



By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

A group of county judges from around the area got a sneak peek inside the new Scenic Mountain Medical Center Behavioral Health Unit, set to open March 1.

"It's a 20-bed unit, 20 private bedrooms for people who have mental health issues," said Unit Director Edward Moughon. "We're planning on serving not just Howard County, but neighboring rural counties throughout West Texas."

The seven judges who toured the unit, currently finishing up construction on SMMC's fourth floor, on Friday included Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman, and six judges on the board of directors of West Texas Centers, a regional mental health provider.

"We have a partner on this project. Not only will we take customers just from the community, but West Texas Centers is a mental health authority for 23 West Texas counties, and they

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Ed Moughon (blue jacket, center), director of Scenic Mountain Medical Center's new Behavior Health Unit, points out features at the unit construction site on the hospital's fourth floor to a tour group of county judges who make up the board of directors for West Texas Centers, a regional mental health provider. The unit, which will accommodate up to 20 acute mental health patients in private rooms, is scheduled to open March 1.

You're somebody's type



File photo

Big Spring High School student council held a blood drive for United Blood Services in October of 2016 at the high school library. Above, Big Spring High School student Hayley Jenkins prepares to give blood. United Blood Services will be back in Howard County this Friday collecting blood to help those in need. The Untied Blood Services will have a bloodmobile located at Back In Motion Chiropractic located at 1113 Scurry St., Friday, Feb. 9 from noon to 3 p.m.

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer

The United Blood Services (UBS) will be back in Howard County this Friday collecting blood to help those in need. The UBS will have a bloodmobile set up at Back In Motion Chiropractic located at 1113 Scurry St., Friday, Feb. 9 from noon to 3 p.m.

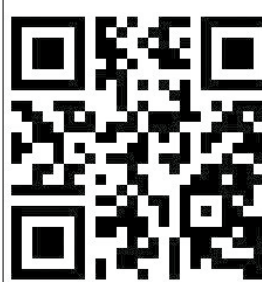
"United Blood Services have partnered with Back in Motion for years," said Linda Grace, senior donor recruitment representative with United Blood Services. "Since the holidays are always in high demand of blood, and now that they are over it's a great time to donate to replenish the supply."

UBS is a non-profit organization that collects blood from volunteer donors and provides blood, blood products and services to nearly 700 hospitals in 22 states across the country.

"Big Spring is probably one of the most

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Martinez signs with Cisco College



HERALD photo/Erin Stephens

BSHS softball coach Chelsey Jordan (left), Cierra Martinez (middle), Cierra's mother Cynthia Rodriguez (right), and Cierra's teammates (back row) pose for a photo after she signs a letter of intent to play softball at Cisco College.

By ERIN STEPHENS
 Staff Writer

A special ceremony was held in the BSHS foyer on Monday for Big Spring High School senior Cierra Martinez, who signed with Cisco College to play softball for the Lady Wranglers this coming fall. Principal Mike Ritchey spoke before the

signing and had a lot to say about Martinez and her accomplishment:

"What an honor it is to be able to take your skill to the next level. Very few people get to do that. To be able to have that opportunity and receive that honor, it takes a lot of work and many hours put into your craft to build the skills to that level. It takes

a lot of character and determination, commitment, and other qualities to do something like this. It doesn't start on the playing field, it starts in the classroom, it starts at home with parents raising her with the qualities to perform at a high level not only on the softball field but in the

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Trump to herald economic progress in State of the Union

By JULIE PACE
 AP Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump will herald a robust economy and push for bipartisan congressional action on immigration in Tuesday's State of the Union address, as he seeks to rally a deeply divided nation and boost his own sagging standing with Americans.

The speech marks the ceremonial kickoff of Trump's second year in office and is tradi-

tionally a president's biggest platform to speak to the nation. However, Trump has redefined presidential communications with his high-octane, filter-free Twitter account and there's no guarantee that the carefully crafted speech will resonate beyond his next tweet.

Still, White House officials are hopeful the president can use the prime-time address to Congress and millions of Americans watching at home to take credit for a soaring

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Obituaries

JoNell Griffin



JoNell Griffin, age 90, of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 26, 2018, at Lewisville Estates, a caring assisted-living community in Lewisville, Texas, where she had resided the past several years.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018, at 2 p.m. at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Sandy Sandlin, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating.

JoNell was born April 30, 1927, in Loraine, Texas, and married Jack Griffin Sr. May 5, 1944, in Ackery, Texas.

A long-time resident of Big Spring, JoNell worked at the Jet Drive-in Theater, Kirby Cleaners, and most notably owned and operated the grill at the Bowl-a-Rama with her sister, Fran Green. She was an avid bowler, competing in several leagues and tournaments throughout the years.

Her faith and family were the most important things in her life. She was an active member of several churches over the years, including Park Methodist, where she often sang solos in the church choir; Wesley Methodist; and First Christian

Church. JoNell also loved reading, working puzzles, and playing games. Her grandchildren could always count on there being a puzzle or game out to entertain them when they came to visit her. Even in her later years, JoNell could be found working crossword puzzles and word finds.

Surviving family includes her four children, Jack Griffin Jr (Sandra), Robert Griffin (Sherry), James Griffin (Cathy), Teresa Fenton (Steve); a sister, Fran Green; eight grandchildren, Paige Jackson (Joey), Angela Griffin; Amy Pratt (Brian), Ginger Stockton; Casey Griffin (Katherine), Cara Griffin; Christopher Fenton (Allison), Aaron Fenton; two sisters-in-law, Sarah West and Cleola Grigg; 16 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Griffin Sr.; and parents, Alice and J.A. Faulkenberry.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association online at www.lbda.org; or mailed to 912 Killian Hill Road S.W., Lilburn, GA 30047.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Sheriff & Fire/EMS

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.

• **DADRAN MORGAN**, 36, was booked by HCSO on warrants for expired registration and failure to appear.

• **ANTHONY ANDREW RIVAS**, 22, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.); and on warrants for running a stop sign, displaying expired registration, no driver's license, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

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• **JAMES JAY TRANSIER**, 33, was booked by DPS on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance (less than 28 grams of anabolic steroids).

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veteran's Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of East FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of South Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 600 block of South Nolan Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Take Note

• Are you interested in Duplicate Bridge? Big Spring Duplicate will offer lessons to both men and woman. The lesson will be offered at the Big Spring Country Club, and the lessons will start Jan. 31. There will be five lessons at \$25 per person. Bridge is a wonderful, stimulating, and pleasant way to spend an afternoon or evening.

If you have any questions call 267-5615 or 263-2753.

• Cross stitch squares are now ready for the 2018 Howard County Fair quilt. Theme for this year's quilt is "The Love of Dogs." Anyone able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. For questions or for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can

be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

Nina Mannuzza

Nina Mannuzza, 83, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018, at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

William Langford Wood Jr.

William Langford Wood Jr., 75, of San Diego, Calif., formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80 and the 1200 block of Sycamore Street.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 800 block of West FM 700 and the 3600 block of Hamilton Street.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 14900 block of North County Road 9, the 1600 block of South Gregg Street, and the 2300 block of East FM 700.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 600 block of East 16th Street.

• **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore Street.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

• **RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy)** a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

• GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly Feb. 8 through May 10, 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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have worked with us on the design for this project to try to make sure it meets the needs of people that they'll refer," Moughon said. "They're our partner in that they're going to purchase some services from us for people who don't have insurance who come through their centers. The judges who came through today are on their board of directors, and they've been very supportive of this project between West Texas Centers and Scenic Mountain."

Moughon said patients in need of acute mental health services could be admitted to the Behavior Health Unit in a couple of ways other than being referred by West Texas Centers.

"One, you could just have your own issues and feel uncomfortable and think you might be about to harm yourself, and you could come to our emergency room and our doctors would assess you and start the process," he said. "Or you could be talking to your own doctor, to your own community doctor, and if they thought you needed this level of care, then they would call us and make arrangements to admit you here. So we will get customers from emergency rooms throughout West Texas, our own emergency room, and we'll get them from doctors offices and from referrals from community providers."

Big Spring State Hospital already offers mental health services, and probably won't need SMMC's unit very often; still, it's an option, said Moughon.

"We already share a lot of procedures and policy-type functioning issues with our colleagues at Big Spring State Hospital. They've been very helpful to us," he said. "They will probably not send us patients; they take care of their own patients in the State Hospital system, but if they can't admit somebody, then we're an option for that person instead of going to the State Hospital."

Patients will experience privacy in their own single-occupancy room, Moughon stressed.

"That's a big plus. Lots of times in psychiatric facilities, we used to build them so that you'd have four patients to a room or two patients to a room; and what we've learned through the years, just like you and I might experience, we do better usually when we have our own privacy," he said. "We sleep better, we don't have to deal with a snoring husband or wife or whoever it is. We're excited about that, because it's state of the art in terms of not just privacy for the patient, but safety for the patient."

The facility offers several differentiated activity rooms for patients, Moughon said.

"We have a pretty robust activity area for the patients that includes not only activities that they will engage in during the day to help them recover, but it has physical fitness equipment for exercise and for staying well and healthy," he said. "We have a couple of other activity areas. There's a quiet visiting area for patients if they want to play quieter games, card games, board games, watch TV, listen to music together. Then we have what we call a 'noisy' activity area for very active things that we'll do, like karaoke or engaging activities that help bring that person out of just focusing on their symptoms, and get them focused on wellness."

Family will be allowed to visit on a limited basis, said Moughon.

"There is visiting, but it's not as liberal as just in our regular hospital where we encourage visiting as part of the recovery process. It is part of our recovery process, but the days for our patients are pretty active. They're booked up with things to do each day. It's a pretty intense schedule," he said. "So family visiting is in the evenings from 6 to 7:30 every weeknight, and then on weekends we have visitation in the afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30, and then 6 to 7:30 on Saturdays and Sundays."

The Behavioral Health Unit is envisioned as an acute care facility, he said, adding that typical stays would likely run about a week to a week and a half.

"In the business of acute adult mental health, usually someone's symptoms, if they've just got what we call acute symptoms, they can usually be stabilized in seven to 10 days," he said. "So we think most of our stays will be seven to 10 days. But if a customer needs a longer stay, then we'll accommodate that individually."

When fully staffed, the unit should employ about 24 staff.

"We're still recruiting for staff. We're looking for registered nurses that have psychiatric experience," he said. "We have a Master's level social worker, a Bachelor's level social worker, a psychotherapist, a full-time psychiatrist, and a rehabilitative activity therapist. We have technicians that work with the nurses around the clock to help keep the patients safe. Twenty-four I believe is the number of staff members."

Moughon said that those interested in applying can visit the Scenic Mountain Medical Center website at www.smmccares.com and click on careers; or call Scenic Mountain's Human Resources Department at 268-4958.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

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economy. Though the trajectory of lower unemployment and higher growth began under his predecessor, Trump argues that the tax overhaul he signed into law late last year has boosted business confidence and will lead companies to reinvest in the United States.

Considering the strength of the economy, Trump will step before lawmakers Tuesday night in a remarkably weak position. His approval rating has hovered in the 30s for much of his presidency and at the close of 2017, just 3 in 10 Americans said the United States was heading in the right direction, according to a poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. In the same survey, 67 percent of Americans said the country was more divided because of Trump.

It's unlikely Trump will be able to rely on a robust legislative agenda to reverse those numbers in 2018. Congress has struggled with the basic function of funding the government, prompting a brief government shutdown earlier this month that was resolved only with a short-term fix that pushed the spending deadline to Feb. 8.

Against the backdrop of the spending fight, Republicans and Democrats are also wrestling with the future of some 700,000 young immigrants living in the United States illegally. Trump has vowed to protect the so-called Dreamers from deportation, but is also calling for changes to legal immigration that are controversial with both parties.

"We're going to get something done, we hope bipartisan," Trump told reporters Monday, before giving his speech a practice run-through in the White House map room. "The Republicans really don't have the votes to get it done in any other way. So it has to be bipartisan."

Though Democrats are eager to reach a resolution for the young immigrants, the party is hardly in the mood to compromise with Trump ahead of the midterm elections. Lawmakers see Trump's unpopularity as a key to their success in November, and are eager to mobilize Democratic voters itching to deliver the president and his party a defeat at the ballot box.

Seeking to set the tone for their election-year strategy, party leaders have tapped Massachusetts Rep. Joe Kennedy, the grandson of Robert F. Kennedy, to deliver a post-speech rebuttal aimed at casting Democrats, not Trump, as champions of the middle class.

A little help goes a long way



Courtesy photos

On Saturday, January 13, 2018 volunteers from Trinity Baptist Church spent time at the Big Spring's Life Center, where they helped clean up around the facility, and tore down an old carport behind the center and storage house. "It's hard to put into words what this act of service meant to us," said a Life Center employee. "Everyone from Life Center is blessed beyond measure."

On top of that, Layne Tech Roofing donated a dump trailer and the Trinity Baptist Church also provided lunch for everyone involved. The Life Center is looking forward to expanding their building to connect their current building to the storage house.

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incredible communities as far as blood donation goes," said Grace. "We know we will have a good turn out when we come to Big Spring."

To donate blood or platelets, donors must be in good general health, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be at least 16 years old. Parental consent is required for blood donation by 16 year olds or they are not eligible to donate. No parental consent is required for those who are at least 17 years old. If you are 76 or older, donors will need a doctor's written approval for blood or platelet donation.

Donors must have an ID when donating blood. The UBS asks that citizens do not do-

nate blood if they have or had the cold or flu symptoms recently, or do not feel well on the day of donation. Other reasons not to donate include: living with a person with clinical hepatitis B or hepatitis C; donor has a history of cancer in the past year (except some skin or in situ cancers); donor has had a blood transfusion, ear/skin piercing, accidental needle stick, or come in contact with someone else's blood in the past 12 months (with an exception to ear and skin piercing procedures depending on the technique used); donor is or has been pregnant in the past six weeks; donor has been treated for syphilis or gonorrhea in the past 12 months; or donor has used a needle to inject drugs not prescribed for you (including ste-

roids).

Those who donate blood regularly must wait at least 56 days between blood donations and seven days before donating platelets.

Walk-in blood donations are accepted, but appointments are strongly encouraged. An appointment can be scheduled by phone or online with Maegan at 432-267-2225, or by calling 877-827-4376, or you can use the United Blood Services app, or go to bloodhero.com and use the code: motion.

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John Swindell, 87, died Sunday. Funeral services will be at 4:30 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial with Military Honors will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018, at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

Kathrene Ann Charria, 46, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

William Langford Wood, Jr., 75, of San Diego, Calif., formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Nina Mannuzza, 83, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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classroom as well. The first thing colleges do is check with counselors and transcripts and look at grades because when they make a financial commitment to that person, they make sure that person meets those qualities: hard worker, dependable, responsible, and disciplined enough to make good grades. If they can accomplish that, it just magnifies the skill level. A lot of good things have been said about Cierra and she deserves every one of them. We're so proud to be able to share this moment with her because of all the hard work she's put into this. Her friends, teammates, coaches, parents, and teachers believed in her. This ceremony is our way of showing how much we love Cierra Martinez."

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Human remains found in West Texas pit, search for 2nd body

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — A West Texas sheriff says skeletal remains have been found in a trash-filled pit in the search for two teenagers missing since 2015.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter on

Monday said authorities believe a second body is buried at the site and excavation continues in the homicide investigation. The pit is on private property in a rural part of the county.

Painter says remains located Sunday, about

8 feet (2 meters) down, are believed to be female. An autopsy was ordered.

The sheriff says two teens have been missing since October 2015. Painter says an individual was located with some property belong-

ing to the missing pair, whose names weren't released. Further details weren't released.

Painter says the property owner has cooperated and is not a person of interest in the investigation.

Many Puerto Ricans adrift in US hotels after Hurricane Maria



In this Jan. 23, 2018 photo, Leslie Rivera, right, sits with her children, from left, Aaron, Kiara and Yandeliz during an interview in their hotel room at the Rodeway Inn in Tampa, Florida, where they're living after Hurricane Maria destroyed their home in Puerto Rico. "I feel like I am on the streets because I have no clothes. I have nothing for my kids," said Rivera, who was approved for subsidized housing and expects to be settled soon.

By **CLAUDIA TORRENS**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — After they lost their home in Puerto Rico to flooding during Hurricane Maria, Enghie Melendez fled with her family to the U.S. mainland with three suitcases and the hope it wouldn't take long to rebuild their lives. It hasn't worked out that way.

More than four months later, the family of five is squeezed into two rooms in a hotel in Brooklyn. While her husband looks for

work, they are stuck in limbo, eating off paper plates and stepping over clothes in cramped quarters as they try to get settled in an unfamiliar city.

"After the hurricane hit we told the kids that every day was going to be an adventure, but not like this," said the 43-year-old Melendez. "This is turning out to be really hard."

Around the U.S., many Puerto Ricans are similarly adrift in hotels because of the Sept. 20 hurricane. The move north spared them from the misery of the

storm's aftermath on the island. But the transition has often proved to be difficult, disruptive and expensive as people try to find housing, jobs, schools and even furniture and clothes to start fresh on the mainland.

Melendez and her family shuffled between staying with relatives to a homeless shelter to a small hotel in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, forcing her to change schools for her three daughters in the middle of the

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Federal judge blocks Texas' fetal remains burial law

AUSTIN, Texas — A federal judge has again blocked Texas from requiring abortion clinics to bury or cremate fetal remains.

U.S. District Judge David Ezra issued a temporary injunction Monday against the measure that was part of a sweeping anti-abortion law signed by Republican Gov. Greg Abbott last year.

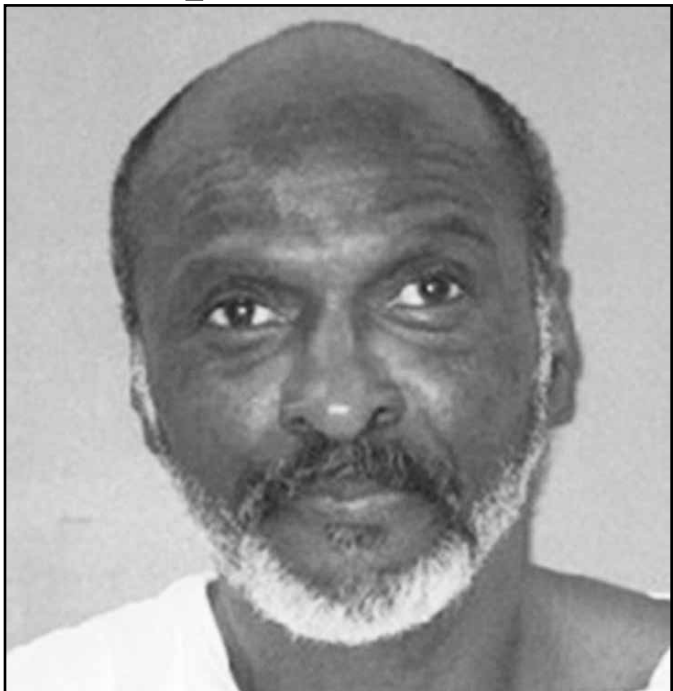
Another part of that law banned a common second-trimester abortion procedure known as dilation and evacu-

ation. Courts have also stopped that from taking effect in Texas.

Abbott originally sought to require the burial or cremation of fetal remains not through the Legislature but through a change in state health rules in 2016. But a judge also blocked those efforts.

Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton says his office will continue fighting to uphold the law. It had been set to take effect Thursday.

Dallas man set to die for 2nd murder while on parole for 1st



This undated photo provided by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shows William Rayford, who is scheduled for execution Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018, for the 1999 killing of his ex-girlfriend Carol Lynn Thomas Hall in Dallas.

By **MICHAEL GRACZYK**

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Carol Lynn Thomas Hall knew William Rayford had spent time in prison for killing his estranged wife but defended her own relationship with him, telling relatives she believed it was her Christian duty to give the parolee a second chance.

The Dallas woman who ran Sunday school at her church became Rayford's second murder victim in an attack eerily similar to his first killing.

Rayford, 64, was set to die Tuesday for Hall's 1999 slaying. He'd be the nation's second inmate executed this year, both in Texas. Another is set for Thursday in Texas.

Attorneys for Rayford were trying to halt his execution, arguing to the U.S. Supreme Court his death sentence was tainted because his lawyer, while questioning a prison expert during the punishment phase of Rayford's trial in 2000, was deficient for introducing the subject of race and whether race is a factor in prison violence.

The witness also was wrong in testifying the racial makeup of a prison "is linked to the amount of violence within that unit, and by obvious implication, that people like Mr. Rayford — a black man — are the cause of the violence," Nadia Wood, a Dallas-based federal public defender, told the high court.

Lawyers also argued in an appeal to a federal judge

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Blue moon, super moon, total lunar eclipse rolled into one



In this Aug. 28, 2007, file photo, the moon takes on different orange tones during a lunar eclipse seen from Mexico City. During a lunar eclipse, the moon's disk can take on a colorful appearance from bright orange to blood red to dark brown and, rarely, very dark gray. On Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018, a super moon, blue moon and a lunar eclipse will coincide for first time since 1982 and will not occur again until 2037.

By **MARCIA DUNN**

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The moon is providing a rare triple treat this week.

On Wednesday, much of the world will get to see not only a blue moon and a super moon, but also a total lunar eclipse, all rolled into one. There hasn't been a triple lineup like this since 1982, and the next won't occur

until 2037. The eclipse will be visible best in the western half of the U.S. and Canada before the moon sets early Wednesday, and across the Pacific into Asia as the moon rises Wednesday night.

A blue moon is the second full moon in a month. A super moon is a particularly close full or new moon. A full lunar eclipse — or blood moon — has the moon completely bathed in Earth's shadow.

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Turning to beet juice and beer to address road salt danger



In this Jan. 16, 2017 file photo, a city truck spreads salt on Q Street in Lincoln, Neb. Scientists are starting to raise concerns about road salt's impact on the environment, especially drinking water, because lakes and streams near roads are showing elevated levels of sodium and chloride.

AP photo

By MICHAEL CASEY
Associated Press
CONCORD, N.H. — Experts who fear road salt is starting to take a toll on the nation's waterways are turning to beet juice, molasses, and even beer or cheese waste to make them safer.

Tossed onto sidewalks and dumped onto highways, salt for decades has provided the cheapest and most effective way to cut down on traffic accidents and pedestrian falls during winter storms.

But researchers cite mounting evidence that those tons of sodium chloride crystals — more than 20 million nationwide each year — are increasing the salinity of hundreds of lakes, especially in the Northeast and Midwest.

That's putting everything from fish and frogs to microscopic zooplankton at risk.

"There has been a sense of alarm on the impacts of road salt on organisms and ecosystems," said Victoria Kelly, a road salt expert at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in New York. "We've seen increasing concentrations in river water, lakes, streams. Then, scientists started asking the question: What is going to happen to the organisms living in freshwater bodies and what will happen to the freshwater bodies as a whole?"

Believed to be first used in the 1940s in New Hampshire, salt became the go-to de-icing agent as cities expanded, highways were built and motorists came to expect clear roads. More than a million

truckloads a year are deployed in ice-prone climes, most heavily in the Northeast and Midwest.

But many state and local agencies are seeking ways to reduce salt use as its environmental impacts are becoming more apparent.

They have turned to high-tech equipment to spread salt more efficiently, better weather forecasting to time their salting, and liquefied organic additives that help salt stick to pavement. That reduces salt use by preventing it from washing away immediately.

Agencies from New Jersey to North Dakota are using a mixture that includes beet juice; New Hampshire and Maine use one

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in Dallas that a federal court earlier improperly denied money for his appeals, that Hall's slaying may not have qualified for a capital murder charge and that Rayford suffered brain damage from lead poisoning because he grew up near a toxic site and carries lead residue from old gunshot wounds.

Prosecutors said arguments about race in the appeal mischaracterized the trial testimony, drew conclusions not supported in the trial record and did not encourage jurors to consider Rayford's race when considering his punishment.

Evidence "more than established" Rayford kidnapped Hall while trying to kill her, supporting the capital murder charge, and arguments about lead poisoning were based on a "vague, general and nebulous conclusion" by a defense expert, Jay Clendenin, an assistant Texas attorney general, said in a court filing.

Evidence showed Hall, who knew Rayford since they both grew up in a Dallas housing project, had broken up with him two months earlier. He entered her home in the Oak Cliff area of south Dallas Nov. 16, 1999, using a key she didn't know he had. Their subsequent argument turned violent. Her son, Benjamin, then 11, was hit on the head and suffered a punctured lung from the stab wound.

Benjamin testified at Rayford's trial how his mother had run from the home with Rayford in pursuit, how Rayford stabbed him in the back while he tried to protect his mom and how he watched as she was carried by Rayford toward the drainage pipe where her body eventually was found.

Benjamin said he was able to find a neighbor. "I asked her, 'could I please go to her house because a man stabbed me,'" he told jurors. "I couldn't hardly breathe."

Evidence showed Hall, 44, was beaten, stabbed repeatedly and strangled. Her body was found 300 feet inside the drainage pipe behind her home.

Police responding to a call about the attack arrested Rayford at the scene. His clothing and face was splattered with Hall's blood. He told an officer Hall could be found "in the hole ... up in the sewer, in the water."

Rayford in 1986 was convicted of murder for fatally stabbing his estranged wife, Gail Rayford, in front of their four children. She'd obtained a court order four days earlier to keep him away.

Rayford was sentenced to 23 years in prison for her slaying but was released after eight years under a then Texas law that allowed release of some prisoners as the state struggled with prison crowding. He'd been on parole for five years when Hall was killed.

On Thursday, John David Battaglia, 62, of Dallas, is set to die for the May 2001 shooting deaths of his 6- and 9-year-old daughters.

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semester.

"The instability is terrible," she said as her husband, who worked as a cook at an Army base near San Juan, used a glass bottle to mash plantains to make a traditional Puerto Rican dish.

Adding to the worries for large numbers of Puerto Ricans is that hotel reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency have started to run out and many say they can't afford temporary housing without assistance.

"It's stressful," said Yalitzia Rodriguez, a 35-year-old from the southern Puerto Rico town of Yauco who has been staying at a hotel in Queens with her elderly mother and husband while he looks for work. "If we don't get an extension we will have nowhere to live."

Maria destroyed between 70,000 and 75,000 homes and damaged an additional 300,000, said Leticia Jover, a spokeswoman for Puerto Rico's Housing Department. The effects of the storm included the widespread loss of power, which is still not restored in some places. Many businesses closed. The result has been an exodus to the mainland.

The Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College estimated in an October study that between 114,000 and 213,000 Puerto Ricans would move to the U.S. mainland over the next 12 months. Most were expected to settle in Florida, followed by Pennsylvania, Texas and New York.

FEMA says there are nearly 4,000 families, more than 10,000 people, receiving hotel assistance from the agency in 42 states because their homes in Puerto Rico are too damaged to occupy. The agency extended the expiration for the program from Jan. 13 to March 20 at the request of the island's governor, but all cases are reviewed for eligibility every 30 days and the payments could end for some people sooner. It's impossible to know how many are in temporary housing without any aid or staying with families.

Leslie Rivera, from the central town of Caguas, has been shuffling among hotels in Tampa, Florida, since December with her three kids, ages 13, 10 and 2. She was approved for subsidized housing and expects to be settled soon but it has been difficult.

"I feel like I am on the streets because I have no clothes. I have nothing for my kids," the 35-year-old said with tears in her eyes.

Marytza Sanz, president of Latino Leadership Orlando, which has been helping displaced families, said many don't know where they will go after FEMA stops paying for their rooms.

"There are people with five dollars in their pockets," she said. "They can't buy detergent, deodorant, medicine."

In Kissimmee, in central Florida, Desiree Torres feels nervous. She has spent more than two months in a hotel with her three children. She says she can't find a job and several local shelters have told her there is no space for her and her children.

"I can't sleep at night," said the 30-year-old Torres, who lost her home in Las Piedras, a southeastern town near where the eye of the storm first crossed the island. "I'm worried about my kids."

After the hurricane, Melendez and her family were forced to sleep for more than three weeks in their garage because of flooding and sewage that entered the home. They left their four dogs with a friend and managed to get on a humanitarian flight. They spent 10 days at Melendez's father-in-law's Manhattan apartment and a month and a half in a Brooklyn shelter. A Puerto Rican activist helped them enter the hotel.

"My kids were in a Manhattan school. We would wake up before 5 a.m. at the shelter to take them there. Now they are in a Brooklyn school," she said. "Where will they be tomorrow?"

For now, they survive on a \$1,700 monthly disability payment that Melendez receives along with about \$300 a month in food stamps.

Her 16-year-old daughter, Enghiemar, does her homework on the floor of the hotel room and tries to keep in touch with friends back home by text.

"I always wanted to come and live here," she said. "But not like this."

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Child experts: Just say 'no' to Facebook's kids app

By **MATT O'BRIEN and BARBARA ORTUTAY**

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Child development experts and advocates are urging Facebook to pull the plug on its new messaging app aimed at kids.

A group letter sent Tuesday to CEO Mark Zuckerberg argues that younger children — the app is intended for those under 13 — aren't ready to have social media accounts, navigate the complexities of online relationships or protect their own privacy.

Facebook launched the free Messenger Kids app in December, pitching it as a way for children to chat with family members and parent-approved friends. It doesn't give kids separate Facebook or Messenger accounts. Rather, the app works as an extension of a parent's account, and parents get controls such as the ability to decide who their kids can chat with.

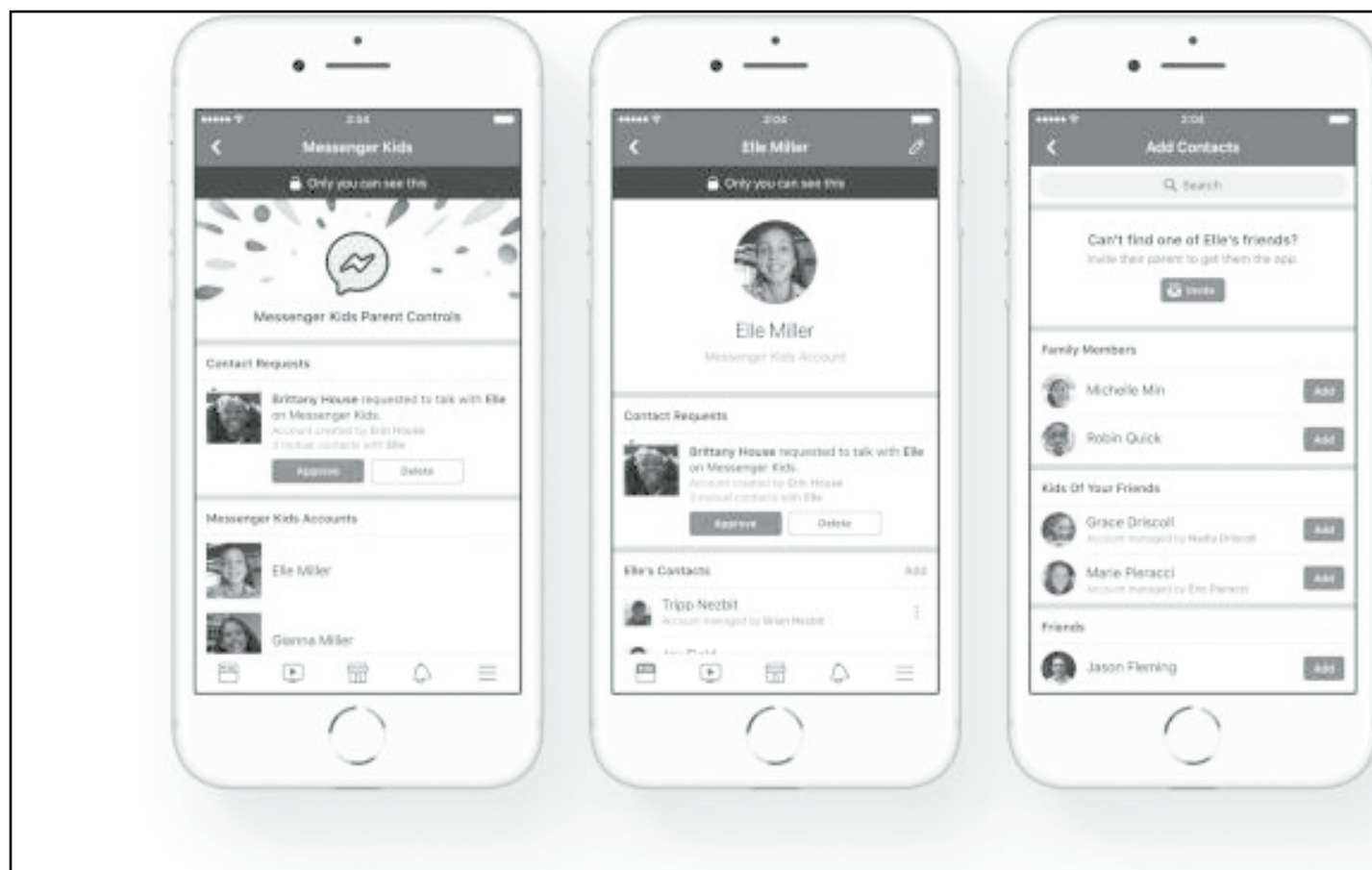
The social media giant has said it fills "a need for a messaging app that lets kids connect with people they love but also has the level of control parents want."

"TARGETING YOUNGER CHILDREN"

But a group of 100 experts, advocates and parenting organizations is contesting those claims. Led by the Boston-based Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood, the group includes psychiatrists, pediatricians, educators and the children's music singer Raffi Cavoukian.

"Messenger Kids is not responding to a need - it is creating one," the letter states. "It appeals primarily to children who otherwise would not have their own social media accounts." Another passage criticized Facebook for "targeting younger children with a new product."

In a statement, Facebook said on Monday that the app "helps parents and children to chat in a safer way," and



This file photo provided by Facebook demonstrates parental controls on Facebook's new Messenger app for kids. Child development experts and advocates are urging Facebook to pull the plug on its new messaging app aimed at kids under 13. A group letter being sent Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018, to CEO Mark Zuckerberg argues that younger children aren't ready to have social media accounts, understand privacy concerns and navigate the complexities of online relationships.

AP photo

emphasized that parents are "always in control" of their kids' activity. The social media giant added that it consulted with parenting experts and families, and said "there is no advertising in Messenger Kids."

KIDS AND FACEBOOK

A variety of experts and technology insiders have begun questioning the effects smartphones and social media apps are having on people's health and mental well-being — whether kids, teens or adults. Sean Parker, Facebook's first president, said late last year that the social media platform exploits "vulnerability in human psychology" to addict users. A chorus of other early employees and investors piled on with similar criticisms.

Many preteens have al-

ready found their way onto Facebook and more youth-oriented social media platforms such as Snapchat and Facebook's own Instagram, despite internal rules that require users to be at least 13 years old. Those rules are based in part on federal law, which prohibits internet companies from collecting personal information on children without their parents' permission and imposes restrictions on advertising to them.

Some companies have offered parental controls as a way of curbing unauthorized preteen use of their platforms. But Facebook's new kid-focused app, which features animations and emojis, seems to cater to a younger audience, said Josh Golin, executive director of Campaign

for a Commercial-Free Childhood.

"It looks like something that would appeal to a 6-year-old or 7-year-old," he said.

UNCERTAIN IMPACT

Facebook wouldn't answer questions about said how popular the messaging app has been. But App Annie, an app analytics firm, said Messenger Kids has been downloaded about 80,000 times on iOS since it launched on Dec. 4. It's been in the top 40 most popular kids' apps since then. That sounds like a lukewarm reception at best.

University of Michigan developmental behavioral pediatrician Jenny Radesky, who co-signed the letter, said she's never met a parent who was clamoring to get their children onto social media at an earlier age.

"One can only assume that Facebook introduced it to engage users younger and younger," Radesky said.

That's troubling, she said, because younger children haven't yet developed the cognitive skills that enable them to think about and regulate their thoughts and actions and "allow them to realize when persuasive technology design might be manipulating them."

At the time it launched Messenger Kids, Facebook said it won't show ads or collect data for marketing to kids. And it stressed that it won't automatically move users to the regular Messenger or Facebook when they get old enough — though it might give them the option to move contacts to Messenger down the line.

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with molasses. Highway departments also have turned to beer waste, pickle brine and, in at least one Wisconsin county, cheese brine.

"Adding salt to the environment does have negative impacts, but for those of us in the Northeast, especially in rural states, where driving is the predominant way of getting around, we need mobility," said Jonathan Rubin, director of the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center and lead author on a 2010 report on the cost and benefits of salting Maine roads.

"In my opinion, we are always going to be using some degree of road salt," he said. "The question is, can we use less?"

Salt corrosion already causes billions of dollars in damage

each year to cars, roads and bridges — and now there are growing signs it's making freshwater ecosystems saltier. In the past 50 years, chloride concentrations in some lakes and rivers quadrupled and, in a few, increased a hundredfold.

Last year, a study in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences concluded that more than 40 percent of 327 lakes examined had experienced long-term salinization, and that thousands more were at a risk. Researchers also estimated nearly 50 lakes in the study, including small ones in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Rhode Island, could surpass the Environmental Protection Agency's chloride threshold concentration by 2050, potentially harming aquatic life.

'Black Panther' receives high praise after first screenings

By **LINDSEY BAHR**

AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Incredible" and "kinetic" are just a few of the loving words that people are using to describe and praise Marvel's "Black Panther."

The film from director Ryan Coogler had its first screenings Monday night and a premiere in Los Angeles. Official reviews won't go out until Feb. 6, but audiences at the select screenings were able to share non-spoiler reactions on social media.

Los Angeles Times writer Jen Yamato wrote that it is the first Marvel movie about something real.

"Black Panther" is incredible, kinetic, purposeful," Yamato wrote. "A superhero movie about why representation & identity matters, and how tragic it is when those things are denied to people."

The film features a largely black cast including Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan and Lupita Nyong'o. It follows T'Challa (Boseman) after the death of his father, the king of the fictional African nation of Wakanda, and his ascension to the throne.

"I never wanted this movie to end, and as soon as it did I wanted to go back," tweeted Mashable critic Angie Han. "Solid action, smart story, tons of personality."

Han and Vulture editor Kyle Buchanan both singled out Letitia Wright for her character Shuri, T'Challa's inventor sister. Many spoke highly of Jordan's Erik Killmonger, a villain, and Danai Gurira's warrior character Okoye too.

A few called it Marvel's most political film to date. Others were more tempered like writer Dave Schilling who says, "Black Panther" is not the best Marvel movie. It's not the worst Marvel movie.

It's an entertaining movie." IndieWire critic David Ehrlich wrote that it's, "Like a Marvel movie but bet-

ter. The action is predictably awful, but this is the first MCU film that has an actual sense of identity & history & musicality."

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Going, going ... Indians removing Wahoo logo from uniforms

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — A smiling reminder of lazy summer days. An ugly depiction of racism.

Beloved by some, reviled by others.

Chief Wahoo — the grinning, wide-eyed, feather-wearing logo that has divided baseball fans and even families in Cleveland — is being tossed from the game.

Major League Baseball announced Monday that starting in the 2019 season, the Indians will no longer have the polarizing Wahoo logo —

used by the club since 1947 — on their jersey sleeves or caps.

Following discussions over the past year between Commissioner Rob Manfred and team owner Paul Dolan, the sides agreed that the cartoonish caricature is "no longer appropriate for on-field use."

It's being applauded as a significant step by some Native American groups, who hope the move pushes other major league franchises, like the NFL's Washington Redskins, to abolish logos or change nicknames deemed offensive.

"It's a step in the right direction," said Philip Yenyo, executive director of the American Indian Movement of Ohio.

While Yenyo was elated when the AP informed him of Wahoo's diminishing status, he also expressed deep disappointment that the Indians will continue to wear the logo during the upcoming season and sell merchandise featuring the big-toothed emblem.

"I don't understand why they're drawing this out," Yenyo said. "It doesn't make any sense to me, unless they want to continue to make what's

basically blood money. Just make the leap already."

It may be more complicated than that in Cleveland. Although the club won't acknowledge it publicly, there were financial reasons to consider in banning Wahoo. The team will still profit from its use by selling caps, T-shirts and others products featuring Wahoo in the Cleveland area.

By maintaining the trademark, the Indians will keep control of the logo and its usage. If they surrendered the trademark, another party could use Wahoo anyway it

wished.

Manfred said the impetus to remove Wahoo came from MLB's commitment to "building a culture of diversity and inclusion throughout the game." The Commissioner had been urging the Indians to drop the logo since 2016, when the club made its first World Series in 19 years and the national spotlight further illuminated an already touchy subject.

Although MLB and the Indians claim that Cleveland being awarded the 2019 All-Star Game did not play

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Heat sweeps Mavs



AP photo

Miami Heat center Hassan Whiteside (21) works against Dallas Mavericks guard Wesley Matthews (23) for a shot-attempt in the first half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Jan. 29, 2018, in Dallas.

Heat complete another season sweep of Mavs with 95-88 win

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Hassan Whiteside had an impressive response after a long conversation with Eric Spoelstra, and the Miami Heat completed another season sweep of the Dallas Mavericks.

Whiteside scored 25 points with 14 rebounds in the Heat's 95-88 victory Monday night, a day after the center and his coach spoke for about an hour.

"I sat on it, I slept on it, and I thought about it a whole lot," Whiteside said.

Asked the gist of the conversation, Whiteside responded: "Just different things and different challenges he had for me, both from what we've seen out there."

The Heat never trailed after Goran Dragic made a steal that led to Tyler Johnson's tiebreaking 3-pointer to make it 38-35 with just under 4 1/2 minutes left in the first half. Their lead went to double digits again after Whiteside had consecutive baskets midway through the third quarter.

"He had some great games like this where he's really put his fingerprints on the competition to impact winning," Spoelstra said. "You felt his presence from the very get-go, and it's all now about the consistency night in and night out."

This is the 14th time in their 30 seasons that the Heat, who beat Dallas 113-101 at home on Dec. 22, have swept the regular-season series. These teams met twice in the NBA Finals, with Miami getting its first

championship in 2006 and the Mavs winning their only title in 2011.

Harrison Barnes had 20 points and Wesley Matthews 19 for the Mavericks (16-35), who have dropped four games in a row and seven of eight overall.

Miami (29-21) led 51-41 when Josh Richardson hit a 3-pointer with 41 seconds left in the first half. But the Mavs trimmed that in half when rookie Dennis Smith Jr. made a deflected buzzer-beating 3-pointer from about 27 feet to make it 51-46. James Johnson had a hand up in front of Smith's face with Whiteside coming from the side.

Richardson had 14 points for the Heat, while Dragic had 13 and Kelly Olynyk 12.

Smith scored 14 for Dallas, and Dirk Nowitzki 10.

TIP-INS

Heat: Whiteside had his 18th double-double this season. ... For the second game in a row, Miami won to complete a season sweep. The Heat beat Charlotte on Saturday night to wrap up a four-game series sweep. ... The only team the Heat have swept more in the regular season is Sacramento at 15 times. Miami lost to the Kings already this season.

Mavericks: Nowitzki has played 49,941 career minutes, 59 shy of becoming the sixth player in NBA history with 50,000. Elvin Hayes played exactly 50,000 minutes, and former Mavericks guard Jason Kidd is fourth on the list at 50,111. "It's a very staggering accomplishment and done with grace and such little hype that it's prob-

ably very much taken for granted," coach Rick Carlisle said. ... G.J.J. Barea missed his second straight game because of a left oblique strain. ... Devin Harris was back after missing four games because of a concussion and personal reasons. He was 1-of-7 shooting in 16 1/2 minutes.

DOWN THE STRETCH

The Mavericks got within three in the final minute after being down 17 with six minutes to go. "We have to play like that the whole game," Carlisle said. "I am pretty upbeat about a lot of things, but I don't think you make a living in this league with moral victories, about, 'Hey, we did some good things down the stretch.' It's not going to get you there."

As Barnes said, "Look at the other 44 minutes, that's the biggest thing for us right now. ... We're showing that we can have these comebacks. But that's not the issue. It's what we're doing before that to put ourselves in that position."

IN FRONT OF THE FOLKS

Richardson's parents drove down from Oklahoma City to see the Heat and their son play. "It's always dope to see them in the crowd, see your parents sitting there and cheering you on because it doesn't really happen as much in the NBA," Richardson said.

UP NEXT

Miami, which has three stops left on its four-game trip, plays Cleveland on Wednesday night.

The Mavericks hit the road for four games over nine nights, starting Wednesday at Phoenix.

Pistons acquire Griffin from Clippers in blockbuster deal

By NOAH TRISTER

AP Sports Writer

The Detroit Pistons dramatically shook their struggling roster, acquiring five-time All-Star forward Blake Griffin in a trade with the Los Angeles Clippers.

The Pistons announced the deal for the face of the Clippers early Tuesday. Detroit forward Tobias Harris, guard Avery Bradley and center Boban Marjanovic to Los Angeles, with the Clippers also receiving draft picks. Detroit also acquired forward Brice Johnson and center Willie Reed.

"We are serious about winning, and this is a major move to improve our team," Pistons owner Tom Gores said in a statement. "Blake Griffin is one of the NBA's elite players, and when you get an opportunity to add that kind of talent, you take it."

The 28-year-old Griffin is averaging 22.6 points, 7.9 rebounds and 5.4 assists in 33 games this season, but the Clippers have been plagued by injuries and are ninth in the Western Conference standings.

Detroit is scuffling as well. The Pistons have lost eight straight heading into Tuesday night's game against Cleveland.

Last July, Griffin agreed to a \$171 million, five-year deal, ending a brief flirtation with free agency. He told his teammates, coach Doc Rivers and owner Steve Ballmer, "I want my legacy to be a Clipper."

The deal didn't include a no-trade clause for the second-leading scorer in franchise history with 10,863 points.

"Blake is one of the best players ever to wear a Clippers jersey. We want to express our gratitude and respect for everything he has done for this team and the city of Los Angeles," said Lawrence Frank, Clippers president of basketball operations. "This was a very difficult decision, but we ultimately felt it was appropriate for the franchise."

Griffin gives Detroit's frontcourt another standout alongside Andre Drummond, but it also represents a clear change in course from the roster the Pistons had assembled. Detroit acquired Bradley in a trade with Boston last offseason, but he's in the final season of his contract. Harris has been impressive for the Pistons this season, shooting a career-best 41 percent from 3-point range.

"The move is not without risk. We gave up a lot to get him, including Tobias Harris — one of the hardest-working, highest-character players I know — and two high-quality young men in Avery Bradley and Boban Marjanovic," Gores said. "But we are very excited to bring Blake Griffin to Detroit. He is a great fit for our team and will bring a combination of toughness and athleticism that will elevate our team and excite our fans."

Detroit's season was looking promising until a late-December injury to point guard Reggie Jackson. The Pistons have stumbled while he's been out with a

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Midday Moon Change

Some scientists think humans are evolving faster due to our larger population. Other scientists think we're evolving slower for the same reason. Maybe you can relate to the confusion on the matter, especially under this changing moon. Personal evolution seems to go in spurts with our mixed reaction to the stimulus of the big wide world.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll decide quickly and execute just as fast. This is the kind of behavior that makes some people fall in love with you, others want to hire you and still others feel a little afraid of you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As the sign of luxury items you have more than the usual tendency for shiny-object syndrome. Today, once again, things that catch the light will beckon you nigh and have you reaching for the wallet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You can't do everything, but you can do something -- and do something you will. And you'll probably be surprised by what a small accomplishment can begin.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To think a person or idea is either totally right or totally wrong -- that kind of mental laziness would make today's dilemma easy for you. But of course you see every shade of gray, and so it's not an option.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Going the extra mile once will put you a mile ahead of the competition. Going the extra mile every day will put you ahead seven miles in a week. A month and the competition will be... well, no longer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Technicalities might hang you up, and there's an opportunity in this. Don't wish for fewer problems. Get more skills. Getting better at solving one issue will help you with many more.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The difference between external and internal wealth is that inner wealth makes external wealth irrelevant. With inner

setting. Love promises will be made in May. Cancer and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 1, 18 and 42.

COSMICALLY CURIOUS ABOUT... THE MOON OPPOSITION TO MERCURY.

There is a disagreement among human communication experts regarding exactly what percentage of meaning is derived from nonverbal cues. Some say it's as much as 93 percent. Others put the number in the 60-70 percent range. But nearly all agree that more is conveyed through our vocal tones and the movements of the face and body than is communicated through our words. Words are often an ideal we try to live up to. Facial muscles and bodies operate in a more immediate, unconscious and fluid dimension. They react to the current stimulus instead of pondering options. Our bodies don't weigh the politics, alliances and agreements before choosing a response. They have their own reasons, at once intricate and basic, for doing what they do. Often when words lie, faces, voices and bodies tell the truth. When the moon and Mercury polarize and pull at each other from across the sky like a cosmic tug of war, it's a reminder that!

if you want to influence people you have to get to know and understand them. Pay attention to what they are really telling you on all levels. Listen to the words, but give more attention to the meaning you can derive from non-verbal cues.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Christian Bale's ability to transform his body and disappear into a character has made for an impressively eclectic mix of film roles. True to his astrological nature (Bale's natal sun, Mercury and Jupiter are all in philanthropic Aquarius), the Academy Award-winning actor devotes his time and money to Green Peace and the World Wide Fund for Nature.

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♥ 7 6 4 2
♦ K 3
♣ A Q J
WEST
♠ J 9 5 2
♥ K Q 9
♦ 8 6 2
♣ 10 4 2
EAST
♠ 10 4 3
♥ 3
♦ 10 9 7 5 4
♣ 9 8 7 6

SOUTH
♠ A 6
♥ A J 10 8 5
♦ A Q J
♣ K 5 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2NT Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥ Pass 6♥ Pass
Pass Dble Pass

Opening lead — two of spades.

It rarely pays to double opponents who voluntarily undertake a slam unless you are absolutely certain of defeating it. This is particularly true in cases where declarer may be able to alter his line of play to take advantage of the information furnished by the double.

Consider this classic example where declarer got to six hearts as

shown. It is highly unlikely he would have made the slam had West continued to pass throughout. But West let the cat out of the bag by doubling six hearts.

A spade was led, and declarer reasoned that the only sensible explanation for West's double was that he expected to score two trump tricks. South therefore formulated a line of play designed to do West out of one of those tricks.

He cashed the A-K of spades and then — acting on the assumption that West had the 4-3-3-3 distribution that would allow the slam to be made — ruffed a spade in order to reduce his trump length. Next he cashed three club tricks, followed by the K-A of diamonds and a diamond ruff in dummy. Finally, declarer ruffed dummy's queen of spades.

At this point, 10 tricks had been played, and South still had the A-J-10 of trumps while West had the K-Q-9. The jack-of-hearts lead then settled West's hash. He could win one trump trick but no more.

Declarer scored 1,660 points for making the doubled slam. Had West remained silent during the bidding, as he should have, he would have wound up plus 100. In attempting to gain an extra 100 points by doubling, West thus cost himself 1,760 points.

Tomorrow: Avoiding a finesse.
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9	7	1	6	4	8	5	3	2
8	3	2	5	9	6	7	1	4
6	8	2	3	1	7	5	4	9
2	7	5	4	2	7	5	3	1
5	3	1	6	9	8	4	2	7
4	7	9	2	3	5	8	6	1
8	2	6	1	7	4	9	5	3
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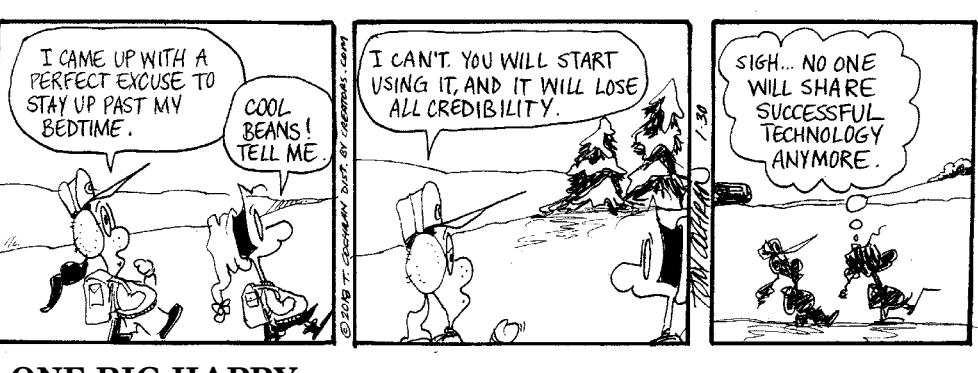
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 2018. There are 335 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 30, 1968, the Tet Offensive began during the Vietnam War as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese towns and cities; although the Communists were beaten back, the offensive was seen as a major setback for the U.S. and its allies.

On this date:

In 1649, England's King Charles I was executed for high treason.

In 1798, during a meeting of the U.S. House of Representatives in Philadelphia, Matthew Lyon of Vermont spat tobacco juice in the face of Roger Griswold of Connecticut (two weeks later, Griswold physically attacked Lyon on the House floor).

In 1882, the 32nd president of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was born in Hyde Park, New York.

In 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany. The first episode of the "Lone Ranger" radio program was broadcast on station WXYZ in Detroit.

In 1945, during World War II, a Soviet submarine torpedoed the German ship MV Wilhelm Gustloff in the Baltic Sea with the loss of more than 9,000 lives, most of them war refugees; roughly 1,000 people survived.

Adolf Hitler marked the 12th anniversary of his appointment as Germany's chancellor with his last public speech in which he called on Germans to keep resisting until victory.

In 1948, Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi, 78, was shot and killed in New Delhi by Nathuram Godse (neh-too-RAHM' gahd-SAY'), a Hindu extremist. (Godse and a co-conspirator were later executed.) Aviation pioneer Orville Wright, 76, died in Dayton, Ohio.

In 1958, "Sunrise at Campobello," a play by Dore Scharly (DOHR'-ee SHER'-ee) about Franklin D. Roosevelt's struggle against polio, opened on Broadway with Ralph Bellamy as FDR.

In 1962, two members of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act were killed when their seven-person

pyramid collapsed during a performance at the State Fair Coliseum in Detroit.

In 1969, The Beatles staged an impromptu concert atop Apple headquarters in London; it was the group's last public performance.

In 1972, 13 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

In 1981, an estimated 2 million New Yorkers turned out for a ticker-tape parade honoring the American hostages freed from Iran.

In 1993, Los Angeles inaugurated its Metro Red Line, the city's first modern subway.

Ten years ago: John Edwards bowed out of the race for the Democratic presidential nomination. Rudy Giuliani dropped out of the Republican presidential contest and endorsed front-runner and longtime friend John McCain. The Federal Reserve cut a key interest rate for the second time in just over a week, reducing the federal funds rate by a half point to 3 percent.

Five years ago: In a dramatic appeal before the Senate Judiciary Committee, wounded former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords urged Congress to enact tougher curbs on guns, saying, "too many children are dying" without them. Patty Andrews, 94, the last surviving member of the singing Andrews Sisters trio, died in the Los Angeles suburb of Northridge.

One year ago: President Donald Trump fired Acting U.S. Attorney General Sally Yates after she publicly questioned the constitutionality of his controversial refugee and immigration ban and refused to defend it in court. It became legal in Maine to possess and grow marijuana.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Michael Anderson is 98. Producer-director Harold Prince is 90. Actor Gene Hackman is 88. Actress Vanessa Redgrave is 81. Country singer Jeanne

Pruett is 81. Chess grandmaster Boris Spassky is 81. Country singer Norma Jean is 80. Former Vice President Dick Cheney is 77. Rock singer Marty Balin is 76. Rhythm-and-blues musician William King (The Commodores) is 69. Singer Phil Collins is 67. Actor Charles S. Dutton is 67. World Golf Hall of Famer Curtis Strange is 63. Actress

Ann Dowd is 62. Actress-comedian Brett Butler is 60. Singer Jody Watley is 59. Actor-filmmaker Dexter Scott King is 57. The King of Jordan, Abdullah II, is 56. Actor Wayne Wilderson (TV: "Veep") is 52. Actor Norbert Leo Butz is 51. The King of Spain, Felipe VI, is 50. Country singer Tammy Cochran is 46. Actor Christian Bale is 44. Rock

musician Carl Broemel (My Morning Jacket) is 44. Actress Olivia Colman is 44. Actress-singer Lena Hall is 38. Pop-country singer-songwriter Josh Kelley is 38. Actor Wilmer Valderrama is 38. Actress Mary Hollis Imboden is 32. Actress Kylie Bunbury is 29. Actor Jake Thomas is 28. Actress Danielle Campbell is 23.

Thought for Today:
"History repeats itself in the large because human nature changes with geological leisureliness."
Will (1885-1981) and Ariel Durant (1898-1981) American historians.
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fried chicken piece
 - 6 Segments of a play
 - 10 Karate blow
 - 14 "Do ya ___ bet?"
 - 15 Ark builder
 - 16 Walk back and forth
 - 17 Equally distant
 - 18 "Me, neither"
 - 19 Metallic rocks
 - 20 Spectacular performance
 - 23 Flying mammal
 - 24 Sailor's greeting
 - 25 Sour fruits
 - 27 Alloy used for mugs
 - 30 Cry of dismay
 - 32 Big fuss
 - 33 Untrustworthy one
 - 35 Rosters
 - 38 Glowing gas in store signs
 - 40 Lustrous fabric
 - 42 Jump
 - 43 Brought to a close
 - 45 Be worthy of
 - 47 Tire contents
 - 48 Blackboard accessory
 - 50 A bit cold outside
 - 52 Indicate
 - 54 Throat-clearing sound
 - 55 Dog registry org.
 - 56 World traveler's electrical gadget
 - 62 Cleopatra's river
 - 64 Brother of Cain
 - 65 Elk's cousin
 - 66 Part of a tied tie

- DOWN**
- 1 "___ the night before Christmas..."
 - 2 Corned beef concoction
 - 3 Useful facts
 - 4 Chew on, as a dog with a bone
 - 5 More severe
 - 6 Irritate
 - 7 Hens' home
 - 8 Waterproof covering
 - 9 Police officer's badge
 - 10 Navy noncom: Abbr.
 - 11 Coastal aquatic mammal
 - 12 Whale's habitat
 - 13 Bothersome ones
 - 21 Bulls, in Spain
 - 22 Rod and ___ (fishing gear)
 - 26 Postal delivery
 - 27 Window glass
 - 28 Genesis paradise
 - 29 Traditional Dutch shoe
 - 30 External
 - 31 Crown prince, for example
 - 34 Monopoly or Clue

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LOGO

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into the decision, it's clear that Manfred, who has been exerting more pressure on Dolan to dump Wahoo, did not want another big event tainted by the contentious logo's presence.

It was time for it to go. "While we recognize many of our fans have a longstanding attachment to Chief Wahoo, I'm ultimately in agreement with Commissioner Manfred's desire to remove the logo from our uniforms in 2019," Dolan said in announcing the decision.

The Indians may consider an alternative logo in the future, but the team has no plans to change its nickname. The club had already taken steps to address the concerns of Wahoo protesters, like reducing the logo's visibility and introducing a block 'C' as the club's primary insignia.

That wasn't enough for some Native American groups who believed the logo and nickname diminished them as people.

Yenyo believes changing the nickname is the only thing that will alter the behavior of some fans who may not realize how much their actions hurt others.

"If they don't get rid of the name, then you're still going to have fans going down there

wearing headdresses and painted in red face," he said.

There was no immediate reaction from Indians players to MLB's decision.

However, Cleveland fans were quick to respond on social media, weighing in on a topic that has become engrained in the Cleveland sports lexicon for decades.

"It's a big disappointment," Jeremiah Baker of North Ridgeville, Ohio, said after picking through a clearance bin of caps with his wife and two children at a suburban sporting goods store. "Chief Wahoo has been so iconic for so many years, and I understand that some people may be offended, but it's a blow to native Clevelanders."

It will be interesting to see if Wahoo gains popularity following the decision to remove the scarlet-faced insignia. Cleveland's players may no longer be adorned with the logo in '19, but it will remain prominent in the stands as fans won't be denied for wearing caps and T-shirts or bringing signs backing the infamous chief into the ballpark.

And to some,



AP photo

A Chief Wahoo logo is shown on a baseball at the Cleveland Indians team shop, Monday, Jan. 29, 2018, in Cleveland. Divisive and hotly debated, the Chief Wahoo logo is being removed from the Cleveland Indians' uniform next year. The polarizing mascot is coming off the team's jersey sleeves and caps starting in the 2019 season. The Club will still sell merchandise featuring the mascot in Northeast Ohio.

that's a sign of the times.

"That's the way it is, I guess," said Baker, wearing one of the team's blue caps with a red 'C'. "I know people

get offended about just about everything nowadays. It's disappointing."

Change was inevitable, and it finally happened as the In-

dians near the start of a new season — the last one with Chief Wahoo on the field.

GRIFFIN

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sprained right ankle, and the team is facing the prospect of missing the playoffs in its first season at its new downtown arena.

Detroit's next six games are at home, so the Pistons will have a chance to turn this season around — and an opportunity to build for a future with both Griffin and Drummond.

"His presence will help us offensively and his size gives us another rebounder and weapon in the paint," said Stan Van Gundy, Detroit's coach and team president. "Willie Reed and Brice Johnson are two young players that give us size and depth." For the Clippers, moving Griffin continues a makeover of a franchise.

The Clippers traded All-Star point guard Chris Paul to Houston last summer. He had been credited with bringing respectability to the team that was once the laughingstock of the league. Without Paul, Los Angeles won its first four games to open the season, and then lost nine of its next 11. The team is one game above .500 going into Tuesday night's game against Portland.

Paul's replacement, Patrick Beverley, has missed the entire season after right knee surgery.

Yet owner Steve Ballmer remains optimistic. "While change is hard, my confidence in our front office, led by Lawrence Frank and Michael Winger, along with the sage counsel of Jerry West, has never been higher," he said in a statement. "I believe today, more than ever, in our ultimate goal of winning an NBA championship."

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Israel president attends Holocaust museum ceremony in Greece

By **COSTAS KANTOURIS**

Associated Press

THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP) — Israel's president and Greece's prime minister attended a foundation ceremony on Tuesday for a Holocaust memorial museum in the Greek city of Thessaloniki, which lost 97 percent of its Jewish community in German World War II death camps.

Reuven Rivlin and Alexis Tsipras symbolically planted two olive trees on the plot.

The planned six-story building will be built by 2020, next to the northern city's old railway station, from which around 55,000 Thessaloniki Jews were forced into goods wagons for the camps. About 50,000 died there.

Tsipras said the museum will fulfill an old debt for the city, around 40 percent of whose pre-war population was Jewish.

Overall, about 90 percent of Greece's Jewish population

was killed by Nazi forces during the war.

"It is very important for Thessaloniki, for the Jewish community, and for humanity that the city is getting a Holocaust museum," Auschwitz camp survivor Heinz Kunio said.

Kunio, 90, was among the first group of Thessaloniki Jews to reach the concentration camp in 1943, together with his sister and parents. All survived because they spoke German and were employed as interpreters.

"I will always remember the five great chimneys that belched black smoke 30 meters (90 feet) high," he told The Associated Press. "And underneath there was something like white swirling steam. Above was the smoke from the bodies, and below from the souls of the dead."

The museum will occupy a plot close to the former Jewish neighborhood of Baron Hirsch, turned by the Germans into a ghetto and tran-

sit camp.

Designed by Israeli and German architects, its funding will include contributions from the German government and Thessaloniki's Jewish community — currently about 1,300-strong.

Community leader David Saltiel told the AP that the project enjoyed strong backing from the city's residents and officials.

"This city had been covered in a veil of silence," he said. "Survivors (from the Nazi camps) didn't find the best possible conditions when they returned, which is why Thessaloniki's Jews were doubtful as to whether this project would go ahead. But now everyone wants it."

Thessaloniki mayor Yiannis Boutaris said the museum would tell the story of Jewish communities from all over Greece and the southwestern Balkans.

"It will symbolize our shame," he said. "For what happened, for what we did,



AP photo

Israel's President Reuven Rivlin speaks during a foundation stone-laying ceremony for a planned Holocaust museum, in the northern port city of Thessaloniki, Greece, on Tuesday, Jan. 30 2018. Thessaloniki's new museum will be built next to the railway station where the city's Jews boarded the trains taking them to the camps. Thessaloniki's 55,000-strong Jewish population was deported by Nazi forces during World War II and most of its members were murdered in German concentration camps.

and mostly for what we could not or did not wish to do ... during and after the war."

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