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RUSSIA'S WAR ON UKRAINE

A prayer for peace in Mount Prospect

Village offers formal support for Ukraine, whose ex-first lady grew up in 'burbs

BY STEVE ZALUSKY szalusky@dailyherald.com

After hearing from members of its Ukrainian American community, and noting the village's ties to the European nation, Mount Prospect leaders this week issued a formal proclamation in support of Ukraine as it fights off a Russian invasion.

"I know Mr. Putin is not going to listen to a mayor in Mount Prospect, Illinois, but I would send a message to him to stop killing the innocent and stop the senseless aggression, and, frankly, the war crimes," Mayor Paul Hoefert said of the proclamation.

Hoefert also encouraged residents to join in a day of prayer for Ukraine on Sunday.

The proclamation came after village leaders heard from residents with close ties to Ukraine, including Katya Mischenko-Mycyk, whose mother, Valentina, fled the nation at 7 years old during World War II.

"The last 20 days have been the longest 20 days of our lives," she said, expressing concern for family members and friends in Ukraine who are "trapped in occupied towns with no ability to get out, who are being shot at, who have no food, who have no electricity."

"My mother witnessed these atrocities herself (during World War II)," Mischenko-Mycyk added. "And I, as a first-generation American, never imagined I would be seeing them again."

Valentina Mischenko said the current events in Ukraine bring back unhappy memories from the turmoil of World War II.

"I'm always crying," she said.

Mischenko-Mycyk also read a letter she received from Kateryna Yushchenko, the former first lady of Ukraine, who grew up in Mount Prospect and graduated from Prospect High School.

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Ukrainian firefighters extinguish a warehouse blaze Thursday after a bombing in Kyiv, Ukraine.

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Civilian suffering

Russia steps up attacks on Ukraine's vulnerable areas

BY ANDREA ROSA Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Rescue workers searched for survivors Thursday in the ruins of a theater blown apart by a Russian airstrike in the besieged city of Mariupol, while scores of Ukrainians across the country were killed in ferocious urban attacks on a school, a hostel and other sites.

Hundreds of civilians had been taking shelter in the grand, columned theater in central Mariupol after their homes were destroyed in three weeks of fighting in the southern port city of 430,000.

More than a day after the airstrike, there were no reports of deaths. With communications disrupted



This satellite image shows burning buildings Wednesday in a residential area in northeast Chernihiv, Ukraine.

strikes. Video and photos provided by the Ukrainian military showed that the at least three-story building had been reduced to a roofless shell, with some

movement difficult because of shelling and other fighting, there were conflicting reports on whether anyone had emerged from the rubble.

"We hope and we think that some people who stayed in the shelter under the theater could survive," Petro Andrushchenko, an official with the mayor's office said. He said the building had a relatively modern basement bomb shelter designed to withstand air-

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Suburban police departments donate vests, helmets, more



KEESHAN & SARKAUSKAS COPS & CRIME

Local police departments are supporting Ukrainians fighting against Russia's invasion.

And it's not just "thoughts and prayers" they're sending, but protective vests and other gear.

The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police put out the call for items March 9, on behalf of retired Mokena police chief Steven Vaccaro.

Vaccaro's sister, Jennifer Doloski, has adopted three children from Ukraine in the last decade, working with Hand of Help in Adoption, a Ukrainian adoption organization.

The founder of the organization was killed Feb. 26 in Kiev, by sniper fire, according to Doloski.

Two members of the group then asked their American clients for bulletproof vests, for volunteer combatants.

The vests are being sent to an intermediary in Poland, working with people to get them to Ukraine.

Doloski asked her brother to reach out to his contacts. "This has snowballed into so much more" than she

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Police officers help manage traffic as drivers wait in line for free gas Thursday morning at a station near Pulaski Road and Montrose Avenue in Chicago.

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THE BEARS AT ARLINGTON PARK

'Hypothetical stage' is over, mayor says

Hayes excited for Arlington Hts. as Bears hire three design firms

BY RUSSELL LISSAU rlissau@dailyherald.com



Tom Hayes

The Chicago Bears' hiring of architects and other consultants for a proposed new stadium at Arlington Park shows the team is serious about moving to Arlington Heights, Mayor Tom Hayes said Thursday.

"We're very far past the hypothetical stage," Hayes said. "It's very exciting news."

Hayes said village leaders have received "no indication" the Bears' proposal to take over the racetrack property on Euclid Avenue isn't for real, or a possible ploy to negotiate a better deal with Chicago officials to stay in the city.

He's also confident the Bears are talking about putting a full-fledged stadium on the racetrack site, as opposed to a practice facility.

After all, Hayes said, a multimillion-dollar renovation of the team's Halas Hall headquarters in Lake Forest wrapped up less than three years ago.

"I don't see them relocating that facility," Hayes said.

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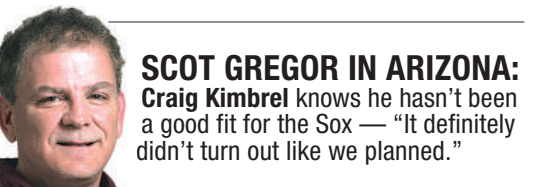
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MICHIGAN ADVANCES:

Michigan's Hunter Dickinson, left, and Frankie Collins celebrate their first-round win over Colorado State in Indianapolis. Thursday wasn't a happy day for Michigan's fellow Big Ten teams, though — Iowa and Indiana both lost.



SCOT GREGOR IN ARIZONA:

Craig Kimbrel knows he hasn't been a good fit for the Sox — "It definitely didn't turn out like we planned."

Free and furious: Gas giveaway snarls traffic

BY STEFANO ESPOSITO AND DAVID STRUETT Chicago Sun-Times

The gas station shimmered up ahead, like an oasis for the woman's thirsty vehicle — a tantalizing half-dozen car lengths away.

She'd been waiting for 2½ hours Thursday morning to get some of mayoral candidate Willie Wilson's free gasoline, from a BP station at Pulaski Road and Montrose Avenue. But then a Chicago

police officer directing traffic told her she was in the wrong lane. He wouldn't let her cut in, causing the woman to yell an expletive over and over.

The woman's futile shouts were soon lost in the cacophony of car horns heard up and down a line of cars that stretched as far as the eye could see south of Pulaski along Elston.

It perhaps wasn't surprising, given the skyrocketing price of gas.

"Relax!" barked a police

officer at a man who was a little too eager to fill up his tank.

Wilson said he was donating \$200,000 worth of gas in \$50 increments to anyone who claimed a spot in line at 10 participating stations across the city. The giveaway started at 7 a.m. and was expected to end when all the money was spent. There were cursing drivers, occasional fender-benders and — at the Pulaski and Montrose location — at least a half-dozen patrol cars directing traffic.

"This helps a few people and hurts a lot," grumbled another driver who was stuck in traffic, but was not waiting for free gas.

And, of course, there were plenty of grateful drivers.

"A lot of people are struggling," said a woman, identifying herself only as Kathy. "So for something like this to be available, and for someone to do such a wonderful thing, it's very, very nice."

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Weather

Goodbye, sun.

Sigh. High of 42.

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