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'BRUTAL ACT OF WAR'

RUSSIA INVADES UKRAINE; SANCTIONS IMPOSED



Black smoke rises from a military airport in Chuguyev near Kharkiv, Ukraine, on Thursday.

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Zelenskyy: Ukrainians defending country, 'won't give up its freedom'

By Yuras Karmanau, Jim Heintz, Vladimir Isachenkov and Dasha Litvinova
The Associated Press

KYIV, UKRAINE » Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine on Thursday, unleashing airstrikes on cities and military bases and sending in troops and tanks from three sides in an attack that could rewrite the global post-Cold War security order. Ukraine's government pleaded for help as civilians piled into trains and cars to flee.

Scores of Ukrainians, civilians and service members alike, were killed in the first full day of fighting, and the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv appeared to be increasingly threatened. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the government had information that "subversive groups" were encroaching on the city, and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Kyiv "could well be under siege."

Ukrainian forces braced for more attacks after enduring a Russian barrage of land- and sea-based missiles, an as-

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Hundreds of people, including many women and children, take shelter inside a metro station as explosions are heard in downtown Kharkiv.

SALWAN GEORGES — THE WASHINGTON POST

Local Ukrainians react: Diplomacy trampled by heartbreak of war

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Father Daniel Schaicoski went to bed Wednesday night thinking there was still a chance for peace in Ukraine.

So did many of his parishioners and families at Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Church and School in Warren

But it was not peace he woke up to but rather the horrific news that Russia was on the move.

He prayed and then wept. "I didn't think anything would happen but I opened the computer and saw it was happening," he said. "Even some people in Ukraine, I know, did not believe it until it was happening."

Russia did not just cross the border into Ukraine, it invaded the country with all of its might, unleashing airstrikes on cities and military bases and sending troops and tanks from multiple directions in a move that could rewrite the world's geopolitical landscape. Ukraine's government pleaded for help as civilians piled into trains

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Wall Street reels, then recovers after invasion of Ukraine

By Stan Choe and Alex Veiga
The Associated Press

NEW YORK » Markets swung wildly Thursday as the world reacted to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Stocks in Europe fell sharply, while stocks in the U.S. recovered from early losses after President Joe Biden stopped short of implementing the steepest possible sanctions against Russia.

The S&P 500 rallied

1.5% after erasing an early 2.6% loss, while the Nasdaq staged an even bigger comeback to end with a gain of more than 3%. The heaviest losses hit stocks in Europe, where officials called Russia's actions a "brutal act of war," with the German DAX down 4%.

Beyond its tragic human toll, the conflict looked set to send prices even higher at grocery stores around the world as

prices for oil, wheat and corn soared. Russia and Ukraine are major producers not only of energy but also grains and various other commodities.

Oil prices on both sides of the Atlantic briefly jumped above \$100 per barrel to their highest levels since 2014. But they gave back much of their gains after Biden said the sanctions package is "specifically designed to allow energy payments to con-

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Thomas Warshaw, left, and Jay Woods work on the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks recovered somewhat after falling earlier in the day.
NYSE VIA AP

MACOMB COUNTY

Marlinga's Congress race moves forward

AG Nessel declines opinion request

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Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel has declined Macomb County Judge Carl Marlinga's request for an opinion on whether he can run for Congress immediately after resigning from his seat.

Nessel's chief legal counsel, John VanDeventer, sent a letter today to state Sen. Paul Wojno, D-Warren, who requested Nessel issue an opinion on whether Marlinga can run for Congress this year despite the state constitution banning judges running for office within one year of leaving the seat. Marlinga's last day as a circuit judge is today.



Marlinga



Nessel

VanDeventer wrote in the single-page letter the request is not warranted because it doesn't involve government operations.

"The Attorney General prioritizes opinion requests that affect the operation of state government," he says. "Where an opinion request seeks legal advice on behalf of, or involving, a private person or entity, the Attorney General usually must decline the request. I regret that we cannot assist you further."

Marlinga, who is considering a run for the new 10th District seat, believes he can seek the seat due to a U.S. Supreme ruling in "U.S. Term Limits Inc. v. Thornton," in 1995 that says states cannot add restrictions on its federal elected representatives beyond those provided in the U.S. Constitution.

Richard Broughton, a law professor at University of Detroit Law School, said Wednesday attorney general "opinions have the force of law and are binding on state agencies."

Marlinga said that Nessel's decision is "good news" because it "clears the path" for him to file to run if he decides to do so. The filing deadline is April 21. A supportive opinion would have bolstered his view, but a decline to offer an opinion is also a positive outcome, he asserted.

He said he filed the request because Nessel represents the office of the Secretary of State, which will determine whether he can appear on the ballot.

Marlinga, 75, of Sterling Heights, who has served as a Macomb circuit and probate judge for nearly 10 years, is mulling a run as a Democrat for the district of which a majority is located in Macomb County.

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