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How is Halsey Reacting to the Ukraine Invasion?

By Gaemlie Baptiste

The attack on Ukraine by Russian forces has caused fear and worry worldwide. Already, thousands have lost their lives and over 3.5 million Ukrainians have fled the country to escape the violence. The United States is providing military aid to the Ukrainian army but has made it a point to avoid direct confrontation with Russia.

This war is forcing us all to ask a difficult question. What if we went to war with Russia and had to draft soldiers here at home to fight?

"I think that if you're willing to fight for your country or any country especially Ukraine that is in need, you should fight with pride," said Darelyn Cordero, a junior in the ROTC program at Halsey Academy.

Many believe Russia is wrong for invading Ukraine and admire how the Ukrainians are fighting with pride and dignity for their people and country. But they also hope peace can be reached soon.

"Russia wanted more land to improve the Soviet Union because Ukraine was once part of it. Now Russia wants it back and I do not think it is right for children to die as well as women and soldiers. I pray that Russia and Ukraine end this war without any more bloodshed," said sophomore Malachi Santiago.

It's been over a month since Russia invaded Ukraine, with no peace in sight. In the meantime, the Halsey community has shown we stand for the Ukrainian people by collecting donations for refugees and families. Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to the soldiers who are defending their country and for people who have lost their lives in this war.



Prices Spikes at Pump and Grocery Store, We're Feeling the Pain

By Juan-Carlos Moreno

After Russia invaded Ukraine gas prices shot up dramatically. According to the AAA, the average cost for a gallon of gas is now hovering around \$4.09 a gallon. A gallon of diesel is well over \$5. This means Halsey students and staff are paying a lot more than last year to fill up their cars.

"It's terrible because I'm seeing more of my money going into my car and not into my savings. It's making me annoyed," said Zophia Gonzales, senior.

Teachers are also feeling the pinch. "I went from paying \$50 for a fill up to \$65. That's a crazy increase," said English teacher Sebastian Hill.



Prices are also going up at the grocery store. "For bigger families on a budget the food prices can put a strain on anyone's wallet. In times like this I think of all the families barely making it. I'm glad food drives exist," said Demoni Gause, senior.

If you see somebody struggling don't turn a blind eye. Help them out the best you possibly can. You can volunteer at local food drives or even donate food yourself. Every little bit helps.

