



Holiday activities

Between festive light shows and classics on stage, there's plenty to do around Madison over the weekend

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'BOMB CYCLONE' | EVERS MOVES TO PROTECT FUEL



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A plow clears the Beltline in Madison on Thursday as the first wave of a "bomb cyclone" striking much of the middle of the country bore down on Wisconsin. The snow was followed by plunging temperatures and gusty winds.

Icy storm slams region

STATE JOURNAL, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thousands of flights were canceled and homeless shelters were overflowing Thursday amid one of the most treacherous holiday travel seasons the U.S. has seen in decades, with temperatures plummeting as much as 50 degrees in some areas and forecasters warning of an impending "bomb cyclone" that could make conditions even worse before Christmas.

The frigid air was moving through the central United States to the east, with wind chill advi-

sories affecting about 135 million people over the coming days, weather service meteorologist Ashton Robinson Cook said Thursday. Places like Des Moines, Iowa, will feel like minus 37 degrees, making it possible to suffer frostbite in less than five minutes.

In a bomb cyclone, atmospheric pressure drops very quickly in a strong storm, creating blizzard conditions, Cook said.

"This is not like a snow day when you were a kid," President Joe Biden warned Thursday in the

Oval Office after a briefing from federal officials. "This is serious stuff."

Authorities worried about the potential for power failures and warned people to take precautions to protect older and homeless people and to postpone travel if possible. Some utilities were urging customers to turn down their thermostats to conserve energy.

Wisconsin's largest utility companies said they expect to have adequate supplies of natural gas for heating and generating

electricity during the cold snap, and have crews on call to respond to downed power lines.

Brendan Conway, a spokesperson for We Energies and Wisconsin Public Service Corp., encouraged customers to report any outages, have an emergency kit on hand, and stay away from downed power lines.

"We will work around the clock to restore power to any customers impacted by this storm," Conway said.

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ZELENSKY VISIT

Leaders work to maintain support

Military aid for Ukraine at issue

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Volodymyr Zelenskyy's dramatic visit to Washington was a moment for the White House to demonstrate to Russia's Vladimir Putin that the United States would sustain its commitment to the war for, as President Joe Biden put it, "as long as it takes."

It also provided the Ukrainian president, dressed in military green, the opportunity in the grand setting of the U.S. Capitol to thank Congress for the billions of dollars that are sustaining his country in the fight.

"As long as it takes" is powerful rhetoric, but it now collides with a formidable question: How much more patience will a narrowly divided Congress — and the American public — have for a war with no clear end that is battering the global economy?

On Wednesday night, Zelenskyy made his case. In an address before a joint meeting of Congress, he melded Ukraine's struggle to maintain its sovereignty with America's battle for freedom. He spoke of the battle

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Senate OKs massive \$1.7T spending bill

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate passed a massive \$1.7 trillion spending bill Thursday that finances federal agencies through September and provides another significant round of military and economic aid to Ukraine, one day after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's dramatic address to a joint meeting of Congress.

The 4,155-page bill includes about \$772.5 billion for domestic programs and \$858 billion for defense and would finance federal agencies through the fiscal year at the end of September.

It passed by a 68-29 vote and now goes to the House for a final vote before it can be sent to President Joe Biden to be signed into law.

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Holiday waste: Recycle or refuse?

Here are some simple tips for all that stuff

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Wrapping paper and ribbons, burned-out bulbs, dried-out Christmas trees, cardboard boxes and plastic clamshells: Trash can or recycling bin?

Managing holiday waste can be overwhelming, so here are some tips for making your holidays a little simpler — and greener.

Most Madison-area households — including those in Madison, Middleton, Fitchburg, Sun Prairie and Verona — can safely recycle a few more items than other areas, thanks to the sorting system at Pellitteri Waste Sys-

tems, which can handle things like paper cups, milk and juice cartons, tissue and wrapping paper, so long as there's no foil, glitter or other adornments.

"So long as it passes the 'tear test,' it can definitely be placed in recycling carts," said company vice president Danielle Pellitteri.

While some retailers offer holiday light collection programs, do not put light strings in the recycling bin. They get tangled in sorting equipment and force the processing centers to shut down.

And never put batteries in the cart, especially the rechargeable lithium-ion batteries found in cell-phones, toys and musical greeting cards, which can catch on fire.

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Larry Semrite views a pallet of mixed paper products at Waste Management's Madison Recycling Center in November 2021.

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