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Janesville restaurant Lark, offers regular drink-mixing classes. **kicks, inside**



Shooting in Janesville
Police were investigating Wednesday on city's south side. **Page 8A**

Wisconsin wins second straight
The Badgers pull away from the Fighting Illini in the second half to win on the road 72-60. **Page 1B**



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Den Boer on administrative leave

YMCA CEO drawing pay during his absence

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JANESVILLE

Tom Den Boer, CEO of the YMCA of Northern Rock County, has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome

of an investigation the Y board launched last week, according to a statement from the board president.

The board has "placed CEO Tom Den Boer on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigative process," wrote board President Steve Yeko Jr. in a statement issued Wednesday afternoon.

Yeko did not give a reason for Den Boer being placed on administrative leave, but the board confirmed late Wednesday



Den Boer

afternoon Den Boer continues to be paid while on leave.

Den Boer, who is the local Y's top executive, had a total pay package in 2017 of \$316,640 according to the Y's most recent nonprofit IRS tax filing. He also is at the helm of the Y's charitable arm, the YMCA of Northern Rock County Foundation, according to IRS tax

forms the Y board supplied in response to an open records request by The Gazette. According to a newsletter the Y board

sent to its members Wednesday afternoon, Matt Gibson, the YMCA's director of program operations, is handling executive duties in the interim.

The Y board last week announced it had hired Milwaukee law firm Foley & Lardner to assist in an investigation tied to concerns members and former board members had brought to the board in recent weeks.

Y members and former board members

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A unique specimen



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A snowflake rests on a dark glove before melting away. It can be ugly to drive through an accumulation of flakes—about 5½ inches fell in downtown Janesville on Wednesday—but the intricate details of an individual flake are among the most beautiful in nature. More snow is expected Friday. **Weather details on Page 9A; more snow photos on Page 8A.**

Report: Station nearing its end

Milton fire officials weighing options for future facilities

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MILTON

Milton fire officials don't recommend keeping the city's outdated fire station at 614 W. Madison St. much longer, according to a recently released report.

Former Fire Chief Randy Banker, who oversaw the Janesville and Milton fire departments, and other officials believe modernizing the Milton station is not ideal because of cost and location, according to the report.

In August, the Milton Joint Fire Commission asked Banker and fire staff to provide a report with four potential options for a new station.

The four options include:
■ Renovating or replacing the fire station at its current location.

■ Renovating the existing station and building a shared fire station with the Janesville Fire Department on the north side of Janesville.

■ Building a new fire station within the Milton fire district.

■ Building a shared station with the Janesville Fire Department on Janesville's north side and building a new station in the Milton fire district.

The report advises against the first two options. However, the commission could choose to ignore that recommendation.

Milton's fire station was built in the 1970s by members of the fire department.

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Trump yields to Pelosi, will give speech after shutdown

Concession comes after president, speaker exchanged tense letters

By Kevin Freking, Matthew Daly and Catherine Lucey

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WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump said Wednesday night he is postponing his State of the Union address until the partial government shutdown ends, yielding after a weeklong showdown with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Following a high-stakes game of dare and double-dare, Trump conceded there's "no venue that can compete with the history,



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., speaks during a conference in Washington on Wednesday.

Associated Press

tradition and importance of the House Chamber" and that he was not looking for an alternate option after Pelosi served notice earlier Wednesday that he won't be allowed to deliver the address to a joint session of Congress next week.

Pelosi had taken the step after

Trump said he planned to show up in spite of Democratic objections to the speech taking place with large swaths of the government shut down.

Denied that grand venue, Trump promised to come up with some sort of alternative event. The White House scrambled to

find a site matching the gravitas of the traditional address from the rostrum of the House to lawmakers from both parties, Supreme Court justices, invited guests and a television audience of millions.

"As the Shutdown was going on, Nancy Pelosi asked me to give the State of the Union Address. I agreed," Trump tweeted. "She then changed her mind because of the Shutdown, suggesting a later date. This is her prerogative—I will do the Address when the Shutdown is over."

Fireworks over the speech shot back and forth between the Capitol and the White House as the monthlong partial government shutdown showed no

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