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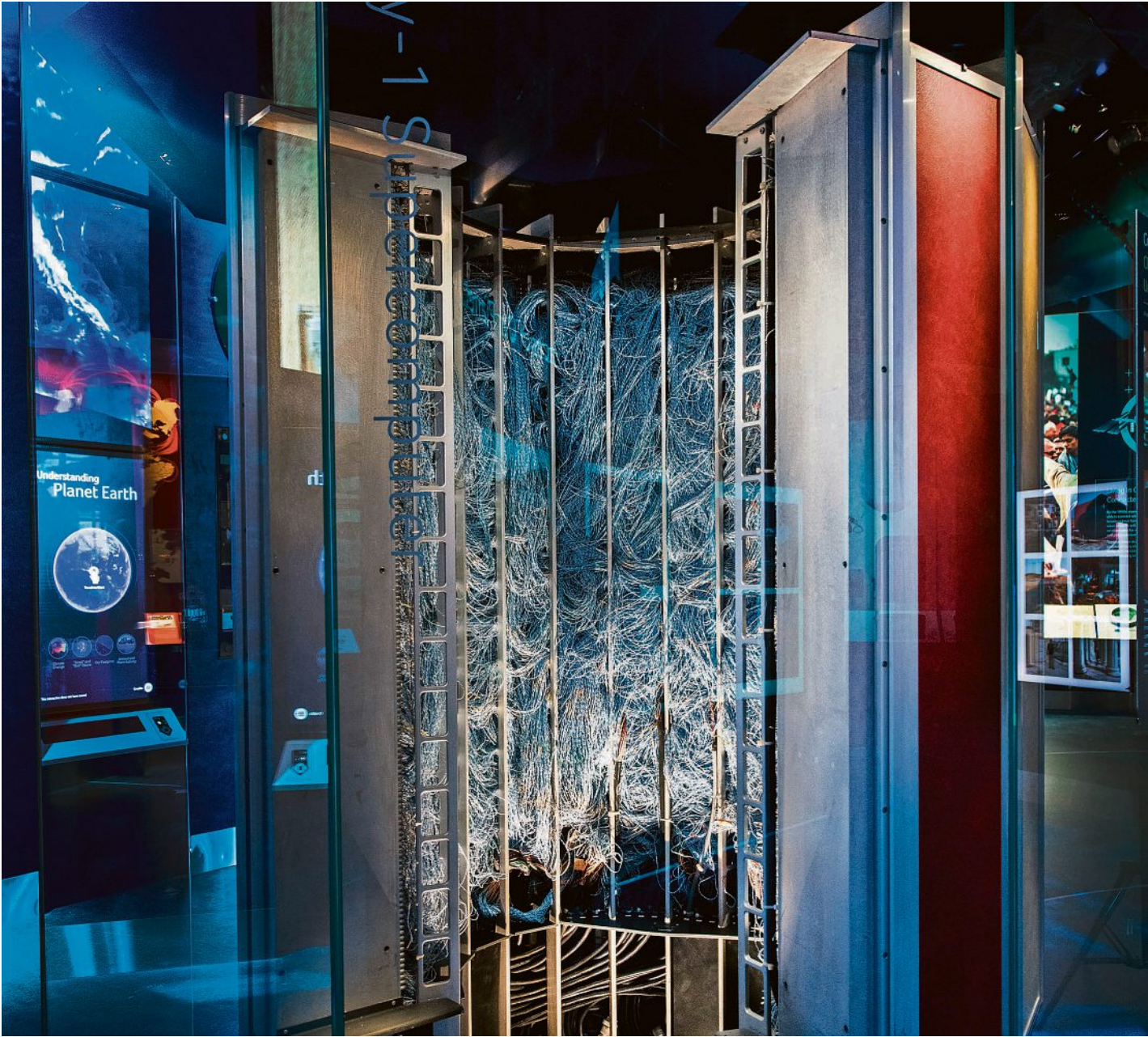
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The Cray-1 Supercomputer on display at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. An image of the computer will be on one of four coins scheduled for release next year by the U.S. Mint that honor innovations and inventors from Wisconsin, California, Iowa and Minnesota. PROVIDED BY THE NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM VIA A GIFT OF CRAY RESEARCH INC.

Cray supercomputer to be honored on coin

U.S. Mint to release \$1 coin in 2026

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Next year’s shaping up to be a big year in United States coinage, one that will be a little more special for Wisconsin.

The U.S. Mint’s American Innovation \$1 coin series will include a Wisconsin coin in 2026 that celebrates a supercomputer designed and built in western Wisconsin.

The U.S. Mint this month released images of the four coins scheduled for release next year that honor innovations and inventors from Wisconsin, California, Iowa and Minnesota. The Mint began the series in 2018 as a way

to honor the ingenuity coming out of all 50 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories.

This will be the third time the U.S. Mint releases a coin honoring Wisconsin in recent history. The prior two coins were the 50-states quarter in 2004 and the America the Beautiful National Parks quarter issued in 2018 that celebrates Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.

What’s on Wisconsin’s American Innovation Dollar?

Wisconsin’s coin honors the Cray-1 Supercomputer, one of the world’s fastest and most successful computers of the late 1970s and early ‘80s. Seymour Cray, known as “father of supercomputing,” and the team he assembled at Cray Research in the 1970s designed the

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The U.S. Mint published images of Wisconsin’s entry in the American Innovation \$1 Coin series. The coin’s tails (reverse) side, shown here, honors the Cray-1 Supercomputer designed and developed in western Wisconsin in the 1970s. PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES MINT

Bipartisan vote moves prison overhaul plan ahead

Funding for consultants released unanimously

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MADISON – The state will move forward with the planning process to close the embattled Green Bay prison and renovate several others, after the approval of \$15 million to hire consultants.

The bipartisan State Building Commission met Oct. 28 to approve the release of the funding that was set aside in the biennial budget this year, and ultimately approved the funding, but not before debating which facilities should be targeted for renovations and expansions.

Before the unanimous approval, Gov. Tony Evers sparred with Republican members of the commission, who said they were not given the chance for input on Evers’ plan, which includes closing Green Bay Correctional Institution and overhauling Waupun Correctional Institution.

Senate President Mary Felzkowski, of Tomahawk, during a news conference before the vote, said it wasn’t only Republicans who weren’t included, it’s also legislative Democrats.

“We could have worked with the governor in a bipartisan fashion, where we could have come up with a viable proposal and alternatives to move the Department of Corrections in a positive direction,” she said during the media conference.

Sen. Andre Jacque, R-New Franken, also lamented what he sees as a lack of collaboration so far.

“I think we had the opportunity and the funds that were set aside in the

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