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Gov. Tony Evers said he would not sign a tax cut package the GOP is pushing because of how it will be funded. **Page 2A**

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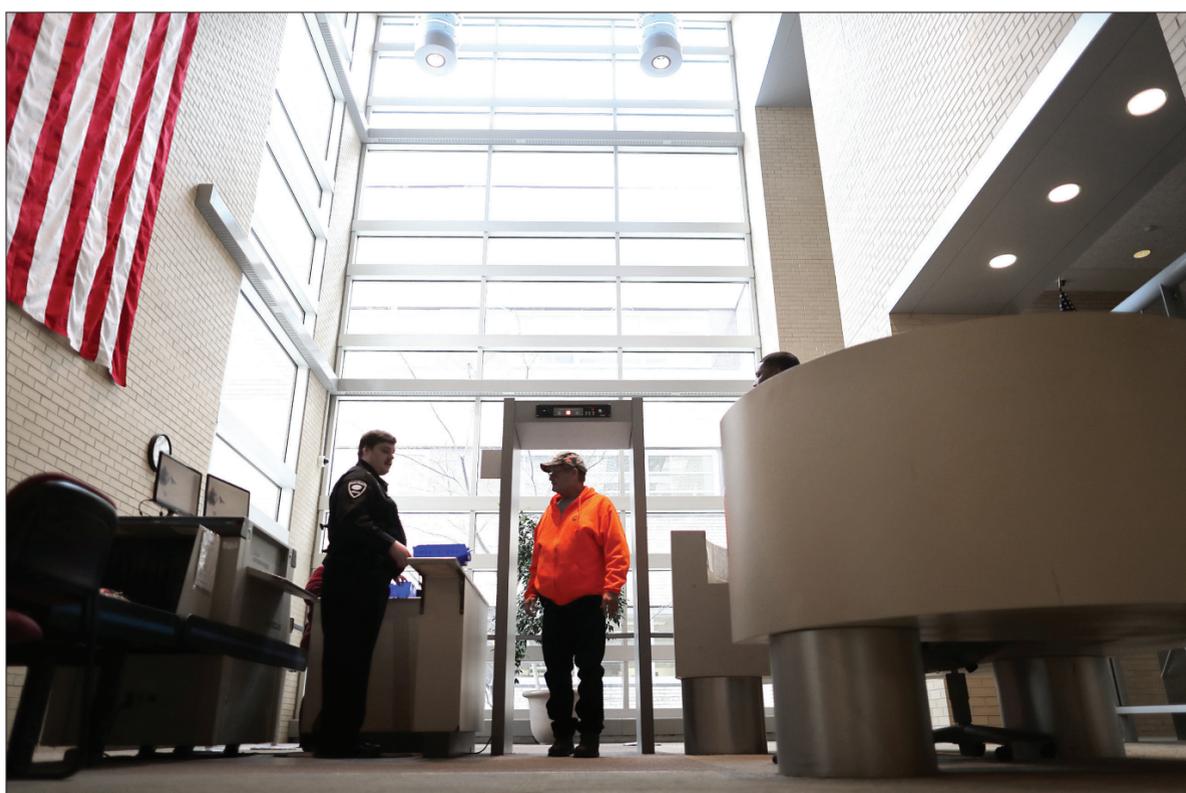
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A man walks through a metal detector as he enters the secured courtroom section of the Rock County Courthouse in Janesville on Tuesday. A proposal by Global Security Services, the company that supplies the courthouse's security guards, recommends arming its guards.

Order in the courthouse

County committee discusses using armed security at facility

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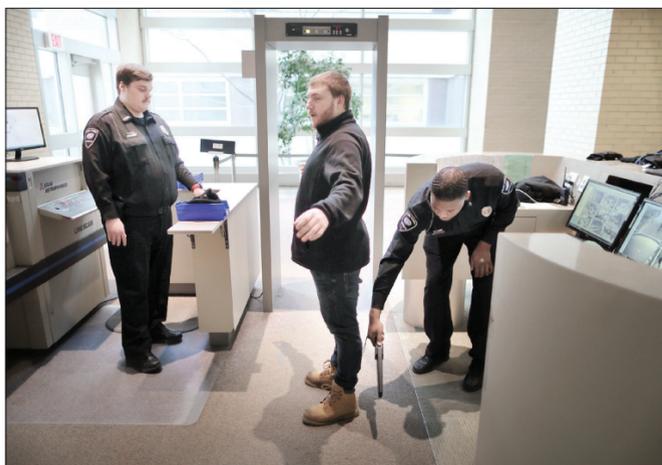
Security guards who screen Rock County Courthouse visitors could start carrying guns under a proposal from a private security company.

Global Security Services, the company that supplies the courthouse's security guards, has recommended arming its personnel to enhance their ability to protect the public.

The proposal prompted considerable discussion at the county's general services committee meeting Tuesday.

Opinion among committee members and county staff was split, with some fearing that more guns could

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Security site supervisor Timothy Clement, left, watches as security officer Jeremy Thomas checks John Stout with a metal-detecting wand as he stands at the entrance to the secured section of the Rock County Courthouse in Janesville on Tuesday.

DA questions treatment court structure

Wiedenfeld says his office has little say on who enters Walworth County program

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ELKHORN

The future of Walworth County's treatment courts is uncertain after District Attorney Zeke Wiedenfeld at a special meeting Tuesday questioned his office's participation in the programs and its level of control over who enters them.

Wiedenfeld told other members of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee that his concerns are a matter of public safety. But his statements led other members of the committee to speak out in favor of the programs.

And while there were procedural challenges and debates about who gets into treatment courts, the human impact hangs over all of it.

In late 2016 and 2017, six people overdosed and died before entering drug treatment court after being made eligible for the program or after being denied entry and receiving different sentences, such as probation, said treatment court coordinator Katie Behl.

Meanwhile, there were open spots in

the program that is grant-funded to fit 25 participants.

"It's just... it's tragic," Behl said. "And it's not to say it's anyone's fault ... Some of my urgency to get people into program right out the gate is because I'm the one who sees them. I'm the one who talks to them. I'm the one who listens to their story."

"And two weeks later they die."

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Wiedenfeld



Behl

STATE OF THE UNION

Trump tells Dems to reject resistance

President tries to strike bipartisan tone in speech

By Julie Pace and Catherine Lucey

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Facing a divided Congress for the first time, President Donald Trump on Tuesday called on Washington to reject "the politics of revenge, resistance and retribution." He warned emboldened Democrats that "ridiculous partisan investigations" into his administration and businesses could hamper a surging American economy.

Trump's appeals for bipartisanship in his State of the Union address clashed with the rancorous atmosphere he has helped cultivate in the nation's capital—as well as the desire of most Democrats to block his agenda during his next two years in office. Their opposition was on vivid display as Democratic congresswomen in the audience formed a sea of white in a nod to early 20th-century suffragettes.

Trump spoke at a critical moment in his presidency, staring down a two-year stretch that will determine whether he is re-elected or leaves office in defeat. His speech sought to shore up Republican support that had eroded slightly during the recent government shutdown and previewed a fresh defense against Democrats as they ready a round of investigations into every aspect of his administration.

"If there is going to be peace and

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President Donald Trump and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi shake hands as Trump arrives in the House chamber before giving his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress on Tuesday.

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