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Casper's Defense Technology sold

New owner will keep business here

By TOM MORTON
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CASPER — Casper-based Defense Technology Corporation of America has been bought by a Florida company in the law enforcement equipment business, the new owner said Monday.

The purchase by Armor Hold-

ings Inc., should lead to an increase in manufacturing and an increase in jobs for Defense Technology, which currently has 12 employees, said Jonathan Spiller, Armor's president and chief executive officer.

"The objective is to grow this business," Spiller said from the firm's manufacturing plant on

Northeast Road, about 10 miles north of Casper.

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Enzi repudiates anti-Karpan ads

Karpan: 'Tax hike Mike' has record as well

By CHRIS TOLLEFSON
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CASPER — Republican U.S. Senate candidate Mike Enzi took the opportunity at a Monday press conference called to promote Republican unity to dis-

miss a television commercial that accuses his Democratic opponent Kathy Karpan of wanting to raise taxes.

Enzi said he had no prior knowledge of the commercials,

which are produced and paid for by the National Republican Senatorial Committee, the campaign arm of the Republican Party.

Enzi said his efforts to get the commercials halted have been hampered by the fact that by law, the NSRC can't have any contact with him or his campaign.

The commercial brings up some of Karpan's statements from 1994 in support of raising the state sales tax and the state gasoline tax, ending with the statement that Karpan is "too liberal for Wyoming."

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no mention of Enzi and does not advocate voting for him.

Karpan didn't take the commercial lightly, issuing her own statement Sunday criticizing Enzi for what she said was his record in support of higher tax rates.

"I don't do ads like that," he said. "I've had (Wyoming Republican Party Chairman Diemer) True calling, and the governor calling to try and get

Democrats open with focus on crime

Clinton calls for denying guns to those convicted of domestic violence

By JOHN KING
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Democrats opened their 42nd national convention Monday with a pointed anti-crime message that echoed from President Clinton's campaign train through the festive hall where his party made its case for another term in the White House and a return to power in Congress.

"Four More Years" was the party's Chicago credo, and as Clinton made a whistlestop journey to his convention city, allies moved from meeting to meeting spreading a simple gospel: Keep the heat on the GOP.

Early to bed, early to rise, work like hell and organize. Vice President Al Gore told New York delegates in a morning pep talk.

As Clinton's train rolled across Ohio, Hillary Rodham Clinton visited several delegations and offered a straight-forward pitch for her husband's reelection. "I've been a good four years for the people of this country."

Like the Republican convention before it, the Democrats' gathering was a carefully drawn, made-for-TV affair — this one designed to praise Clinton's record as president and portray the Republicans as more conservative than the image presented in San Diego.



Barbara Jenner, an alternate delegate to the Democratic National Convention from Butte, Mont., watches the opening session of the convention at the top of the United Center in Chicago Monday.

Clinton led the anti-GOP chorus, painting Republicans as so-called "tax-and-spend" Democrats. He said they would not pass proposals to ban "top-killer" bullets or to outlaw guns near schools. Clinton also proposed expanding the Brady handgun control law to deny guns to those convicted of domestic violence and

abuse. Many of those offenses are classified as misdemeanors, and not covered by laws blocking people convicted from buying from purchasing firearms.

"If you're stalking or harassing women or children, you shouldn't have a gun," Clinton said in Columbus, Ohio, surrounded by police of-

ficers who greeted his "21st Century Express" campaign train. "And if you commit an act of violence against your spouse or your child, you shouldn't have a gun."

The anti-gun message has proven popular to suburban moderate voters, a crucial bloc in most big battleground states, Obama said.

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Ferrari optimistic about new ethics bill

By CHRIS TOLLEFSON
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CASPER — After two previous failures, this may be the year that Wyoming gets an ethics law. State Auditor Dave Ferrari said Monday.

Ferrari told the Casper Rotary Club that the ethics legislation crafted by the task force he put together last spring, while less stringent than he would like, will bring the state in line with the 48 other states that define conflicts of interest for state employees and

officials.

"I can't emphasize enough how badly we need ethics legislation. People need to know that they can trust their government," he said.

The revised legislation does define what constitutes a conflict of interest and set up an ethics panel appointed by all three branches of state government to investigate ethics complaints.

But it drops a provision in previous version that prohibits legislators from lobbying in interest for state employees and

officials.

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G&F wants to explore 'market-driven' licenses

By DAN NEAL
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CHEYENNE — The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission decided Monday to take a harder look at a market-driven system of allocating some big game hunting licenses.

The commission decided the Game and Fish Department to refine one of more options of the system, which could include an auction of 10 percent of the state's limited quota licenses for residents and non-residents, and to license develop a possible system of landowner incentives to accommodate wildlife and hunters.

Both somehow should be tied to securing access to hunting grounds for hunters, the commission said.

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Baughman told the commission he believes that the current system of processing license applications and the license letters should be audited.

The request is "certainly not an indictment" of the current management of the system, he told the commission. He said he suggested it as a way to ensure that the public can place full faith in the licensing process.

The department reported earlier this month that more than 200 big game license applications had been stolen or lost.

And Assistant Director Bill Wickers told the commission the department should have its draft wolf management plan ready for public review by mid-September.

But Wickers also said the department is not advocating that



The Grouch

If I can't take it with me, I'm not getting.

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Radiation violations National Institutes of Health faces fine

By BRIAN WITTE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Government regulators have proposed a \$2,500 fine against the National Institutes of Health for failing to adequately regulate radioactive materials used in research.

Small amounts of radioactive materials were kept inside un-locked refrigerators and laboratories last year with no one present to control access — a violation of regulations, officials of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said.

"It is a significant regulatory concern that NRC inspectors repeatedly have been able to gain access to licensed materials at your facility without challenge, because it indicates that members of the public may do so as well," NRC Regional Administrator Robert J. Miller

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You can't take it with you — but can say where it goes

CONFERENCE ON AGING
By CHERRIE WINNER
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CASPER — More than 300 participants at the Governor's Conference on Aging Monday learned about finances, health, and making things easier for their heirs.

The conference, sponsored by the state Division on Aging, opened Monday morning with workshops on mental health, Alzheimer's disease, and self-care.

In afternoon workshops, participants heard from experts in independent living, Alzheimer's programs, financial planning, and preparing for the death of a loved one or oneself.

In the "Survivor's Journal" workshop, AARP Women's Issues Specialist Denise Wheeler spoke of her experience as a survivor of two wills. "It was not a joyful experience. That was a hard time, worse than the mourning," she said.

The problem, she said, was that she didn't know her loved ones' wishes. About many things. Her experience led her to create the "survivor's jour-



Denise Wheeler, a women's issue specialist from Evanston, Ill., about making a survivor's journal Monday at the Governor's Conference on Aging in Casper.

nal," a notebook filled with financial and personal records. "Creating such a record, she said, is 'the last loving gesture' a person can make — 'no your relatives don't have to deal with those questions on top of everything else.'"

She recommended writing down everything from your birthdate and social security number to your insurance policy numbers and agents' names, to who among your family will

receive that special heirloom. She said doing this helps prevent fighting among the heirs and also ensures that your assets will be distributed as you wish. In response to a question about whether a will would settle such disputes, she said, "No problem. They never fight over the will. What do they fight over? The crystal ball, or the antique rocker?"

Jacqueline Melin, from Warland, said she learned a lot from Wheeler's presentation. She and her husband have talked about such things in a general way, she said, but haven't written anything down.

"We keep putting it off. I'm going to take this home and say, okay, it's time we did something on this," she said.

In another workshop, Casper financial consultant Libby O'Dame described the variety of investments, governmental, and insurance plans available to help seniors provide for their long-term care.

Insurance policies that supplement Medicare coverage have been standardized, she said. While rates may vary among companies, the basic plans and benefits are set by federal law.

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