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Armor completes buyout of Def-Tech

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CASPER — The Casper-based Defense Technology Corporation of America on Tuesday formally completed the sale of its assets to Armor Holdings Inc., president of the of the Peninsula Beach, Fla.-based firm.

Armor announced Aug. 26 that it was buying the local manufacturer of pepper spray and other law-enforcement and riot-control weapons for domestic and foreign law enforcement agencies.

The purchase price included \$1 million cash, approximately 600,000 shares of common stock, and the assumption of some liabilities, according to a

press release from Armor Holdings. Spiller said that all the cash, and a portion of the stock, were paid to Defense Technology's founder and former president, Robert Oliver.

The report also included repayment of a low-interest loan made to Def-Tech by the Casper Area Economic Development Alliance (CAEDA). Spiller said. In September 1994, CAEDA recommended that a \$500,000 loan be made to Defense Technology, which was approved by the Casper City Council and the Natrona County Commission.

Man cited for violating fire ban

By BILL LOCKERTY
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CASPER — A Natrona County man has been cited on charges that he violated the county-wide fire ban by operating a cutting torch that touched off Monday's fire northeast of Casper, the Natrona County Sheriff's Office said Tuesday.

Under Sheriff Mark Benton said Mark Howard, 25, turned himself in as the person responsible for the ban and has fully cooperated with the sheriff's office in the investigation.

The sheriff's office will determine whether to file Howard for the costs of fighting the fire, Benton said, adding that Howard may also face civil actions.

Benton said anyone who uses a cutting torch in the county should have a fire extinguisher handy and make sure the woods around the work area are cut low.

The ban on county fire is effective until Jan. 1, or until the county commissioners vote to lift it, he said.

Bronco's bar may close

By DEBBIE STOEZLE
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CASPER — Bronco's bar probably will not retail liquor license to the CT Albertson's supermarket this month, a move that effectively shuts down the nightclub and curtails its cocktail lounge business, Bronco's owner Gary Lever said Monday.

Wing tip

Steve Feldick, shift captain with Natrona County International Airport public safety department, spots an anti-thermobaric substance on the wing of an Aviat Husky A-1 that tipped over Tuesday afternoon at the airport. Pilot John Vernon Racher of Bedford, Ohio, was apparently testing off the runway when he



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