

# YAPG

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"We don't have as much as we'd like to show in terms of results," he added. "But it's times like these we've got to keep doing the things we're doing to be prepared for the future."

According to YAPG President Mike Dellinger, the most significant project undertaken by the organization in 2009 was assisting in the construction of a 5,000-square-foot data center along West City Limits Road that will house Dataware Green and two other entities. The data center is expected to facilitate the creation of 25-30 new jobs within the next five years.

"What we've done is made that first footprint in the information technology sector and invested the community's interests in identifying data centers and information technology infrastructure as key components to what we can do to provide higher paying technology jobs in the Yankton area," Dellinger said.

The organization also gave funds to Riverfront Partners to develop the new National Park Services building along Second Street. The project has brought 10-12 skilled public employees to downtown Yankton, Dellinger noted.

Additionally, YAPG provided real estate to the National Field

Archery Association (NFAA) to expand its archery complex. It also paid for engineering services that will lay the groundwork for installing infrastructure along Bill Baggs Road. The utilities will link to a new KOA campground that is being built adjacent to the NFAA complex and could serve future commercial or light industrial developments in the area.

"YAPG is working with the NFAA to recruit archery and bowhunting manufacturers and assist local entrepreneurs in this area because we recognize the value of this national organization being in Yankton," Dellinger said. "We have the mindset that we are going to attract these manufacturers to this cluster and also work with local entrepreneurs who have an interest in archery and bowhunting to help them bring those ideas to commercialization."

The organization also released a \$200,000 liability to assist the developers of Gurney Landing in moving forward with the redevelopment of the former Gurney Seed property.

"We've assisted Paul (Lowrie) as he has worked to attract entrepreneurs and provide an incubator space for start-up companies," Dellinger added.

Among the other accomplishments for the year were:

- providing Mount Marty College with a \$40,000 loan to develop soccer fields at the NFAA complex;
- providing \$6,250 for an I-29 corridor study that will look at the potential for business devel-

opment in eastern South Dakota;

- providing financial support to the Regional Technical Education Center and the Black Hills State University manufacturing technology program offered at the Technical Education Center;

- providing \$100,000 to the Areawide Business Council so it could secure \$300,000 for additional business loans within the district planning region; and
- providing \$60,000 for the operation of the Yankton Office of Economic Development.

Looking toward the rest of 2010, Dellinger said YAPG would continue to support the data center. It also plans to build a new industrial speculation building.

"We know that, because of increased activity in the industrial market, we need to quickly find a location where we can optimize the opportunity to build another industrial spec building," he said. "The YAPG board and staff is working diligently on that idea to try and accommodate our next company that would need that floor space."

Additionally, YAPG will continue strategic planning and action on the East Side Industrial Park acreage, encourage entrepreneurial development in the area and work toward the goals of the Yankton Economic Success! campaign.

"YAPG is in a sound fiscal position," Dellinger said. "We are building our capital and assets. Our investments are keeping pace. For all of that, we say thank you to our investors."

## Dems Pull Provision Penalizing Intelligence Personnel From Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House approved an intelligence agency bill Friday after Democratic leaders hastily removed a provision that would have imposed prison sentences for personnel using "cruel, inhuman and degrading" interrogation techniques.

The controversial provision would have subjected intelligence officers to up to 15 years in prison for interrogations that violate existing anti-torture laws, including the use of extreme temperatures, acts causing sexual humiliation or depriving a prisoner of food, sleep or medical care.

Republicans strongly protested the measure when the bill came to the floor Thursday, forcing Democrats to pull the bill in order to avoid an unwanted debate on torture that could threaten passage of the legislation. It was reintroduced Friday with the interrogation provision removed.

The bill, passed 235-168, sets policy and classified funding levels for 16 federal intelligence agencies. The Senate has passed its own version, and differences must be worked out.

The torture provision, introduced by Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash., defined cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of detainees and provided a penalty of up to 15 years in prison for using such techniques during an interrogation. It also said medical professionals who enable the use of improper treatment could face up to five years in prison.

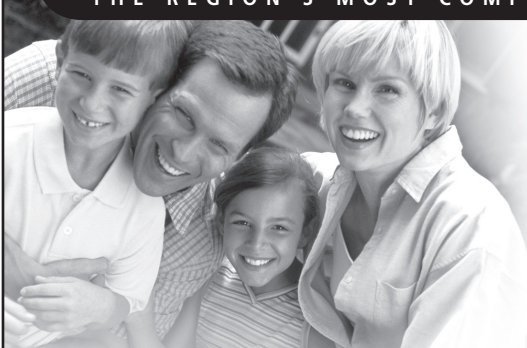
McDermott said President Barack Obama last year extended the Army field manual's guidelines on interrogation tactics and his amendment was intended to expand on the president's order "to clearly define what constitutes a cruel, inhuman or degrading interrogation so that it is unmistakable what

kinds of techniques are unacceptable."

But Rep. Pete Hoekstra of Michigan, top Republican on the intelligence committee, countered that the "annual intelligence bill should be about protecting and defending our nation, not targeting those we ask to do that deed and giving greater protections to terrorists."

Hoekstra unsuccessfully tried to attach a provision to the final bill that would have put the director of national intelligence in charge of coordinating the interrogation of terrorist suspects and ensuring all actionable intelligence is collected before the suspect is read his Miranda rights. Republicans have objected to the decision of law enforcement officials to read Miranda rights to the suspect in the thwarted Christmas attempt to blow up a Northwest airliner.

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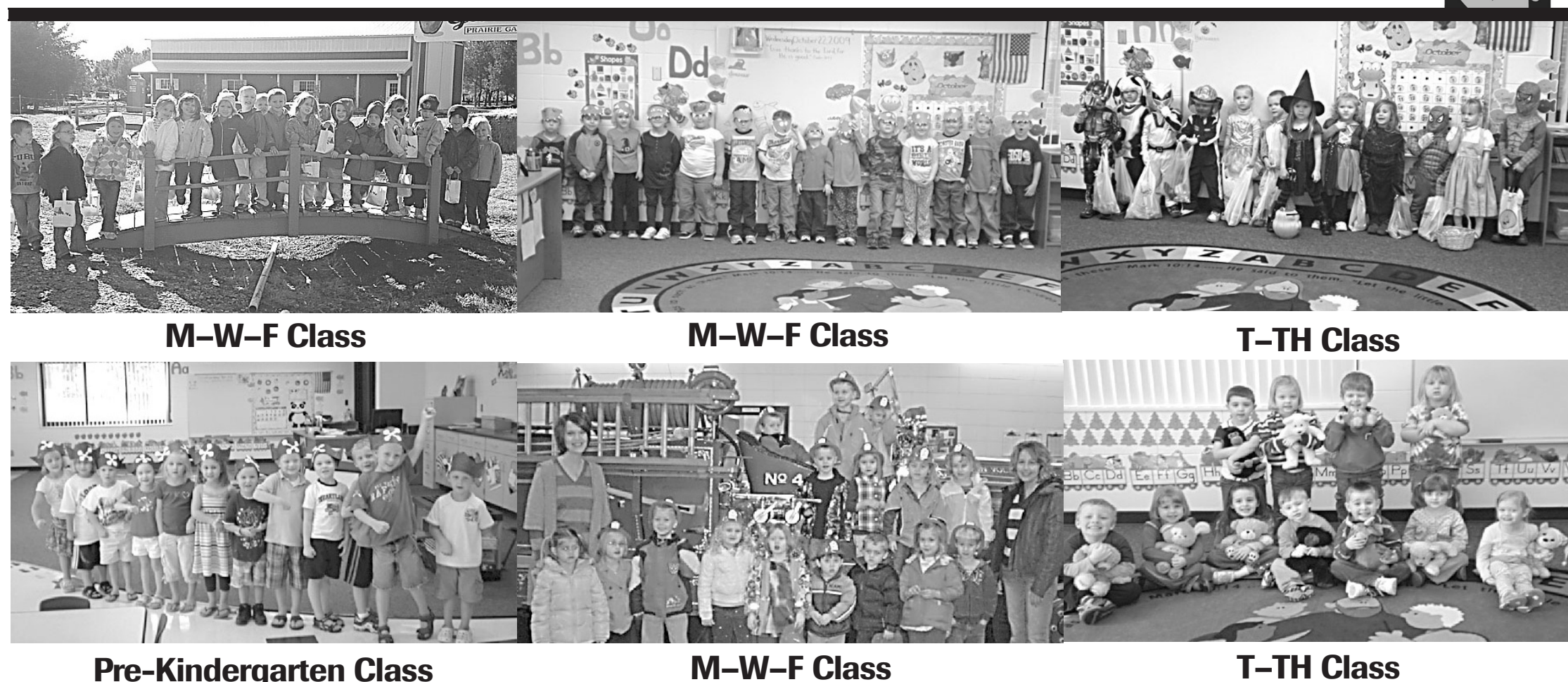
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