

# YAPG

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what had been working. "The idea was, let's not do away with these programs that have made us successful, but let's add a whole slate of initiatives oriented towards some higher-valued industries, higher-valued jobs, some things that we think we really have a competitive advantage in, and let's go after them very aggressively," Barr said. The organization identified several targets, including medical services and research science, data centers, renewable energy, and warehousing and distribution. To help in its efforts, the organization hired a lead generation firm to contact executives within the target industries. The program was piloted last year with 500 companies and resulted

in 31 conference calls and one visit. "Those numbers, for this kind of business, are really good," Barr said. "So we're going to be expanding that, and we're going to do 1,500 of those a year over the next five years." The foundation will also be devoting substantial resources to a national public relations campaign with the help of a firm that markets communities. While South Dakota's business statistics are among the best in the nation, other factors are involved in attracting companies. While most communities in the state shy away from incentives, Barr said they might be necessary to expand nationally. "The lack of having something to show the love on the front end is a detriment to landing these big projects," he said. "And we're talking about trying to quit from being a regional player to becoming a player on the national stage, and they're throwing huge amounts of dollars at the front end of these deals. We need

something. We just need to be able to apply it smartly for the right deals and protect ourselves, and there are ways of doing that." To fund their efforts, the foundation has a goal of raising \$11.2 million during the next five years. Currently, it sits at \$9.4 million. "It's not completed yet, but we're making strong progress, and hopefully we will cross the finish line and be able to do these very aggressive programs," Barr said. Also at the meeting, YAPG President Mike Dellinger gave updates on economic development opportunities for Yankton, saying preliminary plans for infrastructure and site layout have been prepared for the east side industrial park. The YAPG is also considering assisting the National Field Archery Association with a real estate transaction that would expand the FAA complex.

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U.S. officials have said they see no evidence that anyone in the upper echelons of Pakistan's military and intelligence establishment was complicit in hiding bin Laden in Abbottabad, an army town only 35 miles from the capital. But suspicions remain, and members of Congress have threatened to cut off U.S. aid if evidence is found. President Barack Obama said the U.S. believes bin Laden must have had a support network inside Pakistan. "But we don't know who or what that support network was," Obama said in an interview broadcast Sunday on CBS' "60 Minutes." "We don't know whether there might have been some people inside of government, people outside of government, and that's something that we have to investigate, and more

importantly, the Pakistani government has to investigate." Gilani proclaimed the death of bin Laden as "indeed justice done" since al-Qaida has launched many attacks inside Pakistan. But he warned the U.S. not to try a similar covert raid in the future. "Unilateralism runs the inherent risk of serious consequences," Gilani said. "Pakistan reserves the right to retaliate with full force. ... No one should underestimate the resolve and capability of our nation and armed forces to defend our sacred homeland." At the same time, however, he stressed the importance of Pakistan-U.S. ties and insisted the relationship was still strong. "Our communications at the official and diplomatic levels with the U.S., during this phase, have been good, productive and straightforward," said Gilani. Gilani's speech and the suspected leak of the CIA station chief's name illustrate the balancing act that Pakistani officials seem to be trying to achieve in responding to the bin Laden raid. Civilian and military leaders must placate a domestic population that is upset at the U.S. for violating the country's sovereignty and outraged at the country's army and intelligence agency for allowing it to happen. But they must also worry about

preserving their relationship with the U.S., which provides billions of dollars in military and civilian aid for cooperation on the war in Afghanistan. "Gilani's statement and the leak of the name of the name of the supposed CIA station chief appear to be in keeping with Islamabad's need to maintain relations with the United States and at the same time try and counter growing U.S. pressure in the wake of the Osama bin Laden killing," said Kamran Bokhari, an analyst with STRATFOR, a private security think tank in Austin, Texas. Even before the discovery of bin Laden, many U.S. officials accused Pakistan of playing a double game by taking American aid, promising its support and then failing to target key Islamist militants wanted by the U.S., including Taliban chief Mullah Mohammed Omar. But the U.S. is in a difficult position because it is reliant on Pakistan's help to go after Taliban militants on its territory and ships a large percentage of its non-lethal goods to its forces in Afghanistan through the country. Pakistan also allows the CIA drones to carry out missile strikes on militant targets in the border regions. Pushing Pakistan too hard could jeopardize the relationship with the critical, if fickle, ally.

# School

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lunch pricing, all paid lunches must be compliant with the federal free-lunch reimbursement rate, currently set at \$2.46 per meal. The Yankton School District currently charges a rate of \$2 at the high school, \$1.90 at the middle school and \$1.70 at the elementary schools, among the lowest in the state based on a survey done by the school district. "Basically, the requirement is saying we can't fund our lunch program on the free and reduced meals," she said. "We have to charge the same price for a meal to our paying students as we do for our free and reduced meals." Compounding the issue for the district is the fact that other regulations will directly raise the cost of providing a meal. Changes in the proposed nutrition standards could have a direct result in an increase of a minimum of 75 cents per meal, Kramer said. Proposed changes include:

- increasing the fruit served per lunch from 1/2 cup to 1 cup (an estimated cost of 25 cents per meal);
  - increasing the vegetables served per lunch from 1/2 cup to 1 cup (an estimated cost of 25 cents per meal);
  - the district must serve at least one cup of dark green vegetable, one cup of orange vegetable and one cup of legumes per week;
  - the district may only serve one cup of starchy vegetables per week (corn, peas and potatoes, for example).
- "All of these changes will directly affect the cost of the meals we provide to our students," Kramer said. "Other nutritional standard changes that will directly affect our future costs are

going to be the increased requirement of using whole grains and the reduction of sodium in the meals. These changes don't even begin to reflect the changes in our cost of foods." Kramer noted that her annual commodities budget ranges between \$80,000-\$90,000. "We will get less food for our money next year," she said. "With what I contracted for hamburger last year, this year I am only getting about 3/4-pound versus one pound last year. With what I am paying for chicken and turkey products, we are only getting about 80 percent what of what we did last year. Every truck that pulls up to our door is charging more for gas, as well." Because many of the changes are only proposed at this time, the board opted to table setting lunch prices for next school year until the June board meeting. Also during the meeting, Superintendent Dr. Joseph Gertsema presented the board with the preliminary 2011-2012 budget for the

Yankton School District. "This is just a snapshot at where the district is today," Gertsema said, noting the to board that the budget is set assuming the opt-out will not pass. "We are required by law to provide a preliminary budget and set a hearing date on the budget at our May meeting." "This budget reflects cuts to teachers, staff and programming. It reflects no salary increases for any school employee and it reflects cutting all 5th-8th grade activities. ... If this budget is adopted as written, it will require the district to spend an additional \$1.725 million of our general fund reserves to meet the budget." The board also heard a report on the May 24 opt-out election process including setting polling places and appointing election workers. It was reported that, as of last Friday, there had already been more than 150 absentee ballots turned in for the opt-out election. The board set the hearing for the 2011-2012 budget for July 11

at 5:40 p.m. in the administration board room. Other business during the meeting included:

- canvassing the results of the April 12, 2011 school board election and confirming that Jay Williams was elected to the Yankton School Board;
- adopting the 2012-2013 school calendar; and,
- hearing a report on the game-limitation and length-of-season survey completed by the school.

The next meeting of the Yankton School Board will be held at 5:30 p.m. June 13 at the administration board room.

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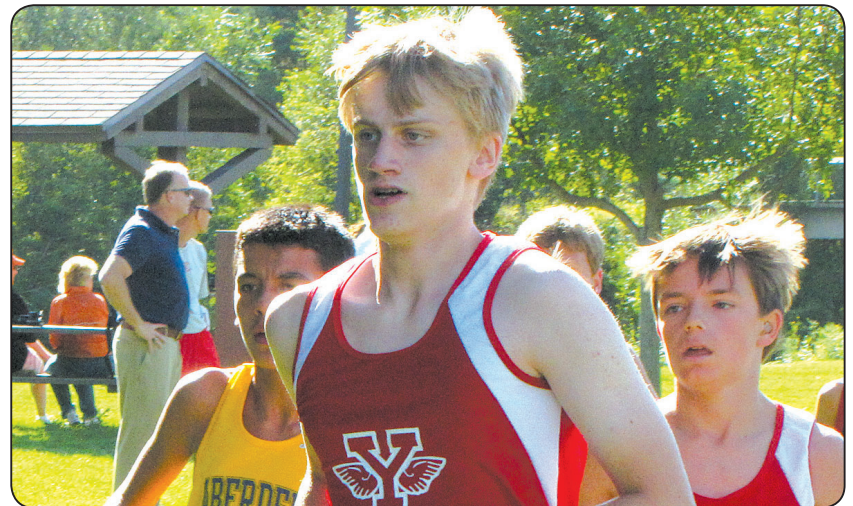
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