

S.D. House Candidate Issues Farm Policies

PIERRE (AP) — Democratic U.S. House candidate Matt Varilek (VEHR-uh-lehk) says the next farm bill should be designed to help family farmers and ranchers. Varilek is challenging Republican Rep. Kristi Noem for South Dakota's lone seat in the U.S. House. He says farm programs should include caps on payments so assistance goes to family farms instead of wealthy operations. Varilek says the farm bill should give producers a strong but fiscally responsible safety net to protect against unsustainable losses, ensure fair and transparent prices in commodity markets and provide incentives to protect land and water. Noem, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, has said she wants to make sure the farm bill extends livestock disaster programs, discourages plowing up grassland and helps fight the mountain pine beetle infestation in the Black Hills.

Fire Destroys Home North Of Aberdeen

ABERDEEN (AP) — A rural home about three miles north of Aberdeen has been destroyed by fire. Aberdeen Rural Fire Department chief Derwin Kampa tells the *Aberdeen American News* that owners Duey and Holly Hedge were not home at the time of the Monday evening fire and there were no injuries. Neighbor Mike Keller says his wife saw the fire and reported it about 6:10 p.m. He estimated that the house with a three-stall garage was about six years old. Kampa says the cause of the fire is not yet known. Brown County Emergency Management director Scott Meints says the fire likely started in the garage, which was also destroyed by the flames.

NU Affiliate Sues Tortilla Maker Over Patents

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A company affiliated with the University of Nebraska says a Mexican tortilla maker is infringing on a patent two university researchers received in 2002. The *Lincoln Journal Star* reports that NUtech Ventures is suing Gruma Corp., which owns Mission Foods and Azteca Milling, over patent infringement. NUtech, which is a nonprofit working to commercialize the university's research, says Gruma filed several patent applications between October 2004 and June 2007 that show it is violating NU's patent.

At the heart of the dispute is a process to produce flour from grains such as corn that's more efficient. The process uses a solution containing a protease enzyme. Gruma operates 22 U.S. plants that manufacture and distribute packaged corn and wheat tortillas and six plants that manufacture and distribute corn flour.

Louisiana's Jindal To Attend Neb. GOP Event

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal is scheduled to attend the Nebraska Republican convention in Grand Island. The *Lincoln Journal Star* reports that Republican State Chairman Mark Fahleson confirmed on Monday that Jindal would be at the convention on Saturday. Jindal is among several prominent Republicans mentioned as potential running mates for Mitt Romney this fall. Nebraska delegates to the Republican national convention will be elected this weekend.

Missing S.D. Inmate Back In Custody

RAPID CITY (AP) — A missing state prison inmate is back in custody in South Dakota. Corrections officials say 30-year-old Justin Davis returned to the minimum-security unit of the Black Hills Correctional Transition Center in Rapid City on Monday night. He had failed to return on time earlier in the day after his work release job. Davis is serving two years behind bars on a forgery conviction out of Butte County.

Services Held For Air National Guardsmen

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The four North Carolina Air National Airmen killed when their plane crashed while fighting a wildfire were remembered Tuesday as dedicated soldiers who gave their lives doing what they wanted to do: Helping people. Lt. Col. Paul K. Mikeal (MY-kuhl), 42, of Mooresville; Maj. Joseph M. McCormick, 36, of Belmont; Maj. Ryan S. David (dah-VEED), 35, of Boone, and Senior Master Sgt. Robert S. Cannon, 50, of Charlotte, all died July 1 when their C-130 crashed while fighting a wildfire in the South Dakota Black Hills. Two crewmen were injured. Only the airmen's families, invited guests and members of the 145th Airlift Wing were allowed to attend the private service at the unit's base in Charlotte. There was limited media access. State officials also attended, including Gov. Bev Perdue, who called the men heroes and said they would be missed by their families, friends and neighbors. She recalled how it was just a week ago that the airmen said goodbye to their families before heading on the mission. "These proud, proud airmen all knew — they really did know and understand as did their families — the risk and reward. Time after time after time, they strapped them-

selves in that seat for their next mission to protect people they didn't know or would never know in places far from our homes," she said. The military was investigating the crash and didn't know how long it would take to complete the probe. The unit sent three C-130s and 36 men on the firefighting assignment but cut the mission short. The North Carolina Air National Guard's 145th Air Wing was pressed into service due to wildfires that have burned thousands of acres and destroyed hundreds of homes in Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota. The pilots and crew in the crash had extensive experience. A C-130 pilot evaluator, Mikeal had more than 20 years of service. He came to the 145th Airlift Wing in 2001 and leaves behind a wife and two children. His family said he had a passion for flying. McCormick was an accomplished instructor pilot who joined the wing in 2005 and is survived by a wife and four children. David was an experienced navigator who joined the North Carolina Air National Guard last year after leaving the Air Force and had a wife and one child. Cannon was the most experienced. The flight engineer had served 29 years with the unit. He leaves be-

hind a wife and two children. Friends of the National Guard members — some fighting back tears — spoke to the crowd at the memorial service. Lt. Col. Jim Pearson said Mikeal was his mentor: "What can I say about Lt. Col. Paul Mikeal? He exuded excellence in everything he did as an aviator, friend and family man. I had the pleasure of seeing Paul excel in all three areas. He inspired me to be a better family man." Maj. James Bodolosky said McCormick was his best friend. "As we walked through life together, Joe and I encouraged and strengthened each other. And as it says in Proverbs 27:17: 'As iron sharpens iron so one man sharpens another.' That was my relationship with Joe McCormick. He was always sharpening me and I was always sharpening him. And I will miss him dearly." Maj. Toshio Sameshima recalled David's smile and laugh. "What made him so exceptional was his character. Ryan had a spirit that made everything around him glow brighter. I don't care how bad a day it was, how terrible a situation it was...you could always count on Ryan for a smile and a laugh," he said.

Parents Defend Children Working On Farms

FULTS, Ill. (AP) — As he watched his 10-year-old son ease a tractor across a soybean field, Dennis Mosbacher acknowledged the risks of farming. But Mosbacher said the U.S. Labor Department was misguided in its attempts to protect children from farm accidents and he's relieved the agency dropped its plans this spring and has promised not to take up the matter again. "You can't make a rule to stop every accident," Mosbacher said after his son Jacob hopped off the 40-year-old, 60-horsepower tractor at their farm near the tiny southern Illinois town of Fults. "There's always a risk in life, no matter what you do." Labor Department officials don't deny that, but they note that children performing farm work are four times more likely to be killed than those employed in all other industries combined. Under the Labor Department's failed proposal, paid farm workers would have to be 16 to use power equipment, such as tractors. They

would have to be 18 to work at grain elevators, silos and feedlots. The rules would not have applied to children working at farms owned by their parents, but they would have limited the paid jobs youngsters could do on their neighbors' and relatives' farms. John Myers, chief of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Administration's surveillance and field investigations branch, said it's unfortunate the agency dropped its proposal in the face of intense opposition from agricultural groups. Agency officials have said they will not take up the matter again as long as Barack Obama is president. "I have not seen any youth working in other industries that are at higher risk," Myers said. "(Farming) may be an accepted risk for the parent, but the question is to put that risk on the child. That's the question that's not being adequately addressed. "If society says you have to be 16 to operate a car, I don't see how you can say it's any less sound advice that you have to be 16 to op-

erate farm equipment," he added. "I suspect this will not be addressed again, and I suspect we will continue to have youths dying on farms each year in situations that were perfectly preventable." The lack of action also troubles Cheryl Monen, who lives in the small northwestern Iowa community of Lester. Had such child labor rules been in place a year ago, her 17-year-old son might still be alive. Jordan Monen was into his second summer working on a cattle farm in July 2011 when he climbed into the bucket of a payloader and was hoisted up to fix the top railing on a cattle shed's sliding door. The machine lunged forward and smashed the teen's face between the railing and the back of the bucket. He then hit a cement feed trough as he tumbled to the ground. The boy was taken to a hospital, where he was declared dead of severe head trauma. A year later, his mother remains haunted about her decision to let her son take the job. "I feel so guilty about it now. I just had not put it together how terribly dangerous it was and the risks he was in," Monen said. "I really struggle with that. Now, I really wish I never suggested he get a job." Monen now thinks anyone younger than 18 should be barred from working on a farm "because they don't recognize the dangers." She also said children shouldn't be allowed to work on farms and ranches not owned by their parents. "If they wanna have their own kids in there, go for it," she said. The push for tougher restrictions came at a time when fewer children are being injured on farms. For every 1,000 U.S. farms, agriculture-related injuries to workers younger than 20 dropped by nearly half from 2001 to 2009, from 13.5 injuries to 7.2 injuries, according to U.S. government figures. Injuries were most common among children ages 10 to 15, but they also dropped by nearly half during that period.

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GUY'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK

GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH ON PRETZEL BAGUETTE

WITH CITRUS MUSTARD!

Recipe Courtesy Guy Fieri
Prep Time: 10 min
Cook Time: 20 min
Makes: 4 servings

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts (1 1/2 pounds total)
- 3/4 cup grapefruit soda
- 1/4 cup orange juice, fresh squeezed
- 2 tbsp rice vinegar
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp olive oil
- 2 tsp lemon pepper
- 1 tsp granulated garlic
- 2 pretzel baguettes, 10 to 12 inches each
- 1/4 cup whole-grain Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp orange marmalade
- 6 slices Havarti cheese
- 6 pieces Bibb lettuce

Weekly Writing Corner

Moon Cheese

Is the moon made of cheese? Explain your answer.

I'm confident that the moon is not made of cheese. It would feel squishy when you stepped on it. Then you would sink into the moon. If the moon were made of cheese, it would smell stinky. It would look green or yellow. I am positive that the moon is not made of cheese.

Clara, 3rd grade

No, the moon is not made of cheese! It orbits the earth. Cheese is not available in space.

Joshua, 1st grade

Yes, the moon is made of cheese because cheese is sometimes white and yellow. I think it's the white cheese. This cheese you will probably not want to eat. It will taste yucky! It is stinky and old cheese, but it will never fall off.

Ryann, 1st grade

No, absolutely not. The moon couldn't possibly be made of cheese because that would be plain silly. The first problem would be that the cheese wouldn't be able to shine like the moon so there would no longer be anymore solar eclipses, and we wouldn't be able to say things like, "There's a full moon out tonight." We wouldn't be able to even mention it when we talk about stories real or fictional. The second problem would be space mice, they would eat the cheesy moon and then we wouldn't have a moon at all and that wouldn't be pretty. The third problem would be that if astronauts were supposed to explore the moon, I don't think Neil Armstrong would think it's cool to say that he was the first man to walk on the cheesy moon. It may sound exciting to have a huge ball of cheese floating around the galaxy, but I like the moon just the way it is.

Dominik, 4th grade

Yes, the moon is made out of cheese. The moon has holes in it and so do some cheeses. The moon was made by Space Cows for aliens to eat.

Ayden, 1st grade

GUY FIERI'S Cooking with kids Thriller Grillers!

Fire up the grill to make a killer sandwich sure to thrill! Everyone in the family can help make my grilled chicken sandwich.

Sandwiches don't have to be boring. When the family cooks together, you thrill the taste buds!

Sleep with Sharks?

Today, many zoos and aquariums give kids the chance to be surrounded by fascinating animals at night. A thrilling experience filled with fun and learning!

Monterey Bay Aquarium Sleepover

When the doors close at 8:00 p.m., you can explore the aquarium without daytime crowds. The sleepover includes special programs and a light bedtime snack, with a late-night nature movie before falling asleep in front of your favorite exhibit. Wake up with the fishes and enjoy a continental breakfast.

Nothing but the Tooth

No two kinds of sharks have the same kind of teeth. Scientists can tell what kind of shark a tooth came from just by the way it looks.

To find out what type of shark each tooth came from, unscramble the words.

Standards Link: Life Science; animals have features that help them survive in different environments.

Shark Shapes

Sharks come in all shapes and sizes. Some have stripes. Others have spots. Can you list one or more ways each of these sharks is different from the others?

Example: The Leopard shark has spotted markings.

Standards Link: Students recognize similarities and differences in common objects.

Match each shark to its silhouette.

Did you know that Lantern sharks have bellies that glow in the dark? To learn more fascinating facts about sharks, take a dive into your local library!

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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S	L	M	A	R	I	N	A	T	E
K	E	L	T	Y	F	I	E	R	I
R	M	L	A	H	L	L	I	R	G
A	O	I	L	J	G	I	A	I	L
H	N	R	K	U	L	I	M	H	T
S	E	H	C	I	W	D	N	A	S
H	R	T	E	C	I	L	S	I	F
L	S	L	E	E	P	O	V	E	R

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

What should you do if you find a shark in your bed?

ANSWER: Sleep somewhere else.

For more ideas about cooking with kids, visit www.cwkfoundation.org

Write On!

The Best Way to Eat a Tomato is ...

Finish this sentence and explain why you think this.

a word that starts with "sh"
a word that starts with "th"
five words that describe a shark
a picture of something sharp

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Deadline: August 5 Published: Week of September 2 Please include your school and grade.