

Last Week's Freeze Impacted S.D. Soybeans

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Last week's freeze in some parts of South Dakota affected soybean fields worse than other crops. The Agriculture Department says in its latest crop and weather report that a few locations fell to 28 degrees or below, which is a killing freeze that ends the growing season. Soybeans dropping leaves are at 62 percent, behind the previous year of 69 percent. Ninety percent of the corn is now at the dent stage, with 30 percent rated mature, behind last year at 40 percent. Harvesting of corn silage is now 62 percent complete, behind last year but slightly ahead of the 5-year average. The colder week dropped growing degree day accumulations further behind average, and the USDA says the worst areas are now more than 10 days behind.

S.D. Woman Sentenced In Husband's Death

RAPID CITY (AP) — A 28-year-old New Underwood woman was sentenced Monday to 65 years in prison in the shooting death of her husband in their home last November. The *Rapid City Journal* reports that Amanda Kaur received credit for the 265 days she has spent in jail and will be eligible for parole after 32.5 years. Kaur was initially charged with murder but pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter in June. She told the judge that Ira Kaur had attempted suicide in their home and a gun went off as they struggled. She said she left with her two children, came back to find her husband wounded and fired a fatal shot. Ira Kaur was stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base.

S. Dakota Crash Kills Massachusetts Woman

PRESHO (AP) — A weekend crash on Interstate 90 in southeast South Dakota killed a Massachusetts woman. The Highway Patrol says 21-year-old Juliet Burkett of Chilmark, Mass., was killed when the sport utility vehicle she was a passenger in rolled in the ditch near Presho shortly before 8:30 p.m. Sunday. The driver — 19-year-old Makayla Todd of South Bend, Ind. — suffered minor injuries.

Mitchell Council To Decide On Finance Reports

MITCHELL (AP) — The Mitchell City Council is considering whether to require candidates to file campaign finance reports. Councilman and former state legislator Mel Olson has been pushing the idea. He says he was amazed to discover when he filed to run for the council that no campaign finance reports were required. The *Daily Republic* newspaper reports that local candidates for school, county and state offices must do so. Mayor Lou Sebert says he worries that the additional paperwork might chase away prospective city candidates.

Insuror Balks On Neb. Death Claim

BY MARGERY A. BECK
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — An insurance company specializing in policies for churches is asking a federal court to absolve it from paying a claim by the widow of a central Nebraska pastor who died of carbon monoxide poisoning in a house owned by the church he led. John Green had been pastor of Clay Center Christian Church for 23 years when he was found dead in the home on Nov. 19, 2009. His wife, Cheryl, was found unconscious and flown to an Omaha hospital. Authorities said the pair had been poisoned by a carbon monoxide leak from the home's heating system. Cheryl Green sued the church, hoping its insurer would pay nearly \$260,000 in lost wages, as well as more than \$55,000 for medical bills incurred by the poisoning and \$10,000 for funeral expenses. In a lawsuit filed in Omaha's federal court

earlier this month, Church Mutual Insurance Co. attorney Christian Preus said the church's policy excludes coverage for carbon monoxide and other pollutants. "I don't know all insurance policies, but it's a standard exclusion in most, if not the great majority, of homeowners insurance policies, and in most liability policies issued for businesses, too," Preus said. "It's a very, very standard, very well-known exclusion." The exclusion means Church Mutual should not have to pay the claims, he said. An attorney for Clay Center Christian Church disputes that and said Church Mutual is "jumping the gun and filing this case to try and escape their responsibility to live up to their obligations under the policy." Lincoln attorney Jeff Downing went on to say that Cheryl Green is still a "loved and cared-for" member of the church who should not be having to fight an insurance company to cover the costs of losing her husband.

"Church Mutual tout themselves as the largest insurer to church congregations, and their website fairly well documents that point," Downing said Monday. "One of the ways they do that is by marketing themselves as a company that 'at every point of contact creates a relationship that's about more than just business.' We believe they should be held to that representation." Preus declined to categorize the company's lawsuit as a pre-emptive strike before Cheryl Green and the church can file their own lawsuits against the company. "From the insurance company's standpoint, it's: Do we owe the money or not? If we owe it, we owe it; if we don't, we don't," he said. "We don't think we do, but we want to make sure we're right." Preus is seeking a jury trial. An attorney for Cheryl Green did not immediately return a message left Monday by The Associated Press seeking comment.

Infogroup Sues Over New Database Venture

BY JOSH FUNK
AP Business Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Database firm Infogroup Inc. is accusing its founder and former CEO of stealing confidential information to help his new Database 101 venture. Vinod Gupta, who founded both Omaha companies, was forced out of Infogroup in 2010 because of concerns about his use of company money to support a lavish lifestyle. Gupta said Monday that Infogroup's new allegations are unfounded. Infogroup said in a lawsuit filed last week that Database 101 is trying to steal its customer database by hiring more than 20 Infogroup employees and that Database 101 has been advertising its services in a misleading manner that conceals the fact that Gupta's new company isn't related to Infogroup. Infogroup said Gupta and Database 101

"have attempted to replicate Infogroup's products and to solicit Infogroup's clients using Infogroup's proprietary information." Infogroup said Gupta's new company tried contacting a fictitious account that was planted in its customer database to help detect unauthorized access. The lawsuit also says Database 101 contacted an Infogroup customer using an email address that was used only for communications between the customer and Infogroup. Gupta said Database 101 plans to defend itself vigorously in court against the lawsuit, which was in Douglas County District Court. Gupta said he is using the same skills he used to build Infogroup to grow Database 101, so it shouldn't be a surprise that the companies' products appear similar. He said there is no agreement in effect that would prevent him from competing with Infogroup. He also said many of the former Infogroup

employees he hired were laid off by his former company. Plus, there have been instances of Infogroup hiring Database 101 employees, he said. Infogroup was purchased last summer by private equity firm CCMP Capital Advisors for \$460 million after a tumultuous period of questions about Gupta's spending. Gupta lost his chairman and chief executive jobs in 2008 after a shareholder lawsuit raised questions about his use of company money. He had held those posts since 1992. The lawsuit alleged Infogroup misspent millions, some of it on domestic and international air travel for former President Bill Clinton and his wife, then-Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton. Gupta pledged to reimburse Infogroup \$9 million over five years as part of the settlement announced in August 2008, but he remained on the company's board and received \$10 million in severance.



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