

### SD Judge Sentences McVay To Death

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A judge in Sioux Falls has formally sentenced a man to death for killing a woman as part of a plot to assassinate President Barack Obama.  
 Judge Peter Lieberman on Tuesday sentenced 44-year-old James McVay. A 12-member jury earlier had voted unanimously for a death sentence.  
 McVay would have been sentenced to life in prison without parole if the jury's decision had not been unanimous.  
 McVay pleaded guilty but mentally ill to murder in the 2011 stabbing of 75-year-old Maybelle Schein (SHYN). McVay said he killed Schein and stole her car as part of his plan to drive to Washington and kill the president. He was later arrested in Wisconsin.  
 Schein's family declined to speak during the hearing.  
 McVay's sentence will be automatically reviewed by the state Supreme Court.

### Domina Wins Neb. Dem. Senate Primary

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Omaha attorney Dave Domina has won Nebraska's Democratic primary election for U.S. Senate.  
 Domina easily defeated Larry Marvin of Fremont in Tuesday's primary race. He will face the winner of the Republican primary in a contest to replace Republican U.S. Sen. Mike Johanns, who is not seeking a second term.  
 The GOP enters the race as a strong favorite in conservative Nebraska.  
 Domina is best known for his opposition to construction of the Keystone XL oil pipeline. Marvin is a part-time assistant foreman at a Fremont meatpacking plant who had raised no money and not actively campaigned.

### At Least 11 Tornadoes Confirmed In Neb.

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — At least 11 tornadoes have been confirmed in the storms that carved their way across eastern Nebraska on Sunday.  
 The National Weather Service released a preliminary report on the tornadoes Tuesday, but more may be added to the total after the rest of the damage is examined.  
 The weather service says the tornado that did extensive damage in Beaver Crossing generated winds up to 140 mph and was rated EF-3 on the enhanced Fujita scale. The strongest possible rating is EF-5 for storms with winds over 200 mph.  
 Two other tornadoes that touched down near Sutton and near Exeter were also rated EF-3, but they produced peak winds of 150 mph.  
 The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency estimates the storms caused at least \$20 million in damage.

### SD Planting Ahead Of Average Pace

SIoux FALLS (AP) — South Dakota farmers are ahead of the average pace in getting their corn and soybean crops in the ground, despite prolonged cool and wet conditions.  
 The Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop report that 52 percent of South Dakota's corn crop is planted, compared to 43 percent on average. About 14 percent of soybeans are in the ground, compared to 9 percent on average.  
 Planting of small grains crops remains behind the average pace, however. The report says about half of the state's barley crop and three-fourths of the oats and spring wheat crops are seeded.  
 Calving in the state is about 89 percent complete.

### Police Arrest Student In Explosives Case

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Authorities in Lincoln have arrested an 18-year-old high school student after homemade explosives were found in his car at school.  
 Lincoln police say George Carl Chen was taken into custody Monday. He faces felony charges of unlawful possession of explosive materials and possession of a destructive device. Court records do not list an attorney.  
 Police say they discovered on May 7 more than 160 rifle rounds and 26 homemade firecrackers in Chen's car at Lincoln East High School. Another 50 rounds were found in his backpack.  
 The Lincoln Journal Star reports Chen told investigators he uses the rounds for target practice. He said the fireworks were from Fourth of July celebrations. Officer Katie Flood says there's no evidence that Chen meant to harm anyone at the school.

# Nebraska Congressmen Win Primaries

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Two members of Nebraska's all-Republican U.S. House delegation coasted to primary wins Tuesday, and the state's senior congressman appeared on track to fend off a challenge as well.  
 In the Lincoln area's 1st District, Rep. Jeff Fortenberry handily defeated a challenge from two other Republicans — Dennis Parker and Jessica Turek — who have unsuccessfully run for the seat before and again garnered only a handful of votes. The winner will face Democrat Dennis Crawford in November.  
 In the vast, rural 3rd District, Rep. Adrian Smith bested challenger Tom Brewer. Smith will face Democrat Mark Sullivan in the general election.  
 Rep. Lee Terry, who was first elected in 1998 in the Omaha area's 2nd Dis-

trict, was running strong late in the evening against a former supporter, Dan Frei, who has tried to argue the congressman isn't enough of a fiscal conservative.  
 Frei helped lead an anti-incumbent faction that took control of the Douglas County GOP in 2012. He said he has opposed Terry since the Republican incumbent voted for President George W. Bush's \$700 billion bank bailout in 2008, which many conservatives saw as a betrayal of the Republican Party's traditional stance of less federal government spending.  
 Frei's biggest hurdle was a lack of money. He had raised less than \$45,000 by the end of April, compared to nearly \$1.5 million raised by Terry that the incumbent has used to buy plenty of television ad space.

The winner will face Democrat Brad Ashford, a state lawmaker from Omaha, in the general election. Ashford defeated fellow Democrat and Omaha landscaper Mark Aupperle in the primary, who raised no money and had done little campaigning. The winner of two Libertarian candidates, Andy Shambaugh and Steven Laird, also will advance.  
 In the 3rd District, Brewer, who served 36 years in Nebraska Army National Guard, had some name recognition, particularly among military service members and veterans. But he raised only about \$120,000, including almost \$50,000 he lent his campaign. That was dwarfed by the \$645,000 Smith raised.

# Nebraska Sees Tight GOP Governor Race

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Wealthy Omaha investor Pete Ricketts and Attorney General Jon Bruning were locked in a tight race on Tuesday night to be the Republican nominee to replace Gov. Dave Heineman.  
 Ricketts, a former executive of online brokerage TD Ameritrade, held a lead over Bruning of less than a thousand votes with nearly half of returns counted in the six-man field.  
 The winner will emerge as a heavy favorite in the November general election. The path for both candidates has turned rocky in recent weeks, with Bruning and former TD Ameritrade executive Ricketts sparring over their experience and accusing each other of running negative campaigns.  
 Both are seeking the governor's office after previous unsuccessful bids for U.S. Senate — Ricketts in the

2006 general election, and Bruning in the 2012 primary. Ricketts, whose previous Senate run was the most expensive in Nebraska history, has raised less money this time around but still led the field with \$3.7 million as of last month.  
 Bruning joined the race in February shortly after he was treated for colon cancer. He initially said he would seek re-election as attorney general, but has since run a competitive race, raising \$2.1 million in campaign funds.  
 Republicans said once the nominee is chosen, the party will unite and work to extend its 15-year hold on the governor's office.  
 "We'll have had a hard-fought primary, but once it's over, it'll be time to focus on winning the general," said Bud Synhorst, executive director of the Nebraska Republican Party.

Despite minor differences over roads funding, prison reform and prenatal care for people in the United States illegally, the six GOP candidates march together on most issues. In addition to Bruning and Ricketts, the field includes state Sens. Beau McCoy of Omaha and Tom Carlson of Holdrege, Omaha tax attorney Bryan Slone and State Auditor Mike Foley of Lincoln.  
 The GOP winner will face Democrat Chuck Hassebrook, a former University of Nebraska regent who led the Center for Rural Affairs. While the Republican race has drawn the most attention, Hassebrook has spent the last several months building a campaign network, fundraising and presenting himself to voters as a champion of rural Nebraska.  
 "For a Democrat, an open seat is clearly easier to win than a challenged race against an incumbent," said Paul Landow, a University of Nebraska at Omaha political science professor. "A win is always possible. But it's a long, uphill climb."  
 The latest turn in the GOP race came last week, when Heineman endorsed Bruning in the primary. Heineman, the state's longest-serving governor and a popular Republican figure, said Bruning has the experience needed for the job. He also said he believed Bruning would focus on economic development and education.  
 Ricketts has won endorsements from former Nebraska Govs. Charles Thone and Kay Orr, as well as from national political figures embraced by the tea party. The list includes former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas.

# Ranchers Relief Fund Announces Final Distribution

RAPID CITY (AP) — A relief fund for western South Dakota ranchers who lost tens of thousands of farm animals in an early October blizzard is set to disburse the last of \$5.4 million in donations.  
 More than \$4 million already has been doled out from the Rancher Relief Fund, to more than 600 ranchers, according to South Dakota Stockgrowers Association Executive Director Silvia Christen.  
 "The last million dollars will be distributed here in the last weeks of May," she told

The Associated Press. "Our intention is the fund will close on June 1."  
 The fund was established by the Stockgrowers Association, the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association and the South Dakota Sheepgrowers Association in the wake of the Oct. 4-5 storm that dumped up to 4 feet of snow in western South Dakota, killing an estimated 43,000 cattle, sheep, horses and bison.  
 Livestock losses in southwestern North Dakota were estimated at more than 1,000. A separate industry-led relief

fund raised \$163,000 for affected ranchers in that state and distributed the money in March, along with about \$40,000 that was given to South Dakota ranchers.  
 "(The blizzard) took its toll on western South Dakota and neighboring states," South Dakota Cattlemen's Association President Cory Eich said in a statement. "However, we are pleased to be able to provide timely assistance and, in conjunction with livestock disaster programs available through the farm bill, we are hopeful this effort will make a difference in supporting these family businesses and the rural economy."  
 A federal aid program for disaster-stricken ranchers that was authorized by the new federal farm bill signed into law in February started taking applications in mid-April. In the first couple of weeks, the Livestock Indemnity Program paid out nearly \$300,000 to more than 300 South Dakota ranchers, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture data. Signup continues through next January.

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## Gravity Power

What happens when you put a car on a ramp? It will roll down to the ground. An invisible force is pulling it down: gravity.

Susan and Taylor each made a gravity-powered car. Gravity has the same amount of pull on all of the cars in a race down a ramp. Each kid is using science to make his or her car go faster.

Susan is using **weight**. She has glued some pennies to her car to make it heavier. But its boxy shape has **drag** which slows it down.

Taylor has engineered his car to have less **drag**. When a car moves through the air, it causes **friction**. Friction causes drag, a force that slows a moving object. Streamlined and smooth objects have less drag than jagged or flat ones.

### Kid Scoop Together: Proof It!

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the articles below and correct the eight spelling errors you find. The first one is done for you.

**Using Gravity to Build**

Gravity always pulls objects towards the central of the Earth. Even if you are walking up a flight of stairs, gravity pulls you toward the centre of the Earth.

Builders of buildings use this fact to help them build walls that are vertical.

↑ P-O-R-T  
← H-O-R-I-Z-O-N-A-L

A plumb bob, which is a weight on the end of a string, is a tool builders use to see if a structure is vertical. They hang the plumb bob next to the structure. If the string and structure are parallel, the structure is vertical.

**Kid Scoop-doku™**

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word PLUMB in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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### THE SCIENCE OF RACING

## Make your own Gravity Racer!

The E in STEM is for **engineering**. Engineers are changing the world all of the time. They dream up creative, practical solutions and work with other smart, inspiring people to invent, design and create things that matter.

Be an engineer and create your own Gravity Racer! Here are instructions to get you started.

**YOU'LL NEED:**

- cereal box
- 4 plastic bottle caps
- 2 bamboo skewers
- 2 straws
- hot glue
- paint or markers
- tape
- scissors

- Cut a 6" x 9" rectangle out of a cardboard cereal box.
- Cut another rectangle, 6" x 4" and fold as shown.
- Tape the angled hood onto the larger rectangle.
- Hot glue a bamboo skewer to the inside center of a plastic bottle cap.
- Insert skewer through straw to create an axle. Hot glue bottle cap to other end of skewer.
- Tape straw axles to bottom of car body. Make sure the wheels spin freely.

Decorate your Gravity Racer.

Roll your gravity racer down a ramp. Measure how far it rolls. What happens if you add weight to your racer, such as taping pennies to it? What else can you do to make it roll farther?

### Double Double Word Search

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

CREATIVE

GRAVITY

SKEWERS

DRIVER

INVENT

DESIGN

DREAM

SMART

RACE

STEM

WORK

TAPE

GLUE

NGISEDMAEG

SRGSIKEGRY

KELOTNNAUD

EVUUREVWRD

WIENLIMELR

ERPLTIARNA

RDAYSMARTT

SHTCCWORKE

CRCREATIVE

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

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## Who likes gravity?

Look through the newspaper for examples of gravity being a good thing. Then look for examples where less gravity would be useful. Make a list of what you would miss about gravity if you were on the moon.

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

### Write On!

## The Ups and Downs of Gravity

Write a poem or descriptive paragraph telling what you like and don't like about gravity. Think about how life would be different without gravity.

### Extra! Extra!

## MATH SCAVENGER HUNT

Look through the newspaper to find:

- A numeral over 1,000
- A numeral less than 10
- A telephone number
- A Roman numeral
- An address
- An age
- A zipcode
- The score of a game
- Tomorrow's forecast

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