

## Neb. Lawmakers Return To Medicaid Bill

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Supporters of expanded Medicaid are trying to revive the stalled bill, arguing that a failure to act would force hospital closures in rural Nebraska.

Sen. Steve Lathrop of Omaha raised the issue Wednesday as lawmakers debated an unrelated bill. He was followed by several others who led the push to expand coverage as part of the federal health care law.

Supporters say they have enough votes to pass the measure, but they fell short of the support needed to end a filibuster.

It's unclear whether the move swayed any votes, but Sen. Ernie Chambers threatened to filibuster all bills for the rest of the session unless lawmakers allow an up-or-down vote on the Medicaid proposal.

## Vaccination Bills Clear Final Neb. Vote

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska lawmakers have passed a bill that would require many hospitals and nursing facilities to offer vaccinations to patients before they're discharged.

Patients wouldn't have to accept the vaccinations, and many hospitals already offer them. But Sen. Bob Krist of Omaha says the measure is intended to minimize future outbreaks of whooping cough. The number of cases in Iowa and Nebraska surged last year.

Lawmakers gave final approval to the bill on Wednesday, 44-0. It would apply to vaccines for tetanus, whooping cough and diphtheria.

The vaccines could be covered by Medicaid, Medicare, private payers or insurance.

Another bill would that won final approval would require hospitals to offer vaccinations to employees, and keep records of which workers have not received them.

## Iowa Police Offer Reward To Catch Suspect

SIoux CITY, Iowa (AP) — Authorities are offering up to \$10,000 for information that leads to the arrest of a man suspected of shooting a Sioux City police officer.

Sioux City Police Chief Doug Young says the reward for helping to find 22-year-old Jamal Dean is being offered by the United States Marshal Service and Crime Stoppers, as well as anonymous donations.

Police say Dean shot Officer Kevin McCormick after a routine traffic stop Monday. McCormick was still in his cruiser when Dean got out of the passenger side of his vehicle and allegedly fired a rifle several times toward the cruiser.

Dean fled the area by foot and has been on the run since then.

## Funeral Held For Unidentified Collapse Victims

JURAIN, Bangladesh (AP) — Dozens of Bangladeshi garment workers, their bodies too battered or decomposed to be identified, were buried in a mass funeral Wednesday, a week after the eight-story building they worked in toppled down, killing at least 410 people and injuring thousands.

Hundreds attended the traditional Muslim funeral and many more looked on from the roofs of nearby buildings as the bodies, rotting in the spring heat, were brought to the graveyard on the back of flatbed trucks.

Onlookers covered their noses. One woman rushed through the crowd to the back of a truck wailing that one of the bodies was her sister's. She begged to take it as family members held on to her to keep her from collapsing.

Local men and boys recited a traditional Muslim prayer for the dead. Then, 34 bodies were unloaded and placed in the graves.

Workers at the cemetery have dug several long rows of graves as authorities expect to bury scores more unidentified bodies in the coming days.

## Coroner: Toddler Shot Sister With Gun

BURKESVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A 5-year-old boy accidentally shot his 2-year-old sister to death in rural southern Kentucky with a rifle he had received as a gift last year, authorities said.

The children's mother was home at the time of the shooting Tuesday afternoon but had stepped out to the front porch for a few minutes and "she heard the gun go off," Cumberland County Coroner Gary White said. He said the rifle was kept in a corner and the family didn't realize a bullet was left inside it.

White told the *Lexington Herald-Leader* the boy received the .22-caliber rifle as a gift.

"It's a Crickett," White said, referring to a company that specifically makes guns, clothes and books for children. "It's a little rifle for a kid. ... The little boy's used to shooting the little gun."

The shooting, while accidental, highlights a cultural divide in the gun debate. While many suburban and urban areas work to keep guns out of the hands of children, it's not uncommon for youths in rural areas to own guns for target practice and hunting.

## OBITUARIES

### Ella Heihn

Funeral services for Ella E. Heihn, 103, of Tripp will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 3 at Frieden's Reformed Church in Tripp with Rev. Greg Way officiating. Interment will follow in Gracehill Cemetery, Tripp.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 3-7 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tripp.

Ella passed away on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at the Good Samaritan Society of Tripp. Online condolences may be sent at [www.goglinfh.com](http://www.goglinfh.com).

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### Kenneth Kallhoff

Funeral services for Kenneth E. Kallhoff, 67, of Winnetoon, Neb., is at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 6, 2013, at Christ Lutheran Church, rural Creighton, Neb.. Pastor Terry Huber will officiate, with burial in the Christ Lutheran Cemetery. Military Honors will be conducted by VFW Post No. 1151 and American Legion Post 74, both of Creighton.

Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Sunday at Brockhaus Funeral Home, Creighton.

Kenneth died Tuesday, April 30, 2013, at Mercy Medical Center, Sioux City, Iowa.

### Roman Honner

Roman G. Honner, 85, of Tabor died Wednesday, May 1, 2013, at the Tyndall Good Samaritan Society, Tyndall.

Arrangements are pending under the care of the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor.

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# WWII Veteran Receives Purple Heart

BY DIRK LAMMERS  
Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — As Army soldier Charles Bledsoe was being loaded onto a Jeep with a gunshot wound to the abdomen nearly 70 years ago, he heard someone say, "Give him his last rites."

"I looked around to see who that was getting the last rites," Bledsoe recalled. "I went, 'The hell.' It was me."

Bledsoe recovered, but the April 19, 1945, wound was never recorded on his discharge papers so he hadn't received a Purple Heart. The oversight was corrected Wednesday, as U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., presented the 88-year-old World War II veteran with a Purple Heart and Bronze Star during a ceremony at the Sioux Falls VA hospital.

"Thank you, senator, for getting it right," said Bledsoe, who moved to Sioux Falls after the war and now lives at the VA. "It's the first time it's ever been right."

Bledsoe, an Indiana native, hadn't really pushed for the medal until about a year ago when he tried to become a member of the Sioux Falls chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He was told he couldn't join the organization because he didn't have a Purple Heart, awarded to members of the U.S. armed forces wounded in battle.

"He heard about our chapter and he wanted to join, but (the battle wound) wasn't on his discharge papers," said Mark Williamson, commander of the group's Sioux Falls chapter.

So Williamson began researching records and working with Sen. Johnson's office to get Bledsoe his honors.

"Most of us have only read about or seen movies depicting the D-Day invasion, the Battle of the Hedgerows and the Battle of the Bulge," Johnson said. "Charles experienced them all firsthand."

The Purple Heart was created in 1782 as the Badge of Military Merit by George

Washington, but was ignored for nearly 150 years until it was reintroduced in 1932 on the 200th anniversary of Washington's birth.

The nearly 2-inch-long medal features a gold bust of Washington on a purple background with a gold border, suspended from a white and purple ribbon. The inscription on back reads: "For military merit."

The Bronze Star, a 1 1/2-inch-wide star engraved with "heroic or meritorious achievement," hangs from a red ribbon with a vertical blue and white stripe down the center.

Bledsoe, who joined the Army immediately after graduating high school and served in Company F of the 273rd Infantry Regiment, said he now has a lot of military medals.

"Senator Johnson let me ask you a question, what am I going to do with all the medals?" he asked.

"You'll keep them," Johnson replied. "And when the time comes, as it will for all of us, we can hand down the medals to our kids and grandkids."

# Feds: Keep Stimulus; Taxes And Cuts Hurt

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve cautioned America's political leaders Wednesday that their policies are hurting the economy.

The Fed stood by its aggressive efforts to stimulate the economy and reduce unemployment. But it sent its clearest signal to date that tax increases and spending cuts that kicked in this year are slowing the economy.

"Fiscal policy is restraining economic growth," the Fed said in a statement after a two-day policy meeting.

The Fed maintained its plan to keep short-term interest rates at record lows at least until unemployment falls to 6.5 percent. And it said it will continue to buy \$85 billion a month in Treasury and mortgage bonds. The bond purchases are intended to keep long-term borrowing costs down and encourage borrowing and spending.

The minutes of the previous policy meeting in March showed that many Fed officials were open to reducing the bond purchases before year's end, so long as the economy improved. But Wednesday's statement indicated that Fed officials are also open to expanding the bond buying if the economy needs it.

The Fed's statement signaled its concern about a Social Security tax increase, which took effect Jan. 1, and deep government spending cuts, which began taking

effect March 1. The across-the-board spending cuts took effect automatically after Congress failed to reach a budget deal.

Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors, said he viewed the Fed's more forceful remarks on the issue as criticism of Congress' fiscal policies.

"The Fed noted that the private economy is pushing ahead, but it is the government that is putting roadblocks in the way," Naroff said. "That was as clear a shot at Congress as I have seen the Fed take."

Paul Edelstein, director of financial economics at IHS Global Insight, said the Fed's point that fiscal policy is restraining the economy was a reminder to investors "that flexibility runs in both directions."

"If conditions deteriorate, the Fed will do more," Edelstein said.

Two years ago, Chairman Ben Bernanke argued at a Fed conference in Jackson Hole, Wyo., that Congress should do more to stimulate hiring and growth. Since then, Congress hasn't joined the Fed in trying to stimulate growth. Instead, congressional leaders have focused on deficit reduction and allowed tax increases and spending cuts to take effect.

In its statement Wednesday, the Fed made clear that it could increase or decrease its bond purchases depending on the performance of the job market and inflation.

David Jones, chief economist at DMJ Advisors, said that in saying it could increase or decrease

its bond purchases, the Fed wants to show flexibility: It's ready to respond, whether the economy improves or weakens significantly.

"I think the Fed is in a wait-and-see mode, like the rest of us," Jones said.

Jones said he expects no change in the level of bond purchases until September or later. The Fed wants time to see whether the economy can grow fast enough to drive sustained improvement in the job market, he said.

The Fed's statement appeared to cause little response in the stock market, which fell sharply on signs of a slowdown in hiring and manufacturing and weak earnings reports from some major companies. The Dow Jones industrial average sank 138 points, or nearly 1 percent.

Debate among Fed policymakers at their previous meeting in March had led some economists to speculate that the Fed might scale back its bond purchases if job growth accelerated.

But several reports in recent weeks have suggested that the economy might be weakening. Employers added only 88,000 jobs in March, far fewer than the 220,000 averaged in the previous four months. On Friday, economists expect the government to report that employers added about 160,000 jobs in April.

And the economy grew at an annual rate of 2.5 percent in the January-March quarter — a decent growth rate but one that's

expected to weaken in coming months because of the higher Social Security taxes and federal spending cuts.

At the same time, consumer inflation as measured by the gauge the Fed most closely monitors remains well below its 2 percent target. That gauge rose just 1 percent in the 12 months that ended in March. Low inflation gives the Fed room to keep interest rates low without igniting price increases.

When prices fall too low, though, they raise the risk of deflation — a prolonged drop in wages, prices and the value of assets like stocks and houses. The United States last suffered serious deflation during the Great Depression of the 1930s. Fed policymakers worry about possible deflation any time inflation dips below 2 percent.

The Fed's efforts to drive down unemployment and raise inflation to its target rate mean it isn't meeting either of its dual mandates: to maximize employment and maintain price stability. That makes it more likely that the Fed will maintain its current level of bond purchases until the end of the year or later.

"We expect the Fed will maintain the current purchase pace into early 2014, then taper gradually," Michael Hanson, a senior economist, wrote in a report for BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research.

## Justice Dept To Appeal Morning-After Case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department is appealing a judge's decision lifting all age limits on the Plan B morning-after birth control pill and a cheaper generic.

The federal government says the judge who issued the ruling had exceeded his authority and that his decision should be suspended while the appeal is underway.

U.S. District Judge Edward Korman of New York had given the Food and Drug Administration until Monday to lift all age limits on Plan B and cheaper generic. The judge mandated that emergency contraception be sold just like aspirin.

On Tuesday, the FDA said anyone 15 or older could begin buying one brand, Plan B One-Step, without a prescription — two years younger than the current age limit of 17.

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