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## Sebelius Faces Tough Questions On Health Law

**BY KEN THOMAS**  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans said Sunday they intend to press Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius on the Obama administration's troubled launch of healthcare.gov, the online portal to buy insurance, and concerns about the privacy of information that applicants submit under the new system.

Meanwhile, the healthcare.gov application and enrollment system was down Sunday afternoon because the company that hosts the site had an Internet outage. HHS spokeswoman Joanne Peters wrote on Twitter that Terremark, the hosting company, was "working to fix ASAP."

The Obama administration will face intense pressure next week to be more forthcoming about how many people have actually succeeded in enrolling for coverage in the new insurance markets. Medicare chief Marilyn Tavenner is to testify during a House hearing Tuesday, followed Wednesday by Sebelius before the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The officials will also be grilled on how such crippling technical problems could have gone undetected prior to the website's Oct. 1 launch.

"The incompetence in building this website is staggering," said Rep. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., the second ranking Republican on the panel and an opponent of the law.

Democrats said the new system needed time to get up and running, and it could be fixed to provide millions of people with affordable insurance. Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear, a Democrat, said the system was "working in Kentucky," a state that has dealt with "some of the worst health statistics in the country. ... The only way we're going to get ourselves out of the ditch is some transformational tool," like the new health insurance system.

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# The Battle After The Storm

**S.D. Ranchers Vow To Survive Cattle Disaster**

**BY CHET BROKAW**  
 Associated Press

PHILIP — Joe Carley has nearly finished burying the cattle he lost in a freak early fall blizzard that killed tens of thousands of cattle in western South Dakota. Now, he's figuring out how to dig himself out of the financial hole left after about a quarter of his cows and maybe a third of his calves died in the storm.

"There's some sleepless nights. There's a

lot of worry. My brain's always rolling. We're pulling ourselves out of it, you know. We're trying to figure things out and step forward," Carley, 40, of Philip, said during a break from herding cattle at the local livestock sale barn, where he works to help make ends meet.

Other ranchers in the area also don't plan to give up, despite what state officials have estimated as a loss of 15,000 to 30,000 cattle in the Oct. 4-5 storm that dumped up to 4 feet of snow in some parts. The financial loss is

staggering, with each calf worth more than \$1,000 and each pregnant cow worth \$1,500 to \$2,000. To make matters worse, most ranchers were only a few weeks away from selling the calves born last spring — their paycheck for the year.

Ranchers like Carley may get low-interest loans or loan guarantees from a U.S. Agriculture Department program and could get some help from a relief fund set up by livestock organizations that have so far collected donations of \$400,000 from people in nearly every

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## Taking It To Another Level



**Keep Yankton Beautiful (KYB) received a \$5,000 grant from the Otto Ullrich Memorial Trust to install two multi-level drinking fountains that can be used by both people and canines in the city's parks. This fountain in Riverside Park was completed recently with help from city employees. Pictured are, from left: Chris Bornitz, Dick Kulbel, Lisa Kortan, Amanda Johnson Feimer, Mike Van Winkle, Tom Nelson, Brian Frick and Cindy Filips.**

KELLY HERTZ/P&D

## KYB Uses Grant To Upgrade City Parks, Help Out Pets

**BY DEREK BARTOS**  
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Yankton just became a little more dog-friendly. Thanks to a \$5,000 grant from the Otto Ullrich Memorial Trust, Keep Yankton Beautiful (KYB) has installed in the city's parks two multi-level drinking fountains that can be used by both people and dogs, with a third fountain on the way. The additions are part of three new beautification and community improvement projects for Memorial, Riverside and Marne Creek West Dog parks.

"We're very thankful to the Ullrich Trust for helping us with this project. They're the reason this is happening," said KYB Director Amanda Johnson. "Otto was so much about community, and he loved going to the river and being with his dog. We feel this is something Otto would be proud of and is a great way to honor his memory."

Earlier this month, KYB installed new fountains in Riverside and Marne Creek West Dog parks, replacing existing drinking fountains. The organization completed those projects last week, adding trees, beautification and landscaping to the areas.

"So many people in this community enjoy our parks and like to bring their dogs with them," Johnson said. "Now there will be new fountains available, and I think everyone benefits from beautification. It's just a neat thing to bring to the community."

While the first two fountains replaced existing structures and utilized current water lines, a new space will need to be created for the drinking fountain at Memorial Park, Johnson said. The location that is being considered is between the two tennis courts on the east side of the park, she said.

"We have envisioned a paver pad with benches and a raised rock wall flowerbed, as well as additional landscaping around this particular drinking fountain," she said.

Because of the added costs for the Memorial Park improvements, more funds will be needed to complete the project, Johnson said.

"Volunteers from our KYB board will do what we can to cut costs with the landscaping and planting, but we will still need to do additional

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## Nebraska

# Lawmakers Seek New Ideas For Wind Energy

**BY GRANT SCHULTE**  
 Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Lawmakers are once again looking for ways to attract wind-energy producers to Nebraska.

At least seven state lawmakers and Gov. Dave Heineman will speak next month at the annual Nebraska Wind Conference in Lincoln. The conference helps generate new ideas based on what has worked in other states, said John Hansen, president of the Nebraska Farmers Union and an event organizer.

Nebraska is the nation's third-windiest state, but ranks 26th in the energy it could now produce, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Nebraska lags behind its neighboring states: Iowa, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado and Kansas.

Sen. Heath Mello of Omaha said he's considering wind-energy legislation next year that would provide a tax credit to wind farms, similar to one offered by the federal government and other states.

"The state still has a considerable way to go to become a truly wind-friendly state," Mello said. "I'm trying to work now to see what can be done with my existing bill to help make Nebraska more competitive."

In July, developers announced that they were adding two new wind farms in Oklahoma to provide a combined 250 megawatts to Lincoln Electric Service in Nebraska and a utility in Arkansas. LES said the wind farm in Oklahoma would bring lower-cost power to the company's customers, but the decision frustrated wind-energy proponents, who argued that Nebraska should develop more facilities itself.

Still, Hansen said the state has seen new commitments to wind power. The Nebraska Public Power District has agreed to buy power from a 75-megawatt project in Gage and Jefferson counties. In September, the district committed to buy from an energy farm near Broken Bow.

Earlier this month, the Omaha Public Power District said it would buy 400 megawatts of power from a wind farm being built near O'Neill, in northeast Nebraska. The utility's board voted to approve a 20-year contract for the

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**Speaker:**

## Motivation Key To Leadership

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In order to be a great leader, you have to remember your "why," motivational speaker Aaron Davis told a group of students Saturday at Mount Marty College.

Davis, a member of the 1994 national championship Nebraska Cornhusker football team, presented the keynote address at the college's inaugural Student Leadership Conference. The event, which was open to all area students, was hosted by the Benedictine Institute

of Leadership, Ethics and Social Justice in cooperation with the MMC Office of Student Affairs and Student Programming.

"Don't forget why you do what you do," Davis said during his presentation, "Attitude of a Champion."

"If you don't know your why, whatever happens — little bumps in the road — it'll turn you pretty quick," he said. "... And if you aren't excited about your why, why should anyone else be?"

In addition to remembering the motivation behind a goal, it is also important for



**Motivational speaker Aaron Davis speaks to students at Mount Marty College Saturday during the school's inaugural Student Leadership Conference.**

DEREK BARTOS/P&D

that goal to be clear, he said. "When your why is very clear, concise and focused, it makes it a lot easier to take," Davis said. "It's going to still be tough, but if

there's any question as to what your mission is, there's going to be problems." He said that the goal for

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## Older Workers Report Resounding Satisfaction

**BY MATT SEDENSKY**  
 Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Not happy with your job? Just wait.

A study by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds that 9 in 10 workers who are age 50 or older say they are very or somewhat satisfied with their job. Older workers reported satisfaction regardless of gender, race, educational level, political ideology and income level.

Consider Oscar Martinez. If Disneyland truly is the happiest place on earth, Martinez may be one of its happiest workers.

Never mind that at 77, the chef already has done a

lifetime of work. Or that he must rise around 3 a.m. each day to catch a city bus in time for breakfast crowds at Carnation Caf@, one of the park's restaurants. With 57 years under his apron, he is Disneyland's longest-serving employee.

"To me, when I work, I'm happy," said Martinez, who's not sure he ever wants to retire.

Though research has shown people across age groups are more likely to report job satisfaction than dissatisfaction, older workers consistently have expressed more happiness with their work than younger people have.

The AP-NORC survey

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