

# Many residents lack power

LINCOLN from page 1

viduals scattered throughout Lincoln continued to report a lack of service.

Technicians working from dawn to dusk faced serious obstacles to restoring phone service in some areas Sunday and Monday, Kelahur said.

"They're running into a lot of trees, down power lines and a lot of snow," she said.

Aliant employees working to restore service will follow electric company repair teams after dangling tree limbs have been removed, she said.

At the height of the record storm, more than 30,000 of 105,000 Lincoln homes were without power.

In Omaha, more than 100,000 homes went without power through much of Sunday.

As of 3 p.m. Monday, about 2,500 businesses remained without electricity statewide, said Sharon Soltero of the Nebraska Public Power District.

All 232 residents of Hardy, east of Superior, were still in the dark as of Monday afternoon, she said.

Acting Gov. Kim Robak said she didn't have power at her house, either.

Fallen tree limbs are the main culprit of the damage, Bundy said, as LES has needed to replace only two power poles.

But many power lines remain

caught in fallen trees, creating a hazard for children and others who might wander under the debris.

As a result, Lincoln Public Schools canceled classes again today.

Residential streets blocked by trees and snow also contributed to the closure, said schools Superintendent Phil Schoo.

About a dozen schools also have no heat or inadequate electric service, Schoo said.

For Lincoln residents without heat, the American Red Cross is operating four area shelters at: Christ's Place, Old Cheney and 77th streets; the Red Cross facility at 220 Oak St.; Wesleyan Knight Field House, 54th and Huntington streets; and Pershing Auditorium in downtown Lincoln.

The Pershing shelter is staffed with medical personnel for residents requiring medical care.

Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady said anyone needing a ride to a shelter can call a police officer at (402) 441-7395 or (402) 441-7398.

"We are concerned some residents are staying at homes without heat," he said. "We are more than willing to get those people to shelter."

Casady said police have responded to 304 incidents since the snowstorm, but a "heartening, small number of traffic accidents."

Thirty-five accidents occurred Sunday and 21 were reported Monday, Casady said. He said Lincolnites staying at home and off dangerous roads kept the number of accidents low.

Casady said police also are concerned about scam artists who try to take advantage of storm victims.

"It's prime time," he said.

Mayor Mike Johanns said one telemarketing service already has called residents, offering to test whether their drinking water is safe.

Although a loss of electricity caused water pumps to stop operating in some parts of the city, water in the city was never unsafe, Johanns said.

After flying in a helicopter to view damage between Omaha and Lincoln, Robak described the scene as looking like "a giant foot that came down and hit the community."

Major Stanley Heng of the Nebraska National Guard said it was unknown whether the state could qualify for federal emergency funds.

Heng said he hoped Federal Emergency Management Agency officials would visit the state in the next couple of days to provide a preliminary damage assessment.

Lincoln officials estimate millions of dollars in damage to the Capital City.

# UNL classes canceled for record second day

CLOSING from page 1

respecting barricades on campus and giving workers clearing tree branches room to work.

As of midday Monday, most of East Campus was clear of debris and snow, but it will take all week to remove a majority of fallen limbs, Culbertson said.

City Campus employees continued removing tree branches late Monday to make campus safe for students, Kirby Baird, City Campus landscaping manager, said.

That's good news for Peg Blake, UNL director of admissions, who must be host to 600 campus visitors today.

At 10 a.m., 290 of Nebraska's brightest high school students - all Omaha World-Herald Distinguished Scholars - and their parents arrive on campus for tours, various programs and a dinner.

Blake said the university remains excited to have the visitors, but the timing is poor.

"It's unfortunate they have to see us after this kind of devasta-

tion," she said. "I'm sure they'll be understanding."

"We'll take every precaution to make sure they stay safe," Blake said, including providing tours via campus shuttles instead of on foot.

Baird said all Landscape Services employees who were stranded in Omaha Sunday were hard at work Monday clearing campus for visitors, employees and students.

All parking lots and walkways not covered with tree branches have been plowed, he said.

The long hours and hard work have taken their toll on the landscaping workers.

"We are just tired and depressed right now," Culbertson said.

Once the initial damage is cleared, landscaping will be forced to assess the long-term effects of this storm.

"We will be dealing with the damage from this storm for years down the road," Culbertson said.


**Metro TRACKER**  
**SPECIAL ADVANCE SCREENING**  
 RICHARD GERE  
**RED CORNER**  
 SEVERITY FOR THOSE WHO RESIST


**FREE MOVIE POSTERS**

**Tuesday Oct 28**  
**8:00 PM**  
**Ross Film Theater**

Stop by and see the new Tracker and Metro in the E. Stadium Loop

Pick Up Passes at the Offices for Student Involvement  
 Presented by University Program Council

 Metro Coupe

 Tracker 2-Door 4x4 Convertible

**ABORTION CARE**  
 STATE LICENSED PHYSICIANS

**Womens Services P.C.**

- Abortion Services Provided During All Legal Stages
- Awake or Asleep
- Full-Time OB/GYN Physicians
- Saturday Appointments Available
- Outpatient Care
- Birth Control
- Total OB/GYN Health Care

IN OMAHA • 554-0110 TOLL FREE • 1-800-922-8331  
 201 S. 46th St., Omaha, NE 68132 <http://gynpages.com/omaha>


BOARD CERTIFIED SPECIALISTS  
 G. William Orr, MD, FACOG • C. J. Faber, MD, FACOG

**Check us out**



[www.unl.edu/DailyNeb/](http://www.unl.edu/DailyNeb/)

God Is the Potter; I Am the Clay  
 Christian Art Demonstration



Join us for this fascinating presentation!  
 by Terry Thacker  
 Tonight at 8:00

425 University Terrace  
 (behind Found Dorm)  
[www.ihcc.org/college.htm](http://www.ihcc.org/college.htm)  
 Patrick Abendroth  
 436-7177

