

Newcombe(r) of the year

After a switch of positions midway through the season, freshman Bobby Newcombe is making waves on the Husker football team. PAGE 7



It takes a big man

Making it in the adult movie industry takes more than brains. As Dirk Diggler, Mark Wahlberg proves he's the man in "Boogie Nights." PAGE 9

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LES relaxes after lighting Lincoln's lives

Electricians who worked for more than a week to restore the city's power are getting a break.

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On the ninth day there was light again, and it was the LES crews who rested.

Early Monday morning, the last of the dark houses in Lincoln lit up with electricity as Lincoln Electric System crews finally restored power to everyone in the city.

It took nine grueling days of around-the-clock work from not only LES crews, but about 400 private electric contractors from across the region, to restore the power that 30,000 customers lost after Sunday's massive snowstorm.

High winds Sunday afternoon had LES taking one step backward after making huge steps forward, as gusts knocked down 20 power lines across the city, causing 2,000 people to lose power again.

But Monday morning, everyone in the city — for the first time in more than a week — woke up with electricity.

LES spokesman Russ Reno said about 200 workers were still retained by the power company in case there was a change in the situation, but for a majority of workers, it was a day off.

"Everybody at LES has taken a much-needed rest as best we can," he said. "But there are still some situations we need to take care of so we can get our system up to shape."

During the week, crews focused on getting power restored as quickly as possible, Reno said. Now their goal is getting everything fixed permanently.

"That will probably take months," he said. "The facilities were repaired the best they could at the moment, but they weren't repaired up to standard."

LES is estimating a \$6.2 million damage bill for the week, Reno said.

They will meet with Federal Emergency Management Agency officials Wednesday to determine just how much of that bill the government will cover.

If the amount is approved, Reno said, FEMA funds would cover 75 percent of the total costs.

Nelson talks beef with S. Korea

BY TED TAYLOR
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Gov. Ben Nelson said Monday he hoped two days of talking "eyeball to eyeball" with South Korean officials regarding the safety of Nebraska and American beef products would normalize the two sides' working relationship.

In a conference call from Seoul, South Korea, Nelson said he wasn't optimistic, but remained hopeful that South Korea's trust in Nebraska and American beef would resurface despite two contamination scares in Nebraska plants earlier this year.

"I am very hopeful that the officials here

will consider the fact that this beef should be permitted into the Korean market," he said.

It was disturbing, Nelson said, that the South Korean minister of agriculture was still considering stopping shipments of American beef products before they have been inspected and tested.

"We've had too long of a relationship to have the treatment we're getting at this time," he said.

Nelson described the two days of "high-level meetings" with South Korea's president of livestock marketing organization and Minister of Foreign Affairs Yoo Chang Ha as "tough talk, straight talk."

"We explained to them that we share the

same goal in providing safe and nutritious food to Korean customers," he said. "We want to work with them to solve any misunderstandings."

In September, South Korean importers were told to destroy or return nearly 18 tons of Nebraska beef from Dakota City-based IBP after the country's quarantine inspectors detected traces of the E. coli bacteria on slices of frozen beef.

South Korean officials' beef safety concerns initially arose following the recall of more than 25 million pounds of beef from Columbus' Hudson Foods in August and

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Start chopplin'



LANDSCAPE SERVICE'S CARL LANGENBERG cuts up branches that have fallen near Architecture Hall. Langenberg said that after the fallen branches are cleaned up, torn branches would have to be trimmed so that the trees would heal.

RYAN SODERLIN/DN

Students could get credit for service work

BY ERIN GIBSON
Senior Reporter

Time dedicated to community service projects could add credit hours to UNL students' transcripts because of a \$300,000 federal grant announced Monday.

The one-year Learn and Serve America Higher Education Grant will fund community service programs on the campuses of 20 Nebraska colleges and universities, including the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where officials say such funding is greatly needed.

It will also help schools add community ser-

vice-oriented, for-credit courses to their curricula.

Because of its large size, UNL should receive a significant chunk of the grant — \$20,000 or more — to enhance the community service programs it offers students, said Marilyn Bugenhagen, UNL director of Student Involvement.

Schools must submit proposals to receive part of the funds, she said.

When UNL receives part of the grant, it will expand its new Volunteer Resource Center and provide incentives for professors to add community service into their course requirements, Bugenhagen said.

One English course, Literacy and Community Issues, already requires UNL students to complete several hours of community service each week for course credit.

The grant would help faculty members develop similar courses by paying transportation and materials costs associated with requiring community service as part of a course, Bugenhagen said. Faculty could also receive stipends for rewriting their courses to include community service, and UNL-sponsored workshops could help faculty make course changes.

"We're hoping it will allow us to make service more available to students at UNL," she said.

Bugenhagen said many Nebraska students come to college with a strong background in service in their hometowns, but they could lose the tendency toward service if it isn't nurtured at their schools.

At UNL, a Volunteer Resources Center, headed by Diane Podolske, pairs interested students with community service projects, she said.

But the center is "just a baby," Bugenhagen said.

Although it opened Sept. 2, it has no office — just the one-woman workstation that is

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