



National Guard Sargent Larry Beckner, (right) relays messages and serves as the link of communication between national guardsmen to Council Bluffs Police officers

operating in the storm damaged area at a command post set up along North 25th Street.—Photo by Dan Koenig.

Haszard's back yard. Volunteers from the Union Pacific Railroad, where her neighbor had worked

before his retirement, had already sawed up and removed most of the smaller branches.



Many streets were impassable because of fallen trees. This one at 714 Military, forced drivers into a yard to get around it. — Photo by Steve Glowacki.

"I don't know how to beg, but I didn't know where to turn," Haszard said. "I don't have a credit rating because I have purchased anything on time for years. I can't say enough good things about the city employees and the members of the task force who went out of their way to help me."

"I've lived through three tornadoes, the first one as a small child growing up in Illinois. My aunt made me stand in the front yard of our home and watch. It destroyed everything across the road from our house. I was in Omaha when the tornado hit there in 1975. And now this," Haszard said. "I hope I never see another one."