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Plows clear Main Street in Cromwell as a powerful nor'easter brings blizzard conditions in Connecticut on Monday.

Blizzard pounds state with heavy snow, damaging winds

By Peter Yankowski and Nathaniel Rosenberg
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A powerful nor'easter winter storm brought blizzard conditions to Connecticut Monday for the first time in years, as a mix of heavy snow and driving snow essentially brought the state to standstill.

The storm closed Connecticut schools and most government offices Monday. Gov. Ned Lamont has declared a state of emergency and banned commercial vehicles from Connecticut's highways.

During a news briefing a little before noon Monday, the state's emergency management director said both the commercial vehicle ban and state of emergency remained in effect until further notice. The state's severe cold weather protocol was also enacted Sunday and remains in effect.

William Turner, the emergency management director, emphasized people should stay off the roads.

"While a full travel ban is not in effect, the travel is still very treacherous," Turner said during Monday's news conference. "The more we can keep everybody home and hunkered down for the storm, the easier it'll be for our emergency responders to respond to those emergency calls."

Storm results in thousands of outages, no fatalities reported

The storm resulted in thousands of power outages Monday. Eversource, the state's largest power utility, warned Sunday that "several hundreds thou-



A vehicle is stuck on the Interstate 91 entrance ramp off West Street in Cromwell amid a nor'easter on Monday.

sand customers" could lose power. Full restoration may take days, the company's president of Connecticut operations said.

Turner said he had "no update to that timeline" Monday. He noted officials expected outages to "tick up," but that so far the number had been holding steady at about 15,000 between the state's two major electrical utilities.

Thousands of flights in and out of the United States were canceled Monday. The flight tracking service FlightAware said more than 5,300 U.S. flights were canceled as of Monday morning.

In Connecticut, Tweed New Haven

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State officially met blizzard criteria during Monday's storm. **Page A3**

Connecticut snow total. **Page A3**

Eversource restoring power in Connecticut, warns outages could last up to six days. **Page A3**

Regional Airport closed Sunday and was not expected to open until 8 p.m. Monday. Bradley International Airport **Storm continues on A6**

Bill would bar ICE within 250 feet of polling places

By Paul Hughes
STAFF WRITER

HARTFORD — Democrats in Connecticut are preparing to propose a state law banning U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents from operating near polling places they say in order to protect voter access for the midterm elections.

Legislation is being introduced through the state legislature's Democratic-led Government Administration and Elections Committee to prohibit federal law enforcement operations within 250 feet of a polling place, an elections counting site, or other sensitive election locations and make violations a state crime.

State Rep. Matt Blumenthal, D-Stamford, the committee's House chairman, outlined the proposal Friday during a news conference at the Legislative Office Building with U.S. Rep. John B. Larson, D-1st District, and Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz on federal ban that Larson has proposed.

Both Larson and Blumenthal said the two legislative proposals aim to protect against ICE or other federal law enforcement authorities from intimidating and scaring away

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EAST HADDAM

Man charged after passenger jumps from moving car

By Jessica Bravo
STAFF WRITER

EAST HADDAM — A man from East Lyme is facing charges after a passenger jumped from a moving vehicle during an argument with him on Saturday night, police said.

Steven Tierney, 40, was charged with first-degree unlawful restraint, second-degree threatening and disorderly conduct following an investigation, Connecticut State Police said.

Troopers responded to an East Haddam residence in the Alger Road area around 11:30 p.m. Saturday for a non-active

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'Co-living' is catching on in Connecticut

By Alexander Soule
STAFF WRITER

They are two of the newest sets of apartments to hit the Connecticut market — one a sprawling modern complex built by a national developer near the University of Connecticut in Storrs; the other a Victorian in Willimantic, recently refurbished by an entrepreneurial couple who got their start as Airbnb hosts.

The common thread connecting them? Both allow tenants to have a private bedroom for themselves and share the kitchen, living and dining rooms, in a concept dubbed "co-living" that is catching on in other parts of the country as a way to get more bang for the apartment buck — both for landlords and renters.

In Mansfield, Landmark Properties has site preparation underway at 134 N. Eagleville Road for an apartment complex to be called The Mark Mansfield. As the case with Landmark's new Standard at Four Corners apartments at 1725 Storrs Road, The Mark Mansfield will include suites with common kitchens, living rooms and laundry units; and bedrooms with locks for individual tenants.

The idea is to offer tenants all the features of a studio or one-bedroom apartment, while helping them trim the monthly bill by spreading the cost of common areas and utilities.

Apartment entrepreneurs David and Karen Etchells have adopted the concept in Windham, initially on Pleasant Street **'Co-living' continues on A4**

Declining sales force boutique to close

By Cassandra Day
STAFF WRITER

MIDDLETOWN — A small, intimate apparel boutique offering custom fitting services for nearly 30 years will be closing in June.

Tina Fine, owner of Tina's Fine Lingerie & Swimwear at 394 Main St., which opened in 1997, can't compete with big-box stores that sell undergarments and swimsuits at prices far lower than her clothing, she said.

When Fine first opened her business, customers were plenty, she said.

"The new generation doesn't buy lingerie as much anymore," she said. "Back then, people would come in and buy lingerie for Valentine's Day or Christmas. We don't see that anymore."

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Courtesy of Jakub Pajor

Tina Fine, owner of Tina's Fine Lingerie at 394 Main St. in Middletown, will be closing up shop in June.

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