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NORTHEAST PUMMELED

Over 568,000 power outages were reported across the Northeast by the morning of Feb. 23, with most occurring in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, according to poweroutage.us. PETER PEREIRA/NEW BEDFORD STANDARD-TIMES

Cities report whiteouts, mass power outages

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NEW YORK – An intensifying winter storm pummeled the Northeast on Feb. 23, unleashing blizzard conditions that blanketed major cities in snow, brought travel to a standstill and caused mass power outages.

The powerful nor'easter dumped more than 2 feet of snow across much of the Eastern Seaboard by the afternoon. The weather service had received at least 22 preliminary reports of 24 inches of snow or more spanning a distance of nearly 200 miles, stretching from Freehold, New Jersey, to New Bedford, Massachusetts and Providence, Rhode Island.

More than 40 million people were under blizzard warnings from Maryland to Maine, as several states recorded hurricane-force winds. Blizzard conditions were verified in Teterboro, Newark and Islip, New Jersey; Westhampton, New York; Groton, New Haven and Bridgeport, Connecticut, according to the weather service. Meteorologists announced that the nor'easter had officially achieved "bomb cyclone" status.

New York City lifted a travel ban on Feb. 23 that had taken effect the night before, "but conditions on the roads remain icy," said Mayor Zohran Mamdani in a post on X. Streets were eerily quiet as residents sheltered from the city's first blizzard since March 2017.

In Central Park, more than 15 inches

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Heavy snow blankets eastern Cranston. ANTONIA NOORI FARZAN/PROVIDENCE JOURNAL

Blizzard brings 'peak conditions,' to RI, leaves 50,000 without energy

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A powerful storm with "peak blizzard conditions" pummeled Rhode Island Sunday into Monday, Feb. 22 to 23.

Forecasters had predicted the storm could rival the Blizzard of '78, and preliminary snow totals suggested that

was likely. More than 20 inches of snow had fallen in Providence as of 9 a.m., 26 inches in Richmond as of 9:40 a.m. and 25 inches in South Kingstown as of 9 a.m.

At a 10:30 a.m. press conference on Monday, Gov. Dan McKee said that Rhode Island is currently experiencing

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Mark Pappas, head of the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency, said there was so much snow in the state, even plows were getting stuck.

Rogers Black History Month assembly honors students, community

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Rogers High School's 55th annual Black History Month Assembly, one of the longest-running events of its kind in the United States, was held for the first time at the new Rogers High School audi-

torium after three years of being held in the older building's cramped cafeteria.

"It feels good," Assembly committee member Teresa Clements told The Newport Daily News. "It feels like family, with the presentation and the music. It just brings back memories, like Rogers is back together again."

Leading the assembly was Moderator

Fayth Loper, a senior at Rogers and one of the first students to have begun her Newport academic career at Pell Elementary School, which opened in 2013, and will end it at the new Rogers building. Loper is a member of the school's tennis team and the JROTC and is interested in furthering her career in military service. She is also interested in pursu-

ing a career in forensic science. For her role in the assembly, she received the Assembly Moderator Scholarship.

The two community awards given each year, the George T. Downing Award, awarded this year to Newport native Veronica Mays, and the Dr. Marcus F.

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