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A police car is stuck at the corner of Messer and Chapin streets in Providence during the blizzard on Feb. 23. Preliminary reports show snowfall records have been shattered across the state, including 33.5 inches in Providence. WHEELER COWPERTHWAITHE/THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL

BLIZZARD OF '26

Historic storm breaks '78 snow record, batters state with outages, travel bans

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Snowy views along Benefit Street in Providence on Feb. 23. WHITMAN LITTLEFIELD/THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL

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

Forecasters had predicted the storm would rival the Blizzard of '78, and preliminary reports show snowfall records have been shattered across the state. Central Falls reported 31.3 inches, Gloucester 32.1 inches, Providence: 33.5 inches, North Kingstown 33.5 inches and T.F. Green Airport (Warwick) 32.8 inches.

At a 10:30 a.m. press conference, Gov. Dan McKee said that Rhode Island is currently experiencing "peak blizzard conditions." "Right now we're in the thick of the storm," he said.

McKee declared a state of emergency on Sunday, declaring a travel ban across the state. Four of the state's bridges were closed - Jamestown-Verrazzano Bridge, Mount Hope Bridge, Newport Pell Bridge, Sakonnet River Bridge - and RI Energy warned that

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Inside: Bristol woman stays in Newport hotel to be close to hospital with baby due, 2A.

Northeast pummeled by storm

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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

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A plow was stuck on the roads in Providence during the blizzard. WHITMAN LITTLEFIELD/THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL

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