

U.S., Canada dig out from winter storm

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BOSTON -- The remnants of a winter storm that blasted Upper Midwest and Northeastern U.S. states was battering Atlantic Canada on Monday, forecasters reported. The weekend storm delivered howling winds and heavy snowfall that created a myriad of road accidents, along with minor aircraft incidents, flight cancellations and domino-effect travel delays throughout northern states and southern Canadian provinces. In Rhode Island, a US Airways Express flight carrying 31 passengers and three crew members from Philadelphia slid off the runway Sunday afternoon, the Providence Journal reported. Airline spokeswoman Barb Jones there were no injuries. There were more than 5 inches of snow on the ground at the time. In Chicago, police reported part of the snow-bogged roof at the Aurora Skate Center caved in, causing minor injuries to five people Sunday afternoon, the Chicago Tribune reported. Across the storm's wake from Illinois through Michigan and states bordering the Great Lakes, thousands of school children were ordered to stay home Monday until road crews could clear drift several feet high in places, reports said. AccuWeather said New England would see an end Monday to a mix of drizzle, sleet and freezing rain as the storm moved into Atlantic Canadian provinces.

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