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'21's first storm leave footprint

Many communities receive at least 12 inches

By Jeff Malachowski
 The MetroWest Daily News
 USA TODAY NETWORK

The first significant snowfall of 2021 blanketed MetroWest and Greater Milford with more

than a foot of snow in most areas, making travel and cleanup operations a challenge.

Flakes began to fall Monday morning, then ramped up throughout the afternoon and evening, causing road conditions to deteriorate.

"We had some heavy snow overnight," said Milford Highway

Surveyor Scott Crisafulli. "It snowed hard."

Most MetroWest and Greater Milford communities topped a foot of snow, including Framingham with 16 inches, Marlborough and Milford with 14 inches and Natick and Franklin with 13 inches.

Hudson was one of the

hardest-hit communities in MetroWest, with between 17 and 21 inches falling in town, said Eric Ryder, Public Works director.

"It's a lot to move," he said.

Hudson Public Works trucks hit the streets Monday morning and continued clearing roads and sidewalks throughout the day Tuesday. Ryder said crews' initial

efforts were to ensure the main roads were cleared before moving to secondary roads.

"The crews have done an amazing job keeping the roads open," he said. "...Coffee is their friend. They prepare for this. We're doing what we're trained to do."

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Smoke fills the air during a barn fire at the Hillside School Farm on Robin Hill Street in Marlboro, Feb. 2, 2021. Much of the barn has already collapsed. [DAILY NEWS AND WICKED LOCAL STAFF FILE PHOTOS/ART ILLMAN]

Hundreds deported under Biden, including witness to massacre

By Nomaan Merchant
 The Associated Press

HOUSTON — President Joe Biden's administration has deported hundreds of immigrants in its early days despite his campaign pledge to stop removing most people in the U.S. illegally at the beginning of his term.

A federal judge last week ordered the Biden administration not to enforce a 100-day moratorium on deportations, but the ruling did not require the government to schedule them. In recent days, U.S. Immigration

and Customs Enforcement has deported immigrants to at least three countries: 15 people to Jamaica on Thursday and 269 people to Guatemala and Honduras on Friday. More deportation flights were scheduled Monday.

It's unclear how many of those people are considered national security or public safety threats or had recently crossed the border illegally, the priority under new guidance that the Department of Homeland Security issued to enforcement agencies and that took effect Monday.

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'A total loss'

Hillside School Farm's barn burns to ground; animals saved

By Lauren Young
 The MetroWest Daily News
 USA TODAY NETWORK

MARLBOROUGH — The Hillside School Farm has lost its barn after it burned to the ground on Tuesday morning in an aggressive fire, although five animals inside were saved and uninjured.

Assistant Fire Chief Jeffrey Gogan called the school farm at 392 Robin Hill St. a "total loss" after the two-alarm fire, and said an excavator was coming by later

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Course delves into the power of memes

By Scott O'Connell
 Telegram & Gazette
 USA TODAY NETWORK

WORCESTER — From Shiba Inus to Bernie Sanders, internet memes have transformed the way people — especially younger people — absorb and comment on current events.

They're also fertile ground for academic analysis, as Clark University professor Hugh S. Manon has found teaching his course, meme culture and comedy theory.

Manon, director of screen studies at Clark, recently answered questions about the class that he said is one of the major's more demanding courses, and how



Clark University Professor Hugh S. Manon. [SUBMITTED PHOTO]

memes have become a powerful new medium for humor in the 21st century.

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