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NOR'EASTER'S TIMING HELPED



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Residents clean up after 2 feet of snow reportedly fell on parts of Lowell.

BIG PILES OF SNOW, BUT MOSTLY SMOOTH SAILING

No injuries as plow catches fire in Lowell

Sun Staff Report

LOWELL » Despite a nor'easter blasting the area overnight Monday, dumping as much as 2 feet of snow on some parts of the region, roads remained clear of traffic which helped local plow crews win the battle, with one fiery exception in Lowell.

It was about 2 a.m. Tuesday when a 1999 Ford F350 burst into flames as its driver from the Lowell Department of Public Works was plowing Marshall

Avenue.

"The DPW driver turned the corner onto Marshall Avenue and heard a noise in the front of the vehicle," said DPW Director Christine Clancy.

"Soon after exiting the vehicle, the front of the vehicle became engulfed in flames," Clancy said.

The driver was unhurt, and Clancy provided a photo of the burning truck amid heavy, driving snow.

Despite the hiccup, and plans to replace an aging DPW



COURTESY CITY OF LOWELL

A 1999 Ford F350 operated by the Lowell Department of Public Works burns moments after its driver jumped out after hearing a loud noise while plowing Marshall Avenue in Lowell Tuesday about 2 a.m.

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INCREASING ALLOTMENT, FUNDING

Biden boosting vaccine effort

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar and Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON » President Biden's administration announced Tuesday that it is moving to expand access to COVID-19 vaccines, freeing up more doses for states and beginning to distribute them to retail pharmacies next week. The push comes amid new urgency to speed vaccinations to prevent the spread of potentially more serious strains of the virus that has killed more than 445,000 Americans.

Starting next week, 1 million doses will be distributed to some 6,500 pharmacies across the country, the White House said.

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TEWKSBURY

Probation ordered in animal cruelty

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TEWKSBURY » Former Tewksbury Senior Center Director Nicole Hutcheon, who was arrested on animal cruelty charges last year after two dogs died in her care, will avoid jail time but be forbidden from owning any pets for three years while she is on probation.

Hutcheon, 34, of Tewksbury, who worked at the Senior Center

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CHELMSFORD

Group ramps up anti-racism push

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CHELMSFORD » Chelmsford

CARES (Coalition for Antiracist Reform in Educational Systems), a local anti-racism organization fighting for equity in

the town's schools, is ramping up its efforts through social media.

Although the organization

formed this past summer in the wake of the deaths of George Floyd and other Black Ameri-

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MASSACHUSETTS

Experts: Don't take meds before vaccine

Experts say taking pain meds before the vaccine could blunt effect. PAGE 2A

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Construction owner allegedly bilked IRS

The owner has agreed to plead guilty in the tax fraud case. PAGE 3A

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Today's Question

Should Harriet Tubman be on the \$20 bill

YES OR NO

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Yesterday's question results (360 votes)

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