

# Deep Freeze Bears Down

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CHICAGO — Parents brought kids to work or just stayed home because schools were closed, again. Office workers hailed cabs to ride a block — or less. And companies offering delivery services were inundated with business as Arctic air blasted the central U.S. on Monday for the second time in weeks, disrupting the lives of even the hardiest Midwesterners.

As temperatures and wind chills plummeted throughout the day, even simple routines were upended by the need to bundle up, with anyone venturing outdoors being well advised to layer up with clothing, coats, hats, scarves and gloves.

And there's no quick relief in sight as subzero highs were expected to dominate across the region into Tuesday.

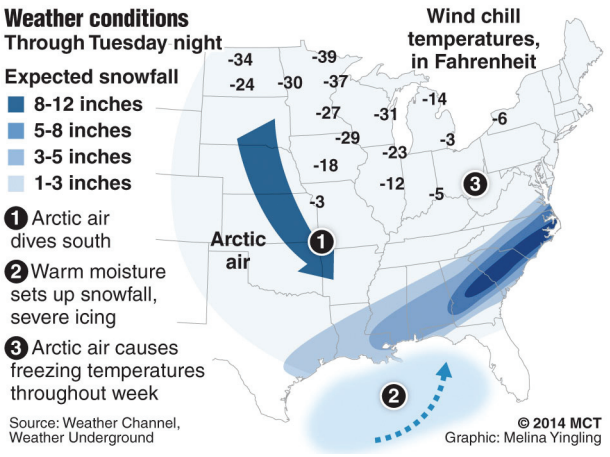
"This is similar to what we had three weeks ago" in terms of life-threatening conditions, said Sarah Marquardt, a National Weather Service meteorologist. "With wind chills in the minus 30 to minus 40 range, you can get frostbite within 10 minutes on exposed skin."

In Chicago, temperatures had fallen below zero by Monday afternoon with wind chills in the negative double-digits.

"We had two (employees) call in because they couldn't come to work because of the school closings, and another called in sick," said Kristelle

## Still more snow, ice and cold

Another winter storm is bringing frigid temperatures to half the country and dangerous ice and snow to the South.



Brister, the manager of a Chicago Starbucks, who was forced to bring her 9-year-old son to work after the city shut down its 400,000-student school system for the day.

Residents of Minnesota and Wisconsin faced similar if even somewhat more severe weather.

Wind chills in the minus 40s were expected in Minneapolis, while in Milwaukee the chill hit minus 23 by mid-afternoon. Elsewhere, wind chills of minus 18 were expected in Dayton, Ohio, minus 14 in Kansas City, Mo., and minus 3 in Louisville, Ky.

The chill Monday was enough to keep even the hardiest people off the streets, in-

cluding the customers of the Hollywood Tan salon in the southwestern Illinois' community of Belleville.

"It's definitely a lot slower," said salon manager Kelly Benton, who wasn't expecting anything near the 100 tanners the salon sees on a typical day.

But the chill didn't keep crowds from Tiny Tots and Little Tykes Preschool and Child Care Center in West St. Paul, Minn., where the cold weather means a lot more jumping rope and riding around on scooters — anything to escape cabin fever and let kids burn off some energy.

"We're just trying to keep them busy, but it's definitely more of a challenge when you

can't get outside," said Man-aRae Schaan, the executive director.

The brutally cold weather has brought a spike in business for GrubHub Seamless, a company that lets users order food online from restaurants and have the food delivered.

"Across the board, restaurant and delivery drivers are dealing with an influx of orders," Allie Mack, a spokeswoman for the company said in an email.

Not only that, but people seem to appreciate the drivers more, with Mack saying that during the Polar Vortex earlier this month, tipping was up by double digits in Detroit, Cleveland, Minneapolis and Chicago. And, for some reason, deliveries of buffalo chicken sandwiches jumped 37 percent.

"You figure people are probably being more generous to their drivers because their drivers are the ones braving the conditions while you're on your couch in your pajamas," Mack said.

Chicago cabdriver Kumar Patel said the cold translates into bigger tips for him too.

But the chill also seems to trigger some bad behavior as well, he said.

"They get in and they say they have to smoke because it's so cold," Patel said.

Still, he said, he can pick up a lot of fares in a short time.

"They are going a block, sometimes only a half block," Patel said.

## US Seeking A Defense Against Spying

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government is looking into encryption techniques that could prevent eavesdroppers from spying on its own surveillance of Americans' phone records.

As the Obama administration considers shifting the collection of those records from the National Security Agency to requiring that they be stored at phone companies or elsewhere, it's quietly funding research to prevent phone company employees or eavesdroppers from seeing whom the U.S. is spying on, The Associated Press has learned.

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence has paid at least five research teams across the country to develop a system for high-volume, encrypted searches of electronic records kept outside the government's possession. The project is among several ideas that would allow the government to discontinue storing Americans' phone records, but still search them as needed.

Under the research, U.S. data mining would be shielded by secret coding that could conceal identifying details from outsiders and even the owners of the targeted databases, according to public documents obtained by The Associated Press and AP interviews with researchers, corporate executives and government officials.

The administration has provided only vague descriptions about changes it is considering to the NSA's daily collection and storage of Americans' phone records, which are presently kept in NSA databanks. To resolve legal, privacy and civil liberties concerns, President Barack Obama this month ordered the attorney general and senior intelligence officials to recommend changes by March 28 that would allow the U.S. to identify suspected terrorists' phone calls without the government holding the phone records itself.

## Ukraine Chief Says He Will Scrap Law

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine's beleaguered president on Monday agreed to scrap harsh anti-protest laws that set off a wave of clashes between protesters and police over the past week, a potentially substantial concession to the opposition that stopped short of meeting all of its demands.

In a possibly major sticking point, a proposed amnesty for arrested protesters would not be offered unless demonstrators stopped occupying buildings and ended their round-the-clock protests and tent camp on Kiev's central Independence Square, according to a statement by Justice Minister Elena Lukash on the presidential website.

President Viktor Yanukovich has been under increasing pressure since he pushed the tough laws through parliament, setting of clashes and protests in other parts of the country in a sharp escalation of tensions after weeks of mostly peaceful protests over his rejection of a deal to deepen ties with the 28-nation European Union.

At a meeting between top opposition figures and Yanukovich late Monday "a political decision was made on scrapping the laws of Jan. 16, which aroused much discussion," Lukash said.

She made no mention of a key opposition demand — that Yanukovich resign.

## Assad's Future Hindering Peace Talks

GENEVA (AP) — The key issue of a transitional government to replace President Bashar Assad blocked any progress Monday in Syrian peace talks, described by one delegate as "a dialogue of the deaf."

The chief U.N. mediator expressed frustration over inflammatory public remarks by the two sides as he sought to identify some less-contentious issues in hopes of achieving any progress at all at the bargaining table.

But even the most modest attempts at confidence-building measures faltered — including humanitarian aid convoys to besieged parts of the central city of Homs and the release of detainees. Veteran mediator Lakhdar Brahimi somberly declared at the end of the day that he had little to report.

"There are no miracles here," Brahimi said, adding that both sides nevertheless appeared to have the will to continue the discussions. Asked how he planned to bridge the enormous gap between the two sides, the veteran diplomat quipped: "Ideas, I'll take them with great pleasure."

The gulf between the two sides was on full display at a turbulent morning session in which the delegations from the opposition and the Syrian government faced off on the question of Assad's future.

## OBITUARIES

### Royce 'Mike' Michael

Royce "Mike" Michael age 66 of Crofton, Nebraska died on Friday, January 24, 2014 at his residence.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton. There will be a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. officiated by Rev. Amanda Jertson. Burial will occur at a later date.

To view the video tribute, or to send online condolences, please visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com/](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com/).

Mike was born on July 20, 1947 in Petersburg, West Virginia to James Vernon and Freeda Pauline (Borror) Michael. He graduated from Tecumseh High School in New Carlisle, Ohio in 1966. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1967 and served until 1971.



Michael

In 1968 Mike met his wife, Cheryl Skretteberg while stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, SD. They were married on August 21,

1970 in Lemmon, SD and after his discharge from the Air Force they moved to Lemmon where he worked for a number of years at the Lemmon Equity Exchange. For a time, he owned and operated Mike's Auto Electric. In June of 1989 they moved to an acreage northeast of Crofton. He attended Northeast Vocational School and worked at Kolberg's in Yankton, SD. For the last several years he worked for BJ School Buses as the Crofton Public School Bus Manager. He truly enjoyed this job especially the bus trips, the interaction with

the kids and watching them participate in their activities. He always said the highlight was the bus trip he drove when the Crofton Basketball girls captured the State title. He enjoyed several summers working as a Park Ranger at Weigand. Mike and Cheryl had 3 children, Justin, Greg and Mandy and he loved being involved in their activities and was proud of each of them. Mike was a member of the Crofton American Legion Post 128. Mike was baptized in September of 1983 in Lemmon after his profession of his belief of a saving Jesus at the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Lemmon.

Mike is survived by his wife, Cheryl Michael of Crofton; 3 children, Justin and Melinda Michael of Crofton, Greg Michael of Crofton; Mandy Michael of Cedar Hills, Texas; 3 grandchildren, Caden and Camry Michael of Crofton; Cody

LaCroix of Omaha; a great granddaughter, Ella Rainn LaCroix, a sister, Denise and Mark Wymore of Clovis, New Mexico; his mother-in-law, Faye Gaugler of Lemmon; brother and sister-in-law, Terry and Nancy Skretteberg of Shadell, SD; 2 nieces, Jessica Dawson of Clovis, NM and Kelsey Blanco of Bloomington, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents, father-in-law, Alvin C. Skretteberg and his step father-in-law, Ray Gaugler.

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### Darrel Lane

Darrel Duane Lane, 66, of Hanover, VA, died Thursday, January 23, 2014.

He is survived by his daughter V. DeAnne Walsh and husband Dennis; mother Marie Lane Radek; siblings Marilyn Cahoy, Vera Bares and husband Ray and Gary Lane and wife Sharon and his many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Glen Lane and brother-in-law Ray Cahoy.

He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corp. The family will receive friends Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Bennett Funeral Home, 8014 Lee-Davis Rd, Mechanicsville, VA.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at The Father's House 5701 S. Laburnum Ave. Richmond, VA. Interment will follow in Upper King and Queen Baptist Church Cemetery.

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### Theresa O'Shea

Theresa O'Shea, 57, of Littlefield passed away Saturday, January 25, 2014 in Littlefield. She was born November 18, 1956 in Chickasha, Oklahoma to Evert and Lucille Smith.

Theresa attended and graduated from EMNU -Roswell, where she earned her doctorate degree in Psychology. She married Michael O'Shea in 1983 in Roswell. Theresa enjoyed playing Bingo, and loved watching CSI and other crime dramas on TV.

She is survived by her husband, Michael O'Shea of Littlefield; two sons, Richard Kirkendall and wife Stacy of Whiteface, and Travis Lindsey and wife Katrina of Yankton, South Dakota; two daughters, Merlesha Lindsey, and Brenda Waterman and husband Harold of North Fork, Nebraska; fourteen grandchildren; a brother, Fred Smith and wife Lisa of Portales, NM; and a sister, Mary Dishman of Oklahoma.

She was preceded in death

by a son, James Kirkendall; a daughter in law, Marie Kirkendall; her parents; and a sister, Mary Dishman.

Cremation arrangements are under the personal care of Hillcrest Funeral Home in Littlefield.

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### Nettie Herman

Nettie Herman of Menno died peacefully on Jan. 25, 2014, at the age of 97 1/2 years.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at Grace Lutheran Church, Menno, with the Rev. Theresa Jacobson officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery.

Visitations are from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the Aisenbrey-Opahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno, with the family present. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

### Greg Koepsell

Greg Koepsell, 60, of Mission Hill died Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Memorial services are at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton.

A gathering of friends and family will be from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home.

To post an online sympathy message visit [wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

## IN REMEMBRANCE

**Elisabeth "Elly" Sudbeck**  
10:30 AM, Tuesday  
Holy Family (Sts. Peter and Paul) Catholic Church  
Fordyce

**Royce "Mike" Michael**  
Gathering, 5:00 to 8:00 PM, Tuesday  
Wintz Funeral Home  
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**Greg Koepsell**  
11:00 AM, Friday  
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2014 Beautiful Baby Contest

We will be featuring our annual "Beautiful Baby Contest" in print and online on **Wednesday, February 26, 2014**. If you or someone you know has a child we would love to include them in our feature!

To enter, simply submit your photo and entry form with a \$10 submission fee by **Monday, February 17**.

First place winners in the following categories will receive a framed winners print and prize.

1) Newborn-6 Months	4) 25 Months-4 Years
2) 7-12 Months	5) Multiple Births
3) 13-24 Months	

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Category # \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Winners will be selected by the staff of Yankton Media Inc. Employees and family members of Yankton Media Inc. are ineligible to win.  
\*Submission of this form authorizes the publication of child's photo in this contest in print and online at [www.yankton.net](http://www.yankton.net).  
Submission fee (\$10) must accompany entry form to be valid.