

# Winter's Miseries Hit in Deep South

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Snow, freezing rain and sleet blew out of Texas and across the Deep South Friday, spreading misery into usually balmy areas, and depositing enough snow in Florida to make snowballs.

At least four traffic deaths were attributed to the storm.

As the snow continued to fall Baton Rouge, La., residents became convinced it wasn't a passing flurry. Offices, stores and schools were closed and everybody tried to get home at the same time.

Stranded in the snow at the bottom of a hill, one motorist shouted, "Ain't this the bunk?"

Weathermen said it was the first time Baton Rouge has ever seen snow twice in the same winter. Some telephone service

in the New Orleans area was interrupted by the storm.

It was the second snow of the season for Florida, too, where enough of the white stuff fell for snowballs in the panhandle area. There were even reports of Florida snowmen.

Howard Powers, principal of the Century, Fla., high school said, "The kids have been able to make slush balls, and they've had a time throwing 'em at each other."

While temperatures hovered around the freezing mark throughout northern Florida, it was a balmy 78 at Miami, some 600 miles to the south.

The storm blanketed much of middle Georgia with snow, causing mammoth traffic jams in Columbus and Macon.