



AP Photo/Mark Lennihan

Ice forms on tree branches as New York firefighters battle a blaze in a commercial building in Brooklyn.

Deep Freeze

Polar vortex brings frigid temps

The Daily Astorian

C latsop County was largely spared the frigid temperatures from the polar vortex this week. People elsewhere in the country were chipping off layers of ice and shoveling snow as the thermometer

dropped well below freezing in the Midwest. Cities like Chicago and Minneapolis were colder than parts of Antarctica, but forecasters predict the areas should begin to thaw this weekend as warmer air moves into the region.



Tony V. Martin/The Times of Northwest Indiana

A firefighter is covered with ice at a fire in Hammond, Indiana.



Anthony Wahl/Janesville Gazette

Nathan Tearman, front center, gets help from his brother James as they shovel the driveway of their home in Janesville, Wisconsin.



Armando L. Sanchez/Chicago Tribune

People sleep in tents near a wooded area in Chicago.



David Joles/Star Tribune

Water vapor rises above St. Anthony Falls on the Mississippi River as the Stone Arch Bridge is obscured in Minneapolis.