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On Sat, 26 Jan 2008 18:54:31 -0800, Paul Knudsen <pknudsen@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Fri, 25 Jan 2008 08:08:51 -0600, Robert <no@xxxxxx> wrote:

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1/19 -2 6 -2
1/20 -4 10 -4
1/21 10 28 -2
1/22 10 30 3
1/23 7 16 -2
1/24 -2 10 0
1/25 -2 1

Having been to Chi-town in the winter, I would have thought the records were a lot lower than that.

Everyone who grew up in Chicago remembers, when he was a child, when the temperature didn't go above zero for a week. Bill Klien said "I also remember when we would have multiple days in a row when the temperature never got above zero."

A book "The Weather and Climate of Chicago" by Henry Joseph Cox, John Howard Armington - 1914 says:

"Table XXXI gives the longest period when daily maximum temperatures of zero or lower were recorded. In only 5 of these 14 years were there 2 consecutive days, and only one year where there were more than 2. That was in 1883, January 21 to 23."

<http://books.google.com/books?id=IOAAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA84&lpg=PA84&dq=chicago+longest+cold+spell&source=gbp>
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However, I found this confirmation of Bill's assertion:

"Chicago's longest zero spell: 100 hours (four days, four hours). Beginning at 7 a.m. on December 22, 1983, and continuing through Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to 11 a.m. on December 26, Chicago's temperature remained at or below zero for 100 consecutive hours,

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the longest frigid spell in the city's history."

<http://wgntv.trb.com/news/weather/wgntv-weatherwords-chicago.0.475346.story>

My take: Consecutive sub-zero days are rare. People tend to exaggerate.

If you want cold, go to Duluth or International Falls MN, where the NORMAL AVERAGE January low is -20 and the record is -45. They're having a heat wave right now, it's 7.

Given that people can live anywhere they want, why does anyone choose to live in Duluth?

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