

PERSPECTIVES OF THE DAY

CHANGING PERSPECTIVES

NATIONAL DAY

Groundhog Day

February 2nd is Groundhog Day! This day is the day that

WHAT'S THE BEST THING TO WEAR

ON 2/2?

A TUTU!

Punxsutawney Phil emerges from his burrow and tells us if Spring is right around the corner or if we will have six more weeks of winter. This comes from a Pennsylvania Dutch superstition from settlers who celebrated Candlemas; a German tradition with the same

concept except a badger is the clairvoyant. The first

reported Groundhog Day was from a small town in Pennsylvania named Punxsutawney in 1886. However, the day wasn't made official until the year later when the tradition of gathering at Gobbler's Knob to see the groundhog they had named in 1961 after the town. The crowds for



TODAY IN HISTORY

- IN 1887, THE FIRST OFFICIAL GROUNDHOG DAY OCCURS IN PUNXSUTAWNEY, PA.
- IN 1922, JAMES JOYCE'S ULYSSES IS PUBLISHED IN PARIS.
- IN 1942, US AUTO FACTORIES SWITCH FROM COMMERCIAL TO WAR PRODUCTION.
- IN 1952, BB KING'S 3 O'CLOCK BLUES HITS #1 ON THE R&B BILLBOARD CHARTS.
- IN 1954 PRESIDENT EISENHOWER ANNOUNCES THE DETONATION OF THE FIRST HYDROGEN BOMB.
- IN 1959, VINCE LOMBARDI SIGNS FIVE YEAR CONTRACT TO COACH THE PACKERS.

Groundhog Day exponentially after the movie Groundhog Day featuring Bill Murray released. It was reported the largest crowd rose to around 40,000 spectators who came to witness the prediction. Statistically, Phil has predicted longer winters, possibly because it meant he got to hibernate longer, with a whopping 106 forecasts in favor of winter and only 21 early springs. While having an adorable woodland creature

predict the weather, unfortunately Phil has been evaluated on his predictions and he is only about 40% correct. Though because of the inability to pin down exactly what constitutes an early spring, the accuracy varies. When observing wild groundhogs in Pennsylvania, they would usually emerge from their burrows in early February because of rising temperatures, but if the origin of Groundhog Day had taken place more north, it would occur

later in the month due to colder temperatures and vice versa. Based on common methods of defining the beginning of spring, it would seem to start around March 20th which is around 7 weeks after February 2nd. This year, once again, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, signaling another six weeks of winter. Celebrate today by watching the famous movie, doing some groundhog research, & bundling up for more cold!

**Before the mountains were born or you brought forth
the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are**

God.

-Psalm 90:2

TODAY'S INTERESTING FACT

Interesting Fact

Famous television cook Ina Garten, or the Barefoot Contessa, was born on this day in 1948. Today marks her 78th birthday! She is known by her Food Network cooking show where she demonstrated her recipes for classic dishes. Ina travelled with her husband, Jeffery, while he was active in the military. This is where she had started dabbling in cooking and entertaining while also obtaining her pilot's license. While in Europe, she fell in love with French cooking and learned all she could while using fresh ingredients native to the country. On her return to the US, she kept studying the craft of Parisian cooks while working in the White House until she opened her specialty food store, the Barefoot Contessa in New York. The business gained major success, allowing her to move to larger locations and open one other store. After two decades, hiring amazing cooks and bakers, and building the business to success, Ina decided she needed a change and sold the Barefoot Contessa. This is where she started publishing her own cookbooks and recipes and guest starring on the Martha Stewart Show gained her access to be offered her own cooking show named after her successful businesses. She now has her own line of convenience store foods and ingredients that you can get!

TRIVIA

Trivia

What was the name of the first hydrogen bomb?

A: Mort

B: Elliott

C: Bob

D: Mike