



Groundhog Day, February 2nd Newspaper Scavenger Hunt

Use the newspaper to locate as many of these items as you can.

1. A news story on Groundhog Day.
2. February 2nd is the mid-point between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox. What effect does this date (Feb. 2) have on the outcome of the groundhog's prediction? Find examples of other outcomes of events or activities, listed in the paper, which are affected by either the weather or by the date.
3. It is believed that if Punxsutawney Phil, the head groundhog predictor since 1886, sees his shadow we will have six more weeks of winter. Otherwise, spring will come soon. Calculate the date spring will come if we have six more weeks of winter. Now calculate how many days it is until March 21, the first official day of spring. How do these dates compare? Find comparisons in the newspaper between dates, times, prices, etc. that are similar or different.
4. Make a list of Groundhog Day ads. What types of items are on sale?
5. Using the information from the weather page, make a graph over the next 6 weeks of the weather. Graph items such as high or low temperatures, amount of precipitation, temperatures from other cities or regions, etc. Based on your research, decide if spring came earlier or later than March 21 this year.
6. Write a poem about a groundhog using words from the newspaper.
7. Find a picture about Groundhog Day. Identify the Who, What, When, Where and Why of the events in the picture.
8. As you read the paper, count the number of people named Phil, or the number of times Pennsylvania is mentioned. Don't forget to look in the obituaries for this information.
9. Make a list of all the comic strips, including the Political Cartoon that are about Groundhog Day.
10. The movie *Groundhog Day* is about a man who lives Groundhog Day over and over again. Using the entertainment section of today's paper, make a list of things you could do to keep yourself occupied today, or for several days.

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