



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021

It's Groundhog Day!

On This Date

1887 – The town of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, held its first annual Groundhog Day. The



event was started by local newspaper editor Clymer Freas, but the origin of the idea dates back centuries.

1931 – Mail was delivered by rocket for the first time. Sent from one Austrian village to another about three miles away, the rocket landed with a small parachute.

1940 – Frank Sinatra joined the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. In his first year with Dorsey, Sinatra released more than 40 songs, including “I’ll Never Smile Again.”

1943 – The last German troops at Stalingrad surrendered to the Red Army. Of the 91,000 prisoners, only about 6,000 would survive to see Germany again.

Groundhog Trivia

Groundhogs hibernate one to a burrow. Each spring, males emerge earlier than females.

Quote of the Day

“I don’t want to be younger;
I just want to look it.”

~ *Christie Brinkley*

Happy Birthday!

Christie Brinkley, born in 1954, is a supermodel, businesswoman, and actress who grew up in Michigan and California. After graduating from high school, the stunning blonde went to Paris to study art. However, she was serendipitously discovered by a photographer at a post office. She soon had a modeling agent and national advertising campaigns, with many more to follow. Brinkley went on to grace the covers of more than 500 magazines, including an unheard-of three sequential *Sports Illustrated* Swimsuit Issues, from 1979 to 1981. She’s been married four times and has three children.





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Today is Groundhog Day. The first observance took place in 1887 when a newspaper editor convinced a group of Pennsylvania hunters and businessmen to adopt the German tradition of using small animals to forecast the weather.

Who Am I?

I was born in Rome, Italy, but at a young age, my mother moved us to Pozzuoli, where we lived in extreme poverty. During World War II, our city was bombed, and I was struck by shrapnel and left with a permanent scar on my chin. At age 15, I returned to Rome to take up acting and modeling. My beauty made finding work easy. In 1961, I won an Oscar for Best Lead Actress, securing my status as an elite Hollywood star. Now well into my 80s, I am still acting and still wowing audiences with my natural beauty. Who am I?

ANSWER: *Sophia Loren*

Buy a Vowel

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Exist in large numbers

ANSWER: *ABOUND*

Wild Kingdom

Rising ocean temperatures threaten Australia's Great Barrier Reef, but scientists have a reason to rejoice. A new coral reef was discovered off Cape York, the far northern tip of Australia. The new "blade-like" reef juts up from the seafloor, and at 1,640 feet, it is taller than the Empire State Building. Scientists were flabbergasted by the discovery, the first of its kind in 120 years, especially since it is so close to the Great Barrier Reef. The find is just more evidence of the great mysteries still held by our vast oceans.



Who Said So?

This American British essayist, an authority on idioms, said, "People say that life is the thing, but I prefer reading."

ANSWER: *Logan Pearsall Smith*