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THE COMET

Puppet States & Oil Magnates: Part 1



Where The World's Oil is Coming From

It's that time of year again. The time of year when an eastern-allied nation decides to take over an exponentially smaller western-allied nation, and, as you expected, they seized power easily.

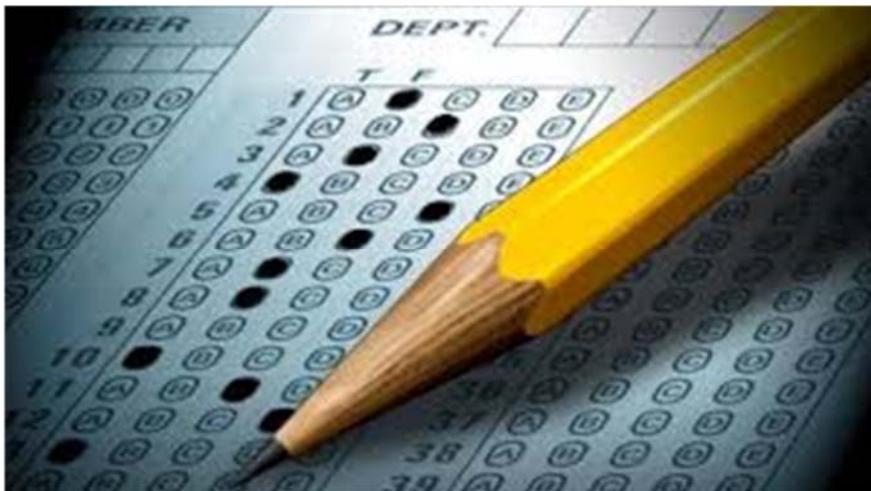
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Valentine's Day



Love is in the air! While the national holiday is right around the corner, everyone is out buying stuff and planning a great day for their dates. Continued pg 3...

Juniors Prepare for ACT Test



What exactly is the ACT? The ACT is a test combined with four subjects: math, english, reading, and science. Every year, the current juniors take this test around the end of February. This test determines "how smart you are" in each subject listed above.

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Groundhog Day

Tradition

Groundhog Day is a silly tradition that supposedly tells us if spring will be early or we will have six more weeks of winter. Continued pg 3...

Next Gen of the Dairy Industry

Precision Agriculture in the dairy industry is defined as "The use of technologies to optimize the contribution from each animal. By taking a 'per animal' approach, the farmer can deliver better results in terms of higher quantities, better quality or more sustainable farming methods."

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Puppet States & Oil Magnates: Part 1

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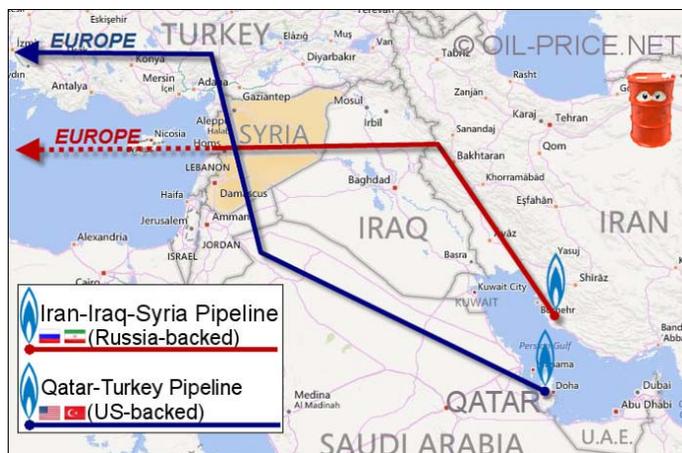
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You probably have an idea of what nations I'm talking about, and you're probably wrong. Here's a hint: the west actually came to the rescue in spades! Not only did the US send nearly 700,000 troops, but the troop total of the 35 nation coalition formed to fight Iraq sent in almost 1 million troops. Yes, I'm talking about the Gulf War. In case you don't know what the Gulf War was, here's a summary: Kuwait, a wealthy democracy with a heavily petroleum-based economy was attacked by the poorer yet larger, militarily stronger, and more socialist nation of Ba'athist Iraq (AKA Iraqi Republic) on August 2, 1991.

But why talk about the Gulf War? That was almost 30 years ago. How does that affect me today? You'll find out soon enough, but for now, we'll talk about why Iraq invaded Kuwait, which they did because Kuwait has oil out the wazoo, 97 billion barrels as of

reels as of 1990 to be exact. Kuwait also has much more access to the Persian Gulf, a major trade route. In addition, Iraq says that it has the right to take over Kuwait because Kuwait used to be a part of the Ottoman Empire, like Iraq. Another reason is that Kuwait was vastly overproducing the limits set by OPEC, which caused Iraq to lose \$7 billion a year by decreasing the value of Iraqi oil. Funny thing about that was Iraq had roughly the same amount of oil as



Kuwait in 1990, but they were pumping less of it. Another reason for the invasion is that Iraq believed that Kuwait was stealing their oil by slant drilling, the function of which should be self-explanatory. Iraq also owed \$14 billion to Kuwait after they borrowed it all for funding the Iran-Iraq War, and they were in no position to pay it back. "But wait," you may be asking, "what the heck was that OPEC thing?" OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) is a cartel of oil producing nations, a sort of club set up by competitors so they can come to an agreement that they will only make a certain amount of oil to keep profits up. It's Basically a group mo-

nopoly. It also stifles any competition, because each country is making more money by doing the exact same thing as their competitor. The abuse of their unregulated power led to the global energy crises during the '70s. But why are they unregulated? Because you can't criminally prosecute nations for talking to each other.

This article will be continued in future installments.

Wrestling Team Advances

Written By: Ainsley Krueger

Our very own Evansville-Albany wrestling team has won the Regional Championship on Saturday. This mean they are advancing to the sectional meet on Tuesday, February 14 at Edgerton. There will be one of our own advancing as an individual on that following Saturday. *UPDATE: Brandon Lange is going to STATE!

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Juniors Prepare for ACT Test

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Each junior has the same amount of time per test. This test is a big part of applying for colleges. The higher your score is, the better chance you have at getting accepted to a great college, granted everything else you have on your application is good. The highest score you can get is a 36, which is a perfect score. This is what we want our juniors aiming for. If you aim high, you succeed well.

The juniors will be taking this test on February 28th, this year. We wish them the best of luck and hope they do well on the ACT Test.

Groundhog Day Tradition

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But where does this silly tradition come from? The first Groundhog Day in the United States was February 2, 1877 in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. German immigrants brought the tradition to America. In Germany, they used hedgehogs to predict the outcome, but in Pennsylvania it was hard find hedgehogs so they used groundhogs. The use of animals to predict the weather has been around for thousands of years. Farmers used to watch for badgers to come out of hibernation to decide when to plant their crops. Today, most realize it's a silly tradition but look at it as a way to celebrate the coming of spring.

Valentine's Day

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Even some in our school are planning, while others don't care. There are many different places to go, like in Janesville out to eat or maybe even to Madison to watch a movie. In the past 10 years there have been millions of dollars spent on Valentine's Day. I asked people around our school about what they like to be given for Valentine's Day and I agreed with most of them. They liked things that included chocolate, flowers, maybe taken out to a movie or even taken out to dinner. The majority of people in our school wont do anything for Valentine's Day but the ones that will, love it! Valentines day has been around for a long time. It's original name is "St. Valentine's Day" but we have shortened it up to just "Valentine's Day." It was originally from a pope who wanted to marry people who were prohibited to marry, such as young soldiers. Way back when he was alive, he was famous.

Get Your Ag On!

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FFA week is coming up very soon. This year the Albany FFA Chapter has exciting events throughout the week. There will be everything from dodgeball to Ag Olympics. There are dress up days every day and dodgeball tournaments going on during lunch. That is not the best part of the week. We have Ag Olympics on Thursday at the end of the day full of events to compete in and the championship round of dodgeball.

This year we have a special guest. Our section five State FFA Officer Ciera Ballmer from Clinton, Wisconsin. She will be working with the students in our Agriculture class and helping them learn more about FFA. These events will be going on from the 20th to the 2th of February. In addition, this year we will be adding middle school students to all of the events including dodgeball. Hope you enjoy and participate this year!

Next Gen of the Dairy Industry

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And as everyone knows the farms of today have been growing bigger and bigger, so there needs to be a way for the farmers to connect with each and every animal to make sure that they are healthy and at maximum production.

There are multiple kinds of equipment in the modern world that farmers can use to help them with precision agriculture, this includes but isn't limited to Automated Milkers, Automated Calf Feeders, Milk Yield Recording Systems, and Activity Monitors. Then on top of that these devices are all hooked up to apps that the farmer can access from his phone or tablet. So whether you are starting a farm, or going into the dairy industry these are all things that should be considered.

ACROSS

- 1 Grape refuse
- 5 Muhammad's birthplace
- 10 Pick for a role
- 14 Cracked open
- 15 Confrere
- 16 Whale that's not a whale
- 17 Raleigh's puddle-cover
- 18 Sudden rush
- 19 Ground beef specification
- 20 Widespread
- 22 Fake bit of ammo
- 23 Soldier's R&R request
- 24 Constellation of eight stars
- 25 Generational division
- 28 Freudian subject
- 29 Roil
- 33 Rendered fat
- 35 Interdenominational
- 37 It butts into Taurus
- 39 In the fashion of
- 40 Saxe-Coburg-__
- 41 Unvarying
- 44 Day time
- 45 Allow
- 46 Spoon-bender Geller
- 48 Like Lucy's hair
- 49 M. de Maupassant
- 50 "CosmoGIRL!" subscribers
- 52 Resources
- 55 Generally held opinion
- 59 Soul, in Spain
- 60 Of poorest quality
- 61 Wee box

carried by a geisha

- 62 Profusion of colors
- 63 Usefulness
- 64 Suspicion
- 65 Gross weight minus net weight
- 66 Thickly packed
- 67 Piano hammer stuff

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- 1 Pepper spray's kin
- 2 Trojan War hero
- 3 Hanging onto every word
- 4 Wicker basket
- 5 Item on an answering machine
- 6 Avoid a direct answer
- 7 Bend in the road

- 8 Parakeet's pad
- 9 Pub draught
- 10 Light meal
- 11 Sector
- 12 Look out over the horizon
- 13 Bunker on wheels
- 21 Lucy Ricardo, __ MacGillicuddy
- 22 Deliver
- 24 Generation
- 25 Iced
- 26 Tori's dad
- 27 Work in a darkroom
- 29 Secretary
- 30 Equity member
- 31 Big Chevy
- 32 Kudu's cousin
- 34 Assign

- 36 Rubber tree
- 38 Position
- 42 Calculating
- 43 Sawhorse
- 47 Opal or serpent suffix
- 50 Buddhist gateway
- 51 Indicate disdain
- 52 Trading center
- 53 "On the Waterfront" director Kazan
- 54 "__ ti vieta" ("Fedora" aria)
- 55 Shoreline recess
- 56 Dagger, of old
- 57 Orsk's river
- 58 Laundry verb
- 60 High-roller's roll

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