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Today's Tabloid

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Can you not smoke just today?

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It's the 32nd annual Great American Smokeout sponsored by the American Cancer Society, an event that urges millions of smokers to go at least one day without lighting up.

"The Great American Smokeout is one day, and it gives [smokers] an opportunity to think about setting up a plan, even if they start smoking again."

The number of smokers has dwindled and has fallen below 20 percent for the first time on record, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Still, an estimated 44 million Americans light up, and smoking is blamed for 438,000 premature deaths every year, according to the American Cancer Society. It projects that half of smokers who continue to smoke will die from smoking-related diseases.

Relapse rates of ex-smokers trying to quit range between 60 percent and 90 percent, but the risk of restarting drops dramatically for those who make it two years without smoking, according to experts.

DeKalb Medical has a smoking cessation class that meets 7:30-8:30 p.m. Fridays. Free. DeKalb Medical Wellness Center, 2701 N. Decatur Road, Decatur. Call 404-501-2222.

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Agnes Scott Total Cost Inches Up To Nearly \$40,000

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Even for someone that graduated from a pretty expensive college within the past decade, these current tuition, room and board prices are just mind-blowing. Though it imposed its smallest percentage increase in the past 35 years, the cost of Agnes Scott College is now nearly \$40k.

Seriously, many colleges are \$10,000 more than they were just 8-10 years ago! Can these high costs possibly survive in today's credit stagnation or will colleges eventually feel the crunch too?

That reminds me...I gotta pay my student loans...

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Park Renewal Day A Big Success

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Looks like fun was had by all at the first annual Park Renewal Day at Dearborn Park this past Saturday! (The event was put on by Renewal Construction, DeKalb County, and the city of Decatur)

Thanks to an army of volunteers, many areas of Dearborn once riddled with invasive plants are now clean and accessible. See lots of pics of the event, including some impressive before and after ones, on Zenner Enterprise's website. [h/t: The Decatur Minute]

Big prizes were awarded to groups based on the quality and quantity of their clean up work in designated areas.

- 1st Prize (\$1000): Invasive and Persuasive
- 2nd Prize (\$500): Ivy League
- 3rd Place (\$350): Decatur Bulldog Boosters
- 4th Place (\$250) : Kudzu Krunchers

In a follow up note, DHS teacher and Close Up Club advisor Chris Billingsley informs DM that even though Close Up didn't win any money for their trip to D.C., they had a great time. PLUS, the Decatur Bulldog Boosters, who won 3rd place, were so impressed with Close Up's efforts that they donated their \$350 winnings to the club's trip!



So congrats to all the winners with a special nod to the Decatur Bulldog Boosters!

Generosity breeds generosity!

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Still Holding Out Hope For An Annexation Throwdown

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Avondale will be holding their own annexation meeting tonight at 5:30p to discuss extending the city limits farther out College Avenue, encompassing more commercial and residential land.

For those of you just arriving at the Annexation Party (Let me take your coat. Would you like a mimosa?) here's a short recap of the annexation tension (or lack thereof) between the two cities...

Shortly after it was revealed earlier this year that Decatur was looking at annexation along College Avenue, Avondale quickly responded by saying that they were ALSO going to begin studying annexation along College Avenue between the two cities...presumably because they didn't want Decatur to gobble up all the commercial goodies along the corridor, leaving nothing but residential crumbs behind.

What could have resulted in a throwdown between these two neighboring cities instead ended in a "gentleman's agreement" that concluded that if both decided to annex, they would meet in the middle.

But I still say that pistols at dawn would have made for a better blog posting! 😊

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Two Decatur merchants are mentioned for sweets

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Greene's Fine Foods

141 E. Trinity Place, Decatur. 404-378-2001, www.greenesfinefoods.com

Greene's is an over-the-top emporium of nuts, dried fruits, fudge and candy. Lots of it. Jars and jars of it. This new place is huge, and it's the Santa's workshop of candy, from maple fudge and Grand Marnier-dusted chocolate-covered pecans (an OMG experience), to daily flavors of frozen yogurt, doled out in three sizes by worker-bee types who are happy to sprinkle raspberry-flavored gummi goes all over your swirl of vanilla or strawberry.

The Chocolate Bar

201 W Ponce de Leon Ave., Suite C, Decatur. 404-378-0630, www.thechocolatebardecatur.com

A little bit wine bar, a little bit Herme, the Chocolate Bar is a rare combination of candy and Chianti. House-made chocolates, as well as fruit gels and dipped fruits, are all for the grabbing in this candy shop-cum-cafe's front-and-center pastry case. But don't stop with a sugar rush -- small tapas-style goodies, as well as signature cocktails of the culinary kind, are all part of the party, too.

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Notes and open discussion for Thursday, 11/20/2008

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Notes may be added until noon. Comment anytime.

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The International Society of Intelligence Research will meet in Decatur 12/11-13.

Rapper **Young Jeezy's** manager, **Demetrius "Kinky B" Ellerbee** held a talent call for female vocalists this evening from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at JOI Studios (2356 Park Central Blvd., Decatur, Ga. 30035). He's auditioning for a new R&B group. [AJC]

Remember "Paperback Dreams" (about indie bookstores) will play at the Push Push in East Decatur Station Friday.

The Decatur Minute and 231 Scymamore have photos from Park Renewal Day.

Dennis @ Next Stop ... Decatur notes Designer Kenneth Cole, chairman of the world's largest HIV/AIDS research organization, will give the keynote address at an Emory University ceremony marking World AIDS Day on Dec. 1. In the fourth annual "Quilt on the Quad," the university will display 800 panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The Asian Cajuns post on the satchel-like purse.

Commenters at Decatur Metro consider what form of casino Decatur could have where to bring in more taxes.

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The blogs "Cable and Tweed" and "Drive a Faster Car" got a CL mention.

A large crowd withstood the cold last evening to see P-P Bill Clinton stump for Jim Martin on the quad at Clark University. As this Flickr

image by "anaisnohant" shows, Bill is a bit bigger than Jim:



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US

CNN, quoting "multiple sources," is reporting this evening that Penny Pritzker is the top choice of President-elect Barack Obama to become his secretary of Commerce. Who is she?

WORLD

PERSONAL

This blogger's 7-day weighted average weight is 170.7, the lowest it's been since weighing was resumed in early June. Goal weight is 167.5, just 3.2 pounds away. Food yesterday: Cup of Brunswick stew. No significant exercise.

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3 Alarm Fire at DeKalb Industrial Wholesale Store

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The AJC calls it a 'cigarette warehouse'. 11Alive calls it a "wholesale grocery store". Regardless it's on fire.

The A to Z Wholesale Warehouse at the corner of DeKalb Industrial and

Lawrenceville Highway is ablaze this morning and with all the combustible goods (cigarettes) inside firefighters believe it could take all day to extinguish the flames.

The fire is producing a ton of smoke, which is easily seen from downtown Atlanta.

Anyone have eyewitness reports?

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A to Z Warehouse fire at Lawrenceville Hwy and DeKalb Industrial.

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A 3-alarm fire broke out at the A to Z Warehouse early Thursday morning. It was contained by 7:30AM.

More later

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