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**Guest Column:  
Supporting Neighbors in Iraq**

Joseph Neely was a neighbor and colleague of mine. Due to his Army Reserve status being activated he is now in Iraq. He had to leave behind his three young daughters, which is truly a shame because he had full custody and was an active parent. He has already witnessed several tragedies and states that it is very dangerous on a daily basis. This is a man who wore a suit and tie to work and now carries a gun for his life's preservation.

Our military men could use some creature comforts: books, magazines, wet wipes, beef jerky, and phone cards would be very much appreciated. Things that we take for granted every day.

You could send them directly to Joseph at the address below:

Ssg Joseph Neely A 1-121 48  
BCT APO AE 09372

or I would be happy to coordinate a shipment.

Thanks for your love and support. Please pray for our neighbors in uniform!

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[To submit a Guest Column for consideration in a future newsletter, contact VP of Communications Deb Day: [deboday@yahoo.com](mailto:deboday@yahoo.com)]

**Deadline for submitting an article for our next issue: Friday, August 5. Send articles to: [deboday@yahoo.com](mailto:deboday@yahoo.com)**

# ADNA Monthly Newsletter

## July 2005

**Art gallery shows work of Metropolitan resident Tony Stewart :**

The Juliette Gallery  
75 Bennett Street  
Tula Art Center L2  
Atlanta 30309  
404/350-0350

Reception this Friday 7/15 from 7-10PM featuring Tony, Christian Waggoner and Teresa Brazen.

**Downtown Dweller Happy Hour**

**Trader Vic's  
Friday, July 22, 2005  
6-8 pm**

Please join guest host and downtown dweller Ray Reboulet of the Landmark for the next neighborhood happy hour! You can find him at Trader Vic's tossing back Mai Tais and Polynesian-inspired appetizers. The gracious staff of Trader Vic's will provide our group with Singapore noodles, barbecued spare ribs and coconut prawns.

**If you'd like to guest host one of our upcoming Downtown Dweller Happy Hours, please contact Jennifer Starrett at [jennifer@downtownatl.com](mailto:jennifer@downtownatl.com)**

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME**

ADNA is planning an outing to the **Braves!**

**Tuesday, August 30th vs. the Washington Nationals** (formally the Montreal Expos).

The Braves are currently 2.5 games behind the Nationals in the standings. Come join your neighbors as we watch the Battle for First Place—with luck, by then the Braves will already be on top!

2 for Tuesdays – tickets will be 2 for \$8.00

8/30/2005 Game Starts at 7:35 Pm at Turner Field - we'll take MARTA

Contact Chris Ciavacco at [cciovacco@ciovacocapital.com](mailto:cciovacco@ciovacocapital.com)

**Tired of being approached by panhandlers?**

There has been extensive coverage about the new commercial solicitation ordinance being debated by City Council.

The ADNA, NPU-M, and many other civic groups representing Atlanta residents have endorsed the ordinance.

The ADNA homepage connects you to the full text of the ordinance, as well as AJC articles and editorials on the issue. Check it out and become informed: [www.AtlantaDNA.org](http://www.AtlantaDNA.org)

Listed below are the email addresses of City Council members. Did you know that politicians literally count the number of "Yeas" and "Neas" on issues coming before them? That's why they need to hear from you on issues of importance to you.

Let your opinion be known:

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**WOODRUFF DOGPARK GETS MULCHED!**



Fifteen dog owners and Downtown residents gathered in Woodruff Park for a work day on Sat June 18th. With coffee, donuts, and a beautiful sunny day to keep them going, they began work on what we hope will be an off-leash area for our dogs—and a great gathering place for neighbors. There are now 3 dog waste stations installed in the park.

Next step: Raising money for a fence.

To get involved, contact Chris Raffield: [chris@mergeatlanta.org](mailto:chris@mergeatlanta.org)

**Theatrical Outfit celebrates first hit season at The Balzer**

Theatrical Outfit, Downtown's theater company, opened in its new home, the Balzer theater at Herrens' in Dec 2004 time for the holidays. Production began with *A Christmas Memory* Dec 16 -24. In January, TO officially opened its new home, The Balzer Theater At Herrens's, with the gala celebration themed "A Return To Elegance" as *Ain't Misbehavin'* started its hit run with sold out houses, critical acclaim and ecstatic standing ovations ("Gut-bustingly funny, unabashedly sexy and occasionally poignant, each tune is performed like a miniature play." AJC). The season continued with Tennessee Williams' *Summer and Smoke* made incandescent by Elizabeth Berkes' brilliant portrayal of Alma Winemiller ("Captures the eternal sadness and misplaced passions of Tennessee Williams." AJC). The manic hilarity of Larry Shue's *The Foreigner* followed ("...the show is laugh-out-loud funny and a delirious workout for a group of Atlanta's most nimble crackpot comedians." AJC). The season ended with a six week run of *Hank Williams: Lost Highway* ("Travels down a twisting road where the mile

markers repeat the intoxicating dangers of celebrity, the redemptive powers of faith and the simple joys of hootenanny." AJC)

The 2005-06 season opens on October 1 with Tom Key in *Cotton Patch Gospel*. Subscriptions to the five show season are on sale now at the Theatrical Outfit box office – 678-528-1495 or on-line at [www.theatricaloutift.org](http://www.theatricaloutift.org).

**WWBD? [What Would Brian Drink?]**

I recently had a birthday celebration for a friend, and of course, I cooked. I really enjoy having close friends over and pairing a number of wines with a great meal. Good food, great friends. Is there a better way to enjoy good wine? This was one of my famous "three level" dinners where we start off with something fun and move on to more complex wines with each course.

The following are some selections from the dinner in order of tasting. In retrospect, we all agreed the Chardonnay would have paired better with the salad course and the Treana with the fish. Whatever. It was a fun night. We polished off the Brut with desert.

**Argyle Sparkling Brut Willamette Valley 1999 \$15-\$22 (I found it on sale at Kroger for \$12.99)**

According to Argyle, '99 was a "nail-biter" vintage, yet produced some truly nice wines. I always enjoy this wine. It has a fresh, clean taste, nice bubbles and a kind of creamy slightly nutty flavor. A little tart, but that is tempered by the sweet fruit flavors.

I served the Argyle with a cheese and olive oil plate...a nice start.

**Treana Mer Soleil Vineyard Central Coast 2001 about \$25-\$29**

I've noticed that a lot of people have "found" this wine...seems to be flying off the shelf, so you might want to pick up a few before the price starts to rise to the untouchable level. This wine is a Voignier and Marsanne blend

that results in a complex, rich, ripe almost creamy flavor, heavy peach and honeysuckle. A very interesting wine.

Whole Foods carries it, but best price and quantity was found at Mac's.

Served with a baby greens salad with sliced fresh (uncooked, very tasty) asparagus, pine nuts and shaved Parmesan cheese.

**ZD Chardonnay California 2002 about \$30 (found it on sale at Kroger for \$20!)**

A nice summery Chard. Not too heavy, somewhat light in style with a nice floral nose. You'll get a lot of pear and citrus as you swirl, but on the palate, it is light, refreshing. This is a good wine for those who don't like an overly "oaked" Chardonnay.

Pan grilled, wild caught red grouper served on a bed of fresh creamed corn with a lima bean, corn, and tomato relish. Enjoy.

**Downtown hosts National Black Arts Festival events 7/15-24**

Downtown Atlanta has a long and proud tradition of hosting many events during the National Black Arts Festival. This year is no exception! Here are just a few offerings. For many others: [www.nbaf.org](http://www.nbaf.org)

**Underground ATL Official NBAF Vendors Market**

**VSA arts of GA** *The Circle Continues: New Textile Work by Marquetta Bell-Johnson.* M-F 9am-5 pm 57 Forsyth St NW. 404.221.1270

**Balzer Theatre** *Women Hold Up Half the Sky* Dance 7/20 84 Luckie St, 404.745.9699

**The Rialto** *Abbey Lincoln Quartet* Music 7/21 80 Forsyth St NW. 404.651.1234

**Atlanta Life** *Gospel & Soul 2005* 7/24 100 Auburn Ave NE 404.659.2100