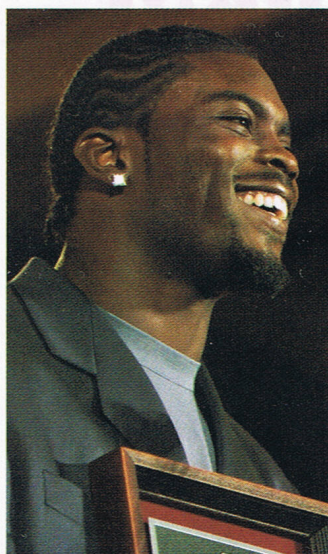


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Mike Vick accepts his award from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

"I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE. ATLANTA IS FULL OF SNEAKER FREAKS!"

ATLANTA PRODUCER DALLAS AUSTIN ON HIS FASCINATION WITH THE Y-3 SPORTSWEAR LINE



The well-heeled guests went shoeless inside Austin's home.

"I LOVE SPAS. THERE'S NOTHING LIKE HOT TOWELS AND COLD EUCALYPTUS."

680 THE FAN'S STEVE DOOLEY AT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS EVENT



Dallas Austin with his son, Troy, Dave Chase of Dropsonic and a guest at the Y-3 party

JOCKS & SNEAKS

Some of the city's biggest music industry stars welcomed the launch of the autumn/winter collection of Y-3, the upscale Adidas sportswear line created by Japanese designer Yohji Yamamoto. Producer **Dallas Austin**, decked out in \$400 turquoise and gold lamé Y-3 sneakers, hosted the affair at his posh Buckhead mansion. Atlanta DJ-turned-rapper Ludacris, TLC's Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins, Goodie Mob's Big Gipp and the Hawks' Dominique Wilkins were among the celebs who turned out for the Asian-themed event catered by Twist. Attendees enjoyed performances by martial artists and synchronized swimmers (in Austin's pool). Although the Y-3 line features a wide array of athletic shoes, no one was allowed to wear it—or any other footwear—in Austin's home. Guests were asked to socialize shoeless, leaving their shoes at the front door. ★ **Boys & Girls Clubs of America** honored Falcons QB Michael Vick, baseball legend Hank Aaron and Turner Broadcasting System at its annual chairman's dinner, held at the Grand Hyatt. Falcons owner Arthur Blank and BGCA President Roxanne Spillett inducted Vick, who grew up going to the Newport News, Virginia club, into BGCA's Alumni Hall of Fame, which also includes Denzel Washington, Jennifer Lopez and Michael Jordan. TBS and Aaron were honored for their service at the event, emceed by father-and-son team Ernie Johnson Senior and Junior. BGCA, the nation's fastest-growing youth development organization, serves more than four million young people nationwide. —CHANDRA R. THOMAS & BETSY RILEY



Hank Aaron accepts his award from BGCA.

"HERE I AM AT 24 AND I'M STILL A MEMBER OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB."

MICHAEL VICK, ACCEPTING HIS AWARD FROM THE BGCA



Arthur Blank, Michael Vick and Roxanne Spillett, president, Boys & Girls Clubs of America

"HANK AND I PLAYED [BASEBALL] TOGETHER FOR FIVE YEARS. BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, WE HIT 756 HOME RUNS."

ERNIE JOHNSON SR., COMMENTING ON AARON'S 755 HOME RUNS



Ludacris and Dallas Austin at the Y-3 party

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