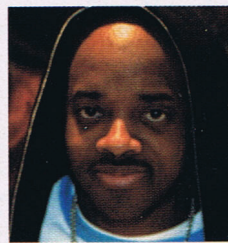


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V and Vino

SCENE Celebs toast to Frank Ski's Kids Foundation. By Chandra R. Thomas



Clockwise from left: Frank Ski; Cyneé Simpson; Ski with wife, Tonya, and Bert Weiss with wife, Stacey; Jermaine Dupri; Hype Williams, Tonya Ski, and Kevin Liles

MOST WINE TASTINGS ARE LOW-key, laid-back affairs, but V-103 radio personality Frank Ski's Kids Foundation's "Pouring and Scoring for Youth" event was more like a Hollywood premiere. A sea of photographers and camera crews lined the entrance to Ski's Dunwoody estate, capturing photos of guests such as

Mayor Shirley Franklin, music video producer Hype Williams, actor Idris Elba, music mogul Jermaine Dupri, WSB-TV's Elenora Andrews, Fox 5's Mark Hayes, and Chairman of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners Eldrin Bell at the \$250-a-ticket event.

The free-flowing vino seemed to put attendees in a

"EVERY TIME YOU DON'T BID, A PUPPY WILL DIE!"
—AUCTIONEER RYAN CAMERON

giving spirit for the evening's pricey and often humorous auction, led by fellow V-103 personality Ryan Cameron

with help from Ski's co-host Wanda Smith. Up for bid were items such as Muhammad Ali's training shoes, a jersey signed by NBA great Magic Johnson, and a guitar autographed by Grammy winner India.Arie. All proceeds benefited athletics, arts, and science programs for underprivileged children. ★

CRITIC'S CHOICE

THIS MONTH'S PICKS...



The All-American Industrial Motel: A Memoir
(Chicago Review Press)
In Smyrna-based author Doug Crandell's darkly touching memoir, his struggle to connect with his father is set against a backdrop of factory life in blue-collar America.



Flashlights
YOU

Rolling Stone named Atlanta-based indie rock heroes Y O U one of MySpace's top 25 bands. The trio's third CD is just \$2 at pleaserock.com. So what'll it be: a taste of a rising local band, or a cup of joe?



Taming the Spirited Child
(Simon & Schuster)

When you've watched all the Super Nanny you can stand and the kids are still throwing tantrums, turn to this book by Atlanta child psychologist Michael Popkin, Ph.D., and diffuse power struggles with positivity.

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