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Secretary of State Cathy Cox

"I'M A LITTLE HEIGHT CHALLENGED—EVEN WITH MY FOUR-INCH HEELS."

TANYA SKI, ADJUSTING THE MICROPHONE DURING THE BENEFIT AUCTION

"WHAT'S YOUR NAME? DO THE RIGHT THING."

JESSE JACKSON SPEAKING TO RAPPER LUDACRIS, WHO WALKED IN LATE DURING JACKSON'S SPEECH



Unlikely duo: the Reverend Jesse Jackson and rapper Ludacris

HOUSE PARTY

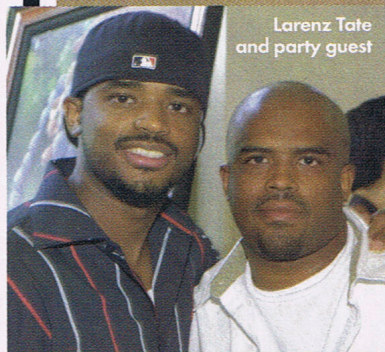
Rappers Ludacris and Big Boi are used to being the "big" celebrities at local events, but at a **Frank Ski Kids Foundation** fundraiser, held at the Dunwoody home of Frank Ski and his wife, Tanya, they were upstaged by an even bigger star—the Reverend Jesse Jackson. Ludacris proudly posed for photos with Jackson and at one point practically bowed down to the civil rights activist when he inadvertently walked in during one of his speeches. Other guests, including *Love Jones* star Larenz Tate, former mayor Bill Campbell and Ski's co-host Wanda Smith, were greeted at the door with a bubbly glass of Red Bull mixed with champagne before being ushered inside Ski's home. Guests enjoyed an impressive mix of wines, tasty hors d'oeuvres and homemade peach cobbler at the \$300 per person event. Some mingled poolside as jazz piped softly in the background, while others retreated to the quaint backyard cabana that was converted into a mini cigar bar. None of the foundation's kids were around for the Sunday afternoon affair, but Ski's four sons represented the younger generation well, mingling among the adults. Other attendees included Secretary of State and gubernatorial candidate Cathy Cox, controversial *On the Down Low* author J.L. King, Georgia Attorney General Thurbert Baker and his wife, Catherine, developer Herman J. Russell, DeKalb Police Chief Louis Graham (who recently reopened the Atlanta Child Murders case) and DeKalb County CEO Vernon Jones. The evening was capped off with a spirited and profitable auction that included everything from original artwork to bottles of exotic alcohol. —CHANDRA R. THOMAS



Wanda Smith and son, Tavares

"WE GOT A CREDIT CARD MACHINE. YOU CAN PAY MONTHLY."

FRANK SKI, ENCOURAGING PARTYGOERS TO BID AT THE CHARITY AUCTION



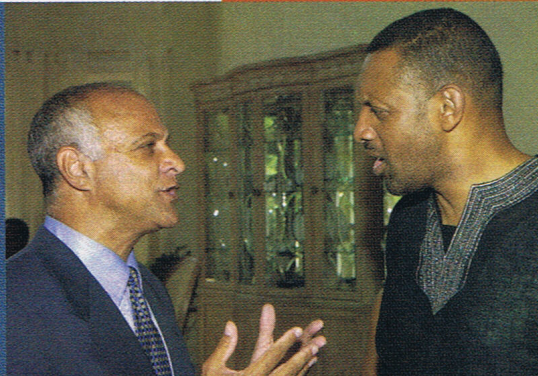
Larenz Tate and party guest



Former morning show rivals Ryan Cameron and Frank Ski

"I WOULD NEVER LET NOBODY IN MY HOUSE LIKE THIS. I DON'T TRUST NOBODY, I'M FROM BANKHEAD."

V-103 RADIO PERSONALITY RYAN CAMERON AT FRANK SKI'S PARTY



Look who's talking: Bill Campbell and Vernon Jones chat it up at Frank Ski's party.