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Dan Gross: Oprah huddles at Comcast



By Dan Gross
 Philadelphia Daily News

OPRAH WINFREY was here meeting with Comcast yesterday afternoon and had another meeting at the Table 31 restaurant on the ground floor of Comcast Center.



Oprah Winfrey

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A Comcast spokesman confirmed that Winfrey was at the cable giant's headquarters but said he did not know the nature of her conversations. Winfrey's stepping down from her long-running and wildly successful talk show on Sept. 9, 2011, and will then launch OWN, the Oprah Winfrey Network, which will presumably be carried on Comcast. A spokeswoman for Harpo, Oprah's production company, declined to reveal the nature of the meetings.

At Table 31, Winfrey didn't eat but sipped San Pellegrino sparkling water as a bodyguard hovered nearby. She met with a man not recognized by our spies.

And speaking of Comcast . . .

To commemorate the June 25 anniversary of **Michael Jackson's** death, Comcast is offering a Jackson retrospective including "Thriller" dance lessons On-Demand to Digital Cable customers Thursday through July 1. After Jackson's death, another special had more than 25 million views.

Phillies catch Celtics-Lakers

Phillies **Ryan Howard** and **Shane Victorino** stuck around Boston on Sunday night to catch Game 5 between the Celtics and the Los Angeles Lakers. After the game the pair turned up at a bar on Newberry Street in Boston. They had arranged to be taken to New York by limo.

Snider kin saves the day

Vancouver's **Mark Sorenson** thought his luck could only get worse after he and his 8-year-old son, **Jacob**, flew into Philadelphia and lost \$800 on bogus tickets for Game 6 of the Stanley Cup finals outside the Wachovia Center.

But by chance Sorenson and Jacob, who was in tears, encountered Comcast-Spectacor boss **Ed Snider's** daughter **Lindy** and her son **Garrett** on their way into the venue. Lindy Snider, who owns LindiSkin, a skin-care company for cancer patients, and Garrett, about to enter high school at Friends Central, asked the ticket office if there were any seats and bought a pair for the Sorensons, who are big Flyers fans.

"They seemed like the kind of fans who granddad would want to have at the game," Garrett, 14, said yesterday. Sorenson, who brought the situation to our attention, called the Sniders "wonderful people. They didn't have to do that. It was really neat that they stepped up for us," he told us.

Reality show seeks

women 18-25

"Adventurous and outgoing women"

ages 18-25 are being sought for a reality series.

Vinnie Potestivo Entertainment plans to shoot June 25-27 in South Philly and seeks women who are new to Philadelphia or about to move here who are looking for a job. They'll be placed in a job at an undisclosed business that is "strongly tied to the unique culture of South Philly," says casting associate **Erica Magaril**.

Interested candidates should e-mail their contact information and current location to VPE.Casting@gmail.com with some details about their hobbies and social interests, how long they've lived here and two current photos.

A lit event at Warmdaddy's

The Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists and the Literary Cafe host a book-signing for **Robin Stone**, who wrote the afterword for a book by her husband, **Gerald Boyd**, "My Times in Black and White: Race and Power at the New York Times," at 6 tonight at Warmdaddy's (1400 S. Columbus). Books will be sold there.

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