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Dan Gross: Filmmaker Daniels happy about promotion



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"GOD PUT OPRAH HERE for a reason. You can't get someone who believes in you the way she does," says Wynnefield native filmmaker **Lee Daniels**. He's thrilled that both **Oprah Winfrey** and **Tyler Perry** have agreed to do what they can to promote his new film, "Push: Based on the Novel by **Sapphire**," which has been picked up for distribution by Lionsgate Films.

Daniels swears the film, about a teenage girl in Harlem who is pregnant for the second time with her father's baby, is "not as dark as people might think." He assures it's "OK to laugh along with the situation as our main character [played by newcomer **Gabourey Sidibe**] does." Despite the multiple awards heaped on the film at Sundance, where it premiered, Daniels, who won an Oscar for producing "Monster's Ball," says he "learned early on never to read any of my reviews because if I believe the good ones, I have to believe the bad ones." So he's not too excited.

His next film, "Tennessee," stars **Mariah Carey** and is due for theatrical release next month. Carey also co-stars in "Push," which has no release date yet.

Kendra's show gets a name

"Kendra" is the title of the new half-hour reality series about Eagles receiver **Hank Baskett**'s fiancée, **Kendra Wilkinson**, E! announced yesterday. The show, to premiere in the summer, follows Wilkinson as she plans her June 27 wedding to Baskett, which will take place at the Playboy Mansion, and at which **Hugh Hefner**, her supposed ex-boyfriend, will give the blushing bride away. Meanwhile, Baskett is moving from his New Mexico off-season home to California, where he and Wilkinson will live.

Out and about

* **Good Charlotte's Benji Madden** will

DJ at G (111 S. 17th) Saturday night as the club celebrates its first anniversary. The party is free until 10 p.m., and \$25 afterward. **NSYNC's Lance Bass** is expected to stop by. He'll be performing that night in the "Dancing With the Stars" tour at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City. The show stops at the Wachovia Center the next night.

* **Whitney Port** and **Jessica Hart** of

MTV's "The City," and a few friends hit Atlantic City's Borgata Friday night where Port lost about \$22 in the poker room. The girls went for massages at the Immersion Spa at the Water Club and some dined at **Bobby Flay Steak** and **Izakaya** and partied with DJ **Sky Nellor** at mur.mur. The girls danced and sang along to the tunes of musician **Jay Lyon**, also on the show, with his band **Tamarama** at the Borgata's Gypsy Bar.

* "Law Abiding Citizen" star **Jamie**

Foxx

threw a Super Bowl party for eight at Smith & Wollensky at the Rittenhouse. The crew hung out in a back room and Foxx went for a Caesar salad and a bone-in ribeye steak. The film will soon be shooting in North Philadelphia and at the George W. Hill Correctional Facility in Delaware County, where actor/comedian /musician **Kenneth Keith Kallenbach** was incarcerated when he died last year. Foxx's "LAC" co-star and producer, **Gerard Butler**, partied over the weekend at Public House (18th & Cherry). On Monday, Butler and a friend hung out at Vango (116 S. 18th).

Kolpan not renewed at Fox 29

Fox 29 features reporter **Gerald Kolpan** worked his last day at the station yesterday. The station did not renew the contract of Kolpan, who had worked there nearly 21 years. "It was as surprising as it could be in this atmosphere. I don't think anyone should be surprised in this economy," said Kolpan of his dismissal. "The worst part is not seeing my colleagues every day. I worked with some of the best people," he tells us. Kolpan's not bumming though, he's getting ready for a book tour in support of "Etta," published by Random House on March 24. The novel is a fictionalized account of **Etta Place**, the supposed girlfriend of Phoenixville native **Harry "The Sundance Kid" Longbaugh**, and takes place in the last days of the Wild West. The book is getting great advance reviews.

There's more info on the book at geraldkolpan.com.

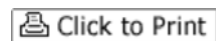
Bisexual blondes choose Lord

Narberth's **Trevor Lord** is the winner of MTV's "Double Shot of Love." The Lower Merion High grad didn't win any money, but he was chosen by both of the blonde bisexual **Ikki Twins, Vikki** and **Rikki**, in last night's finale. Lord, 23, who works construction and lives near Valley Forge, decided to date Vikki, but hopes to hang with both sisters. *

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