

# Can film boss lure Daniels show

**P**HILLY'S own Academy Award-nominated director **Lee Daniels** is getting into the TV game, and Greater Philadelphia Film Office executive director **Sharon Pinkenson** wants to bring his big business to town.

Yesterday, Fox picked up Daniels' "Empire," about a Jay Z-esque hip-hop mogul played by Lafayette Hill's **Terrence Howard**. Academy Award nominees **Taraji P. Henson** ("I Can Do Bad All By Myself") and **Gabourey Sidibe** (the Daniels-directed "Precious") also star.

Although the pilot for "Empire" was shot in Chicago, Pinkenson told me that she was trying to get Daniels to move back to his beloved hometown, where he shot his directorial debut, "Shadowboxer."

"Empire" is Daniels' second collaboration with his "Lee Daniels' The Butler" screenwriter, **Danny Strong**.

There are a couple of other Phil-



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ly-centric pilots in contention this television season. The biggie is "How to Get Away with Murder," the Philly-shot pilot from **Shonda Rhimes** ("Scandal"), starring Academy Award nominee **Viola Davis**. "Agatha," a cop procedural, is set in Philadelphia, but the pilot was shot in Toronto. Mount Airy-raised comedian **Paul F. Tompkins** is vying for a lead in a sitcom, co-starring "Saturday Night Live" vet **Molly Shannon**,

while North Philly comedian **Kevin Hart** has a sitcom set up with **Romany Malco** ("The 40-Year-Old Virgin") in the lead. All those properties are set up at ABC, and their fates will be decided soon, although there's a ton of buzz surrounding "Murder" and the Hart show.

## Dom's baby needs

I happened to stumble on what appears to be the online baby registry for **Phillie Dom Brown** and gal pal **Stephanie Gayle**. They're expecting a girl, according to their very pink color scheme, come July, and their tastes are decidedly low-key, from Target and Babies "R" Us. No froufrou tastes for these two. The most expensive item is a \$289 car seat, but there are other considerably cheaper options for friends.

## Grace-d

**Grace Kelly's** granddaughter is starting to hit the socialite

scene. **Jazmin Grace** has shown up at various events, according to reports, and she's got Grace's sense. **Grimaldi** is the Grace's son, **Prince Monaco**, and former **Tamara Rotolo**, Prince Albert had 1991. The prince kept his name under wraps until now, but now she's taking the social scene a bit about her, naming her a student at Fordham in New York. She claims on Monaco she's certainly eligible for a piece of her dad's fortune.

## Future's so bright

World Cup fans squint, thanks to a new pair of glasses. **Glass-U**, featuring a design blazoned with team logos and events, will be the sole officially licensed World Cup sunglasses. The sunglasses were founded by **John J. J. J.** who started the business. The sunglasses are perfectly positioned out the line at glass.

## Celebs in town

► **Jon Bon Jovi** was in the crowd at the Pennsylvania Convention Center last night for the Night of Broadway. He was there to raise money for Covenant House in Pennsylvania.  
► **Tony Goldwyn**, **Fitzgerald Grant** and **Scott** are celebrating the fifth anniversary of the Pennsylvania Innocence Project today. Goldwyn is a member of the organization. The television show on the premiere in July, based on a Philadelphia caseworker.



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**Actor Tony Goldwyn** (second from right), of TV's "Scandal" fame, celebrates the fifth anniversary of the Pennsylvania Innocence Project on Tuesday with executive director **Richard Glazer** (left), legal director **Marissa Boyers Bluestine** and screenwriter/director **Richard LaGravenese**.

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