

HEALTH

Give blood on Friday

The city of Summit will host a blood drive on Friday from 2 to 7:30 p.m. at the firehouse at 396 Broad St. Both drives are open to the public and everyone is encouraged to donate.

its fourth annual "Living Well" lecture series spring programs. All programs are free of charge and this year's programs focus on the wellness of the whole person.

on May 24, SAGE has been serving the communities of Union, Essex and Morris for 50 years. For information, call 908-273-5550.

SAGE offers Living Well lectures at new site

SAGE Eldercare, a major community resource for the elderly, will offer

Refreshments will be served. Pre-registration is suggested, though walk-ins are welcome, by calling 908-598-5520.

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SPORTS

Sports Numbers Phone: 973-763-0700 Fax: 973-763-2557

MetroStars triumph

The Springfield MetroStars defeated the Cranford Cougars 3-2 in a 12-and-under boys' Inter-County Youth Soccer League match.

Power posts win

The Springfield Power 12-and-under girls' traveling team shut out the West Milford Bobcats 1-0 to improve to 5-0.

Roadrunners rally

The Springfield Roadrunners 9-and-under boys' team improved to 4-0 with a 5-3 win over the Denville Hub Tigers.

Sirens succeed

The Springfield Sirens 8-and-under traveling squad team improved to 3-0 with an 8-1 win over the Parsippany Gunners last weekend.

Alumni hockey game May 13

The South Mountain Ice Arena in West Orange will host the second annual Jonathan Dayton High School Alumni Hockey Game May 13 at 7 p.m.

Bulldogs reach UCT quarters



The Dayton High School baseball team, sparked by the home run hitting of junior Joe Purnasura (No. 37), reached the Union County Tournament quarterfinals with a win over Union Catholic 10-3 Tuesday at Ruby Field in Springfield.

Dayton softball is seeking rebound Bulldogs still have shot at states

The Dayton High School softball team sought to get back to its winning ways Tuesday afternoon at St. Mary's of Elizabeth after losing three straight.

Dayton at Cran. in UCT baseball

Partly cloudy, blizz in the mid 60s. The Dayton High School baseball and softball teams are scheduled for their first UCT games.

Backhand return



The Dayton High School boys' tennis team, sparked by the play of Grant at third singles, posted another victory when it defeated Cranford 5-0 on Tuesday.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY: A grid of advertisements for various services including Air Conditioning, Carpentry, Cleaning, Electrical, Flooring, Gutter Services, Home Improvement, Landscaping, Masonry, Moving, Painting, Power Washing, Roofing, Rubbish Removal, and Tree Services.

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COUNTY NEWS

Kids' ID program

Atlas-Pythagoras Masonic Lodge, 1011 Central Ave., Westfield, will offer a children's ID program Saturday from noon to 3:30 p.m. Children will be fingerprinted, videotaped, and photographed, and identification cards will be made in cooperation with the Union County Sheriff's Department...

Bio-blitz at Lenape Park

Scientists and skilled environmentalists, assisted by community volunteers, will fan out across Lenape Park in Cranford over a 24-hour period May 20-21 to conduct New Jersey's first "urban bio-blitz."

Retired educators to install new officers

The Union County Retired Education Association will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m. New Jersey Retired Education Association President Fred Aug will install the new officers...

FBI chief the featured speaker at 200 Club

Stephen R. Band, chief of the FBI's legendary Behavioral Science Unit located at the FBI Academy, Quantico, Va., will be the guest speaker at the 30th Annual Two Hundred Club of Union County Valor Awards Luncheon on May 13 at 11:30 a.m. at L'Affaire on Route 22 in Mountainside.

Accessories sale

The Volunteer Guild of Rumlins Specialized Hospital of Union County will hold a variety of gifts and accessories from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the facility, 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights.

'Freeholders Forum'

Highlights from the recent opening ceremony of the Union County Courthouse Centennial Celebration make up a special edition of the 'Freeholders Forum' television program. The program includes the unveiling of a century-old time capsule and remarks from performers and vendors...

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Annual plant sale will be May 15

Savvy gardeners trek to Trailside Nature and Science Center in the Watchung Reservation every spring to snap up lots of garden bargains, get answers to plant and insect questions, and spend the day with like-minded green thumbs.

This year, the Rutgers Master Gardeners in cooperation with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will hold the 16th annual spring garden fair and plant sale on May 15 from noon to 5 p.m., rain or shine, in their demonstration garden next to Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

One highlight of the day is the sale of Master Gardener perennials, bulbs, tubers and other divided plants from the members' home gardens. It is an opportunity to purchase stunning plants at bargain prices. Plants from local nurseries are also available at the fair.

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Solutions to garden problems can find at the fair, via one-on-one meetings with Master Gardener Helpline staffers who are trained to diagnose plant pests and diseases. Extensive materials published by Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension are available free and soil testing kits for lawns and gardens can be purchased for \$10 each.

House plants and many unique arts and crafts provided by the Master Gardeners will also be on sale. Free activities and crafts for children will run throughout the event.

All proceeds from sales provide the annual budget for the Master Gardener Program that includes community beautification projects, horticulture therapy programs for adults and children with disabilities, helpline services for county residents and the Sharing Garden that grows fresh vegetables that are donated to local agencies that feed the hungry.

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The Master Gardener Program, which is now available in 46 states and Canada, is a two-part educational effort, in which avid gardeners are provided many hours of home horticultural training, and they in return, assist local university extension agents through volunteerism.

Union County Master Gardeners are trained at the Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension office located at 300 North Ave. East in Westfield. For more information on the fair or the Master Gardener program, call 908-654-9854.

For answers to your gardening questions or problems, call the free Helpline office at 908-654-9852 Monday through Friday. Classes are open to all people without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status.

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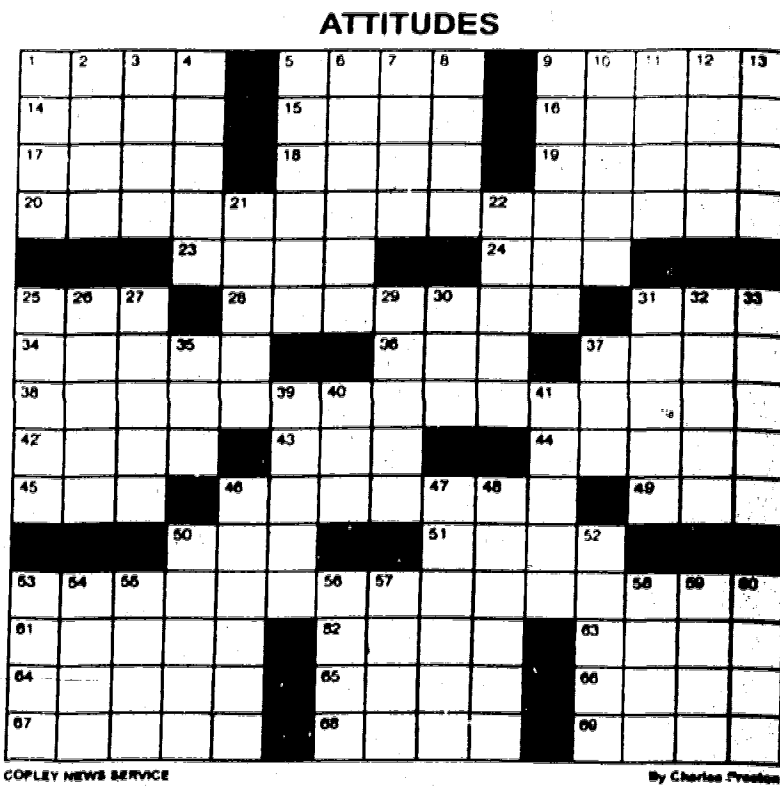
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EVENT: Flea Market and Collectible Show
PLACE: Frank Vincent Marina, Passaic Avenue (Next to Burger King), Kearny, NJ

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What's Going On

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HOROSCOPES

May 9 to 15
ARIES, March 21 to April 19: Personal finances will top your list of concerns this week. Shop around and discover ways to stretch your dollars to their maximum limits.

TAURUS, April 20 to May 20: Self-confidence and an indestructible spirit will make you feel like you are on top of the world. Put your best foot forward and overcome obstacles.

GEMINI, May 21 to June 21: Get beyond the negativity or sorrow connected to situations that happened in the past. Forgive a loved one and free yourself to move forward and heal.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22: There are several benefits available to you as a result of your association with a club, group or organization.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 22: Professional challenges or associates will push you to be the best you can be. Proceed up the ladder of success with confidence and enthusiasm.

VIRGO, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: Philosophical discussions or debates will take center stage. Do your best to discuss your opinions without getting too emotionally charged.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: An investment proposal or program has great potential for success. Pool your resources with associates and take advantage of its timely opportunity.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21: Relationships will tug at your heartstrings this week. Give in and offer your unwavering support to a partner or loved one.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22 to Dec. 21: Watch out for workaholic type tendencies. As you toil and labor you may find that you are not getting the most out of your work.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 19: Tap into the flow of energy, creativity and ingenuity that is all around you. Spending time with youthful or spirited individuals is sure to bring it out.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18: It benefits you to get in touch with your feelings. Use meditation to open the door that stands between you and personal enlightenment.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: Your interests and ideas will cover a variety of different subjects. Choose to focus in on one or two topics and strive for mastery or full understanding.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Artist whose canvas is subway inspires documentary

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor
Some people stare, Phillip Copp doesn't really mind. He expects it, to a point.
"Someone people give me strange looks, that's OK," said Copp. "I get a lot of curious people who ask what I'm doing; it breaks the silence. I've been brushed along once or twice recently by the authorities, but these days, that's par for the course, I guess."



Phillip Copp, whose passion to draw subway decor inspired the documentary 'One Track Mind,' by filmmaker Jeremy Workman, which was shown at the TriBeCa Film Festival.

what makes Copp's devotion to his work so unique, so true. He's not following a standard formula, he's following a personal passion. Even more interesting is that it began as something that was almost a footnote, from a comment he flew away in his memory many years ago.
"A little story my father told me when I was a kid," said Copp. "He was a commuter, and he knew the subway system, and told me that on the walls there were pictures showing different old images, scenes of New York City, which is true of a lot of stations. That's the easiest way to put it. I filed it away in the back of my mind. I didn't do anything about it until I thought, why don't I go look and see what these things are? Then I started to research history and found it was very complex."

OSPAC set to preview 2005 season with a cast of all-time greats

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor
Take a trip back in time to the big band era when Broadway stars Jay D. Sanders and Marilyn ...

West Orange," said Kate Baker, OSPAC director. "We also hope to raise funds for the performing arts center, which is not on the taxpayer dollar, and all of our performances are free to the public, which is different from any other performing arts center."

Photographer's work emerges

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor
Jackie Hernandez wants you to like her photography, but her first goal is to create photography that she likes, more than anything else.

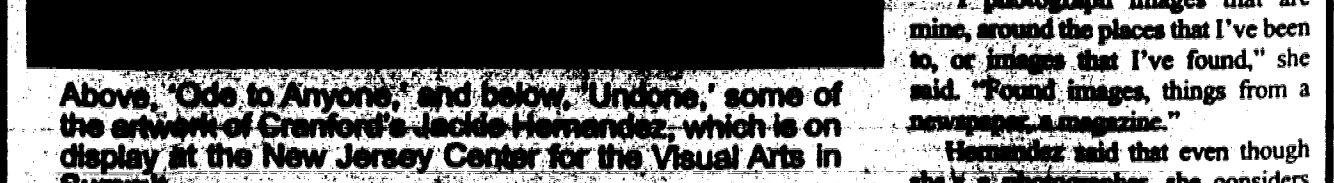
something very unique. Then an Alfred Hitchcock movie, 'Spellbound,' came on, and there were images of Salvador Dali, and that encouraged me. He had one image of a question mark, which I saw in a magazine. I realized I could do a collage of a question mark, which I could incorporate into my photography."

Play examines sibling relationship

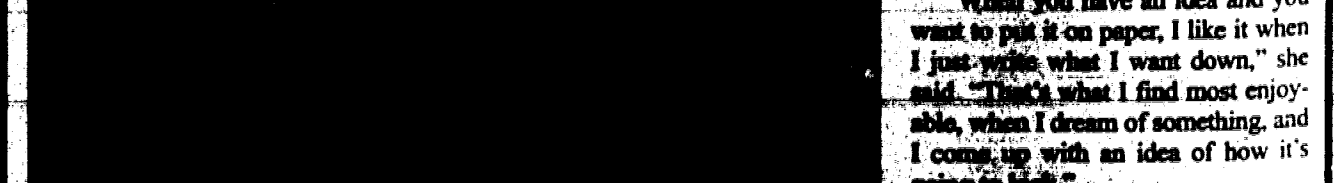
By Ruth Ross
Correspondent
Snap! Crackle! Pop! The dramatic tension sizzles so intensely in Suzanne Parks' Pulitzer Prize-winning 'Topdog/Underdog' that it's a good thing Luna Stage turned on its air conditioning!

The positions of Topdog or Underdog change from minute to minute in Parks' examination of the sibling rivalry between the brothers Lincoln and Booth, who actually are brothers named after two famous assassins and the relationship between them is a game familiar to both men.

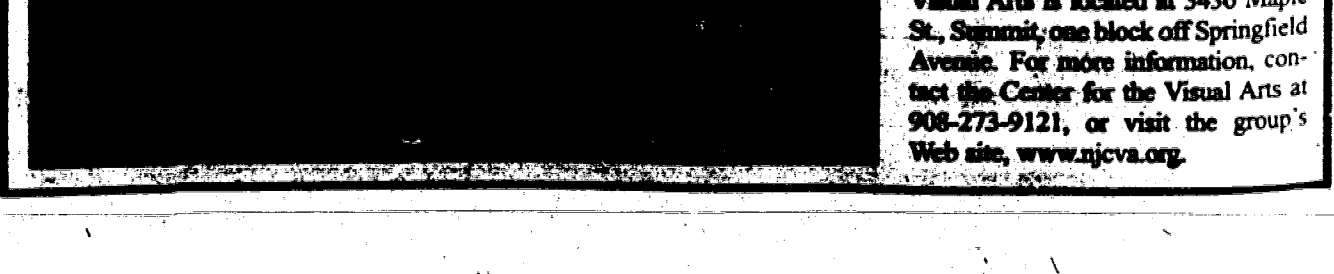
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Shane Taylor performs as Lincoln on the left, and at right is Jamahl Marsh, playing the role of Booth in 'Topdog, Underdog' which is scheduled to be performed at the Luna Stage in Montclair.

THE ARTS

Kean will present a new professional equity theatre program

County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Kean University announces Premier Stages, a new professional Actor's Equity Association theater program...

Jazz by Warren Vache

The jazz musician Warren Vache serenades a crowd of singles and jazz lovers at Lana's Restaurant in Clark every Thursday from 7 to 11 p.m.

Brief hiatus allows Wolpe to bake a little

By Bea Smith Staff Writer

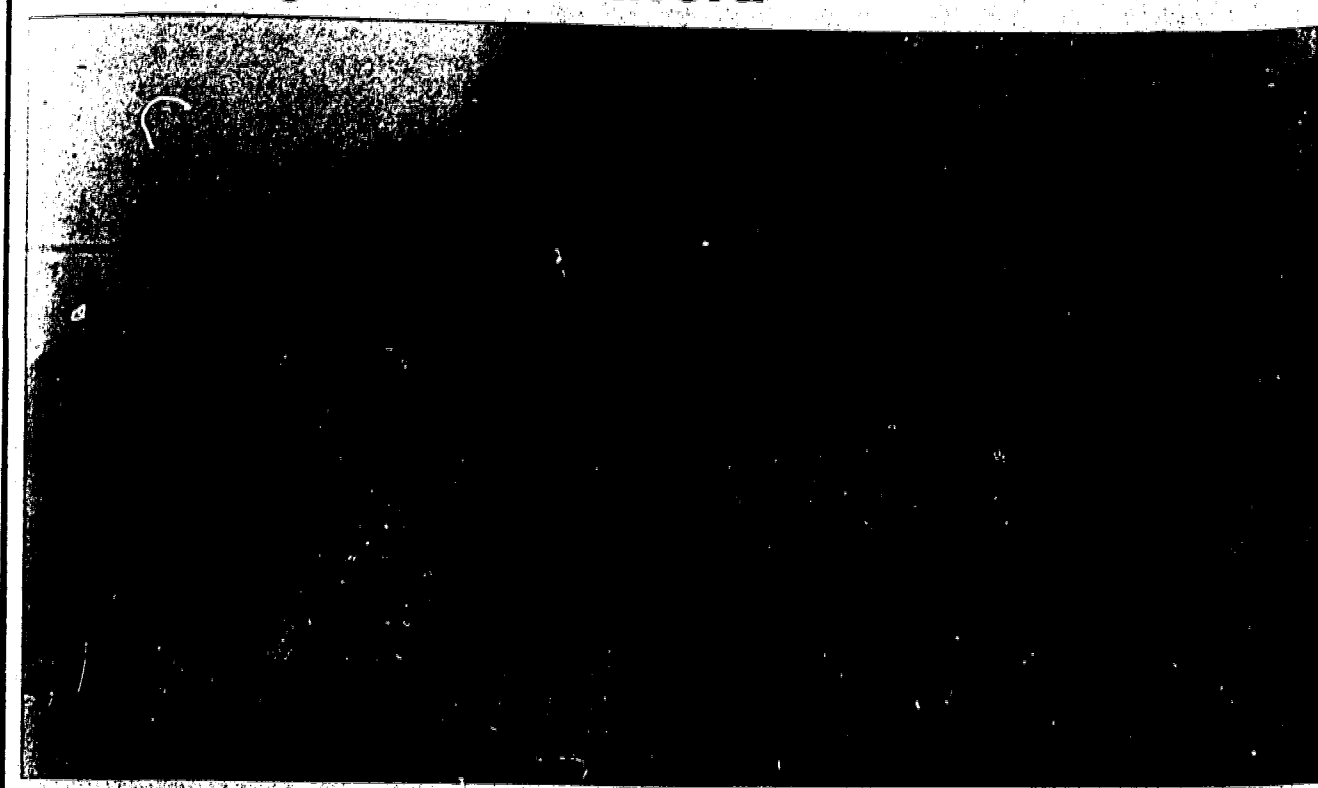
It can only happen in the theater. That is, it can only happen when an actor temporarily leaves one production in the middle of its national tour to star in another production for six weeks, and then return to the first production — and be accepted with open arms.



Alice Ripley, left, and Lenny Wolpe, right, star in 'The Baker's Wife,' at the Paper-Mill Playhouse through May 15.

the last three decades, at least, Wolpe could perform "Horror" and still learn and perfect his role as the baker. In his fine voice, as Amiable, he sings "Merci, Madame" with his leading lady, Alice Ripley...

Kennedys in Westfield

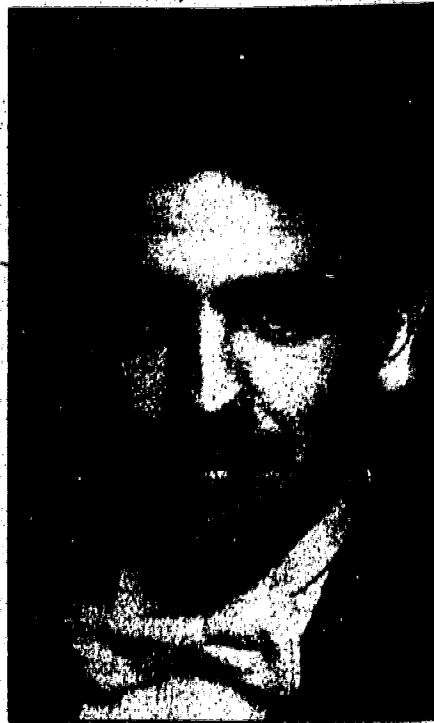


Pete and Maura Kennedy, who will play at Coffee With a Conscience, 1 East Broad St., Westfield, on May 21 at 8 p.m. For ticket information or information about the performance, call 908-233-4211.

Berg ready to lead Celebration Singers for a fourth season

Sean Berg is in his fourth season as conductor of The Celebration Singers in Cranford where he conducts The Celebration Singers Adult Chorus. During the 2002-03 school year, he taught at the F. H. LaGuardia High School of Music and Art and Performing Arts in Manhattan — the FAME school.

There he studied under Paul Oakley and served as a graduate assistant in choral music. He served as the director of the ECU Men's Glee Club and two vocal jazz ensembles, Blackbeard's Ghost and Panlico Sound. He also served as the conductor of the Tar River Symphony Chorus in Rocky Mount, N.C.



Sean Berg

Westfield Community Players end season

Westfield Community Players ends the season in May with the James Valley and Fred Alley musical "The Spitfire Grill." With a score inspired by American folks music, this story of redemption and hope takes place at a restaurant in a small town that serves up more than food to weary souls.

Film festival comes to Union County

Westfield Take 3 Westfilm 2005, the Westfilm Independent Film Festival at Westfield's Rialto Theater at 250 East Broad Street, returns this weekend starting at 7 p.m.

Westfield Community Players, founded in 1934, is one of the oldest continuously operating community theaters in the state of New Jersey and has brought to life more than 190 comedies, dramas and musicals in their 150-seat theater in Westfield.

The cost for each evening is \$7. Tickets for Westfilm will be available at the Rialto Box Office each night of the festival.

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Past festival features include: "Just Add Pepper," "Catching Fire," "Raven, Reality & Stuff," and "Bel Air."

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DVDs of the film "Just Add Pepper," distributed nationally by Alpha Video, will be available each night for purchase at \$6 each.

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The screening schedule for both evenings is being put together and promises another festival of great independent films. As always, a brief question and answer session with the filmmakers will take place after each screening.

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ART SHOWS

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BOOKS

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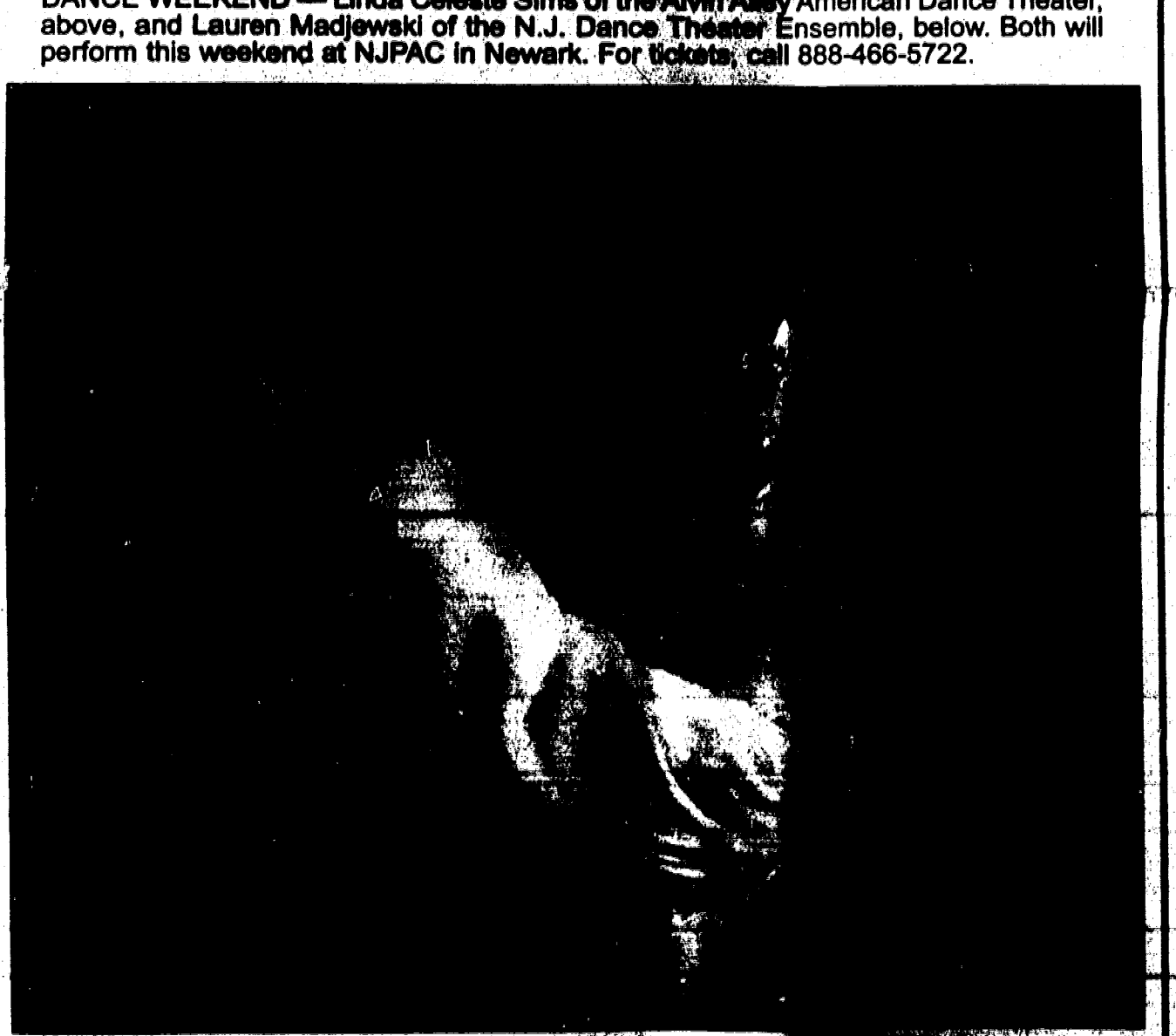
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Travel expert Conner Gorry and decorating sage Lauren Eckstut, authors of "You Can Do It! The Rent Badge Handbook for Growth-Up Girls," will appear at a reading, discussion and signing at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at 240 Route 22 West, in Springfield, today at 7 p.m.



DANCE WEEKEND — Linda Celeste Sims of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, above, and Lauren Madzwicki of the N.J. Dance Theater Ensemble, below. Both will perform this weekend at NJPAC in Newark. For tickets, call 888-466-5722.



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HOBBIES THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC. meets at 295 Jefferson Ave., Union, behind Home Depot on Route 22 East. The club is open to the public Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

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INTERNET THE INTERNET LOUNGE, 256 South Ave., Fairwood, hosts an Open Mic Karaoke Night on Sundays at 7 p.m.

JAZZ LANA'S RESTAURANT will offer dinner and live jazz with Warren Vache every Thursday, beginning at 7 p.m.

RADIO TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Rantian Road in Scotch Plains.

DANCE YOUNG PEOPLE, a local square dance troupe, meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 1030 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$2.

DISCUSSION THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF FRENCH-OWNERS invites local nonprofit organizations, individual artists and

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Jazz concert slated for May 14 New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) Wachovia Jazz For Teens concert will feature seven instrumental ensembles and seven jazz vocalists.

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The special program for May 14 will include the talents of Jackson, Smith and faculty members of NJPAC's Wachsio Jazz for Teens program, including jazz sensations Don Braden, tenor saxophone; Mike LeBonno, piano; Art Martin, baritone saxophone; Earl McIntyre, trombone; Valerie Pomaroy, trumpet; Roseanna Vitro, vocals; Joris Teepe, bass; and Dion Parson, drums.

Jackson has performed and recorded in over 20 countries as a bandleader and ensemble performer, and is well established in the international jazz scene. In 1996 he was the winner of the Heritage Guitars, International Jazz Guitar Competition. Jackson has appeared widely and recorded with Jimmy McGriff, Rufus Reid, Randy Weston, Gary Bartz, The Boys Choir of Harlem, Oliver Lake, Jaki Byard, the Mingus Contar Tribute Band, Jimmy Cobb, Ovis Houston, Klezmer Madness, Okram, and Puchi and the Latin Soul Brothers, to name a few. Active

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After recording several albums with George Benson, Smith became a solo recording artist and developed a career that has produced over 30 albums under his own name. Several legendary jazz artists have joined Smith on his albums, including Lee

Kean debuts premiere artists

Kean University has announced the debut of a new master class and lecture series titled Premiere Artists. An offshoot of Premiere Stages, the new professional Actors Equity Association theater program at Kean University, Premiere Artists will feature high-profile artists as they visit the Kean University campus to participate in one-day residencies.

interview/question-and-answer session in the Wilkins Theatre, which is open to the public. The master class is limited to Kean University performance majors.

Owen Johnston II, and Kendra Kassebaum, worked with students on select numbers from the show. Following the class, the company returned to Wilkins Theatre to take questions from the audience and discuss their experiences in Broadway's most acclaimed musical. Daniel Higgins, executive director of university relations at Kean University, moderated the question-and-answer portion of the evening.

Linden composer to lead choir

Philomusia Choir presents "Voices of the Spirit," a program of sacred music that includes the Durufi "Requiem," at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 801 West State Street, Trenton, May 14, 8 p.m. and May 15, 4 p.m. Our Lady of Peace Church, Route 130N at Washington Place, North Brunswick. Sites are wheelchair accessible. Under the baton of Dennis Boyle of Linden, Philomusia has performed in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice, the Duomo in Florence, Canterbury Cathedral in England, and Avery Fisher Hall in New York's Lincoln Center.

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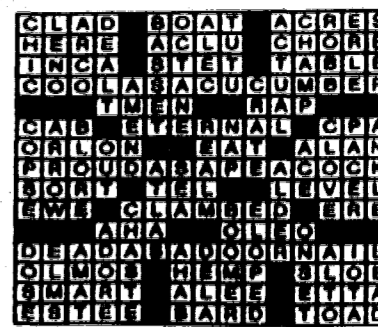
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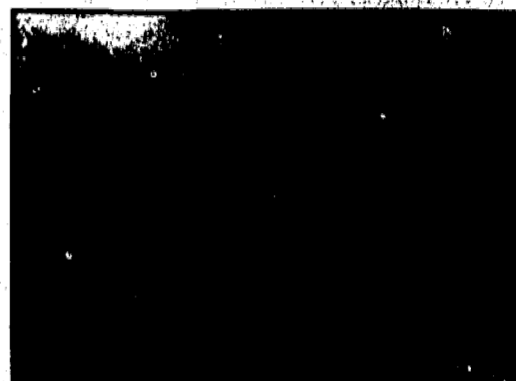
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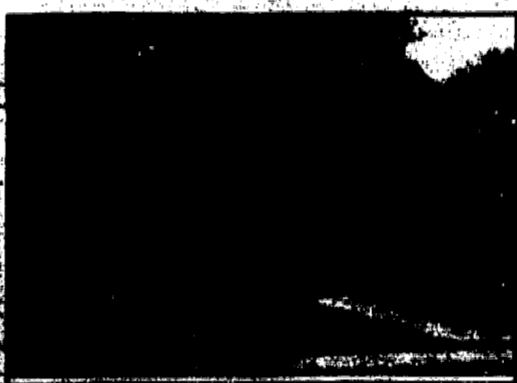
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