



Marguerite Laurent of Stamford will play Blanche DuBois in Curtain Call's production of 'A Streetcar Named Desire' by Tennessee Williams. She says, 'A black actor doesn't get a role like this very often. . . . The multiethnic character of the show is what makes it interesting. I can't wait to see it evolve.'

Paul Desmarais/Staff photos

## Theater group explores new shades of 'Streetcar'

*Editor's note: This is the first of a three-part series on the creation of the Curtain Call production, "A Streetcar Named Desire," opening March 5.*

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Weekend Editor

On a cool Thursday evening a week before Christmas, 10 women and seven men stand in various attitudes on the stage of the onetime cow barn that is now the Ethel and Sydney Kreskin Theatre in Stamford. Fidgeting. Arms folded. Knees bending. Hands clasped, or jammed in pockets.



They have come from all over the area. They are all shapes and sizes, and complexions. Although Curtain Call has chosen a classic play for its spring production — Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire" — the approach taken by this community theater group will be deliberately nontraditional.

Over the next two hours, director Kenn Woodard, producer Lynne Colatrella and their creative team will hear the lines of Blanche DuBois, that quintessential faded flower of white Southern aristocracy, read in a variety of accents, by actresses whose bloodlines trace back to Africa, the Caribbean, Europe, Latin America.

There's a similar openness to the casting of Stella, Blanche's sister; Stella's working-class husband, Stanley Kowalski; and indeed, to every part in the play, large and small.

"You're all extremely talent-

By David Espo  
and Walter R. Me  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON —

Clinton's impeachment solved into partisan debate as lawmakers and law duels over a surprise House prosecutors to quic Lewinsky before t decides whether to call w

With party lines harden ity Leader Trent Lott and day's end that Senate R would submit written Clinton as early as to resolve "some of the incom in the case. Within an hour House said its lawyers — would respond.

As opposing attorneys c the Lewinsky-interview is well of the Senate, a R spokesman predicted that by Democratic U.S. Sen. Byrd to dismiss all charges tainly fail" when the rol early in the week. Republic 55-45 majority — but th short of the two-thirds maj ed to remove Clinton from

Inside the Senate, meeting second consecutive Satur House counsel Charles R the maneuver of House pro enlisting assistance from dent Counsel Kenneth Sta effort to interview Lewins

"Can you imagine what conversation is going to held in the independent office, with the people there the capacity to put Ms. L jail?

"Can we really say that it mal, just OK, to have one the might and majesty of pendent counsel's office t a witness with violation of nity agreement if she d across the country for this I think not."

U.S. Rep. Asa Hutchinson rejected suggestions Lewin be mistreated. "The Wh

■ Starr's work turns out to be finished. More in ment coverage, Page 1

## Bill would force eateries to post health code scores

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A state lawmaker is proposing that would force eateries to post code inspection scores in windows.

The law, similar to one in Los Angeles, is not favored by necticut food and restaurant associations. The Connecticut Department official who oversees safety programs said the favor, the legislation ex