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Wishful thinking risky business in production

*The Love List
set to open
next Friday*

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Everyone has heard the age-old adage "Be careful what you wish for." But not everyone has been unfortunate enough to learn the veracity of that statement first hand.

Leon and Bill have. As characters in the upcoming play by the Milton Players Theatre Group, these two men experience just what the cliché means when they create a top-10 quality list for their ideal woman and she actually arrives on the scene.

Let's just say their list soon requires some minor adjustments when they receive just what they've asked for.

The Milton Players will perform Norm Foster's *The Love List* February 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14 at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr.

Carol Beauchamp, who's in the director's chair for the first time since joining the Players, said she hopes the audience will enjoy watching the play as much as she's enjoyed directing it.

The cast is made up of just three actors: Julian Ford as Bill, Brian Cranford as Leon and Linda Spence as Justine.

While logistically it's a director's dream, it means a heavy workload for everyone involved and places huge responsibility on the shoulders of the three actors who have tons of lines to memorize. Fortunately, they've proven themselves more than up to the task.

Both Ford and Spence are expe-



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EASY, FELLAS: Linda Spence (portraying Justine) separates the arguing (left) Brian Cranford (Leon) and Julian Ford (Bill) in the Norm Foster comedy *The Love List*.

rienced actors, and although Cranford hasn't had a large role with the Players until now, he's more than capable, Beauchamp said and has benefited from the experience of the other two.

"They've worked hard to bring my vision to life," she said of the trio. "I've been spoiled. I don't think many directors get actors as committed (as these three)."

Something that makes this comedy appealing is the fact the audience can empathize with the characters, Beauchamp said.

There's a high suspension of disbelief as to the plotline, but the characters are relatable.

The Love List is an adult-themed play, with "slightly risqué content," Beauchamp cautioned.

The play is produced by veteran player Geoff Ford, while Susan Cranford is the stage manager. Ford said you can seldom go wrong choosing to perform a play by Norm Foster because he writes in a way that appeals to audiences.

"I like 99.9 per cent of what he writes," Ford said. "The secret to

his writing is he writes in the way that everyday people speak."

As usual, community support of this play is very important given the Players' current financial difficulties.

"It's important that people come out and support us," Ford said.

Tickets for show-only performances — on Friday, Feb. 6, Thursday, Feb. 12 and Friday, Feb. 13 — cost \$20 each. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the performances start at 8 p.m.

Dinner theatre performances

take place Saturday, Feb. 7 and Saturday, Feb. 14. Tickets cost \$40 each in advance and \$45 at the door. The cash bar opens at 6:30 p.m., dinner is served at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8:15 p.m.

Tickets are available at Boutique 188, 188 Main St. E (cash or cheque only). For credit card sales, call (905) 875-0629 or visit www.miltonplayers.com.

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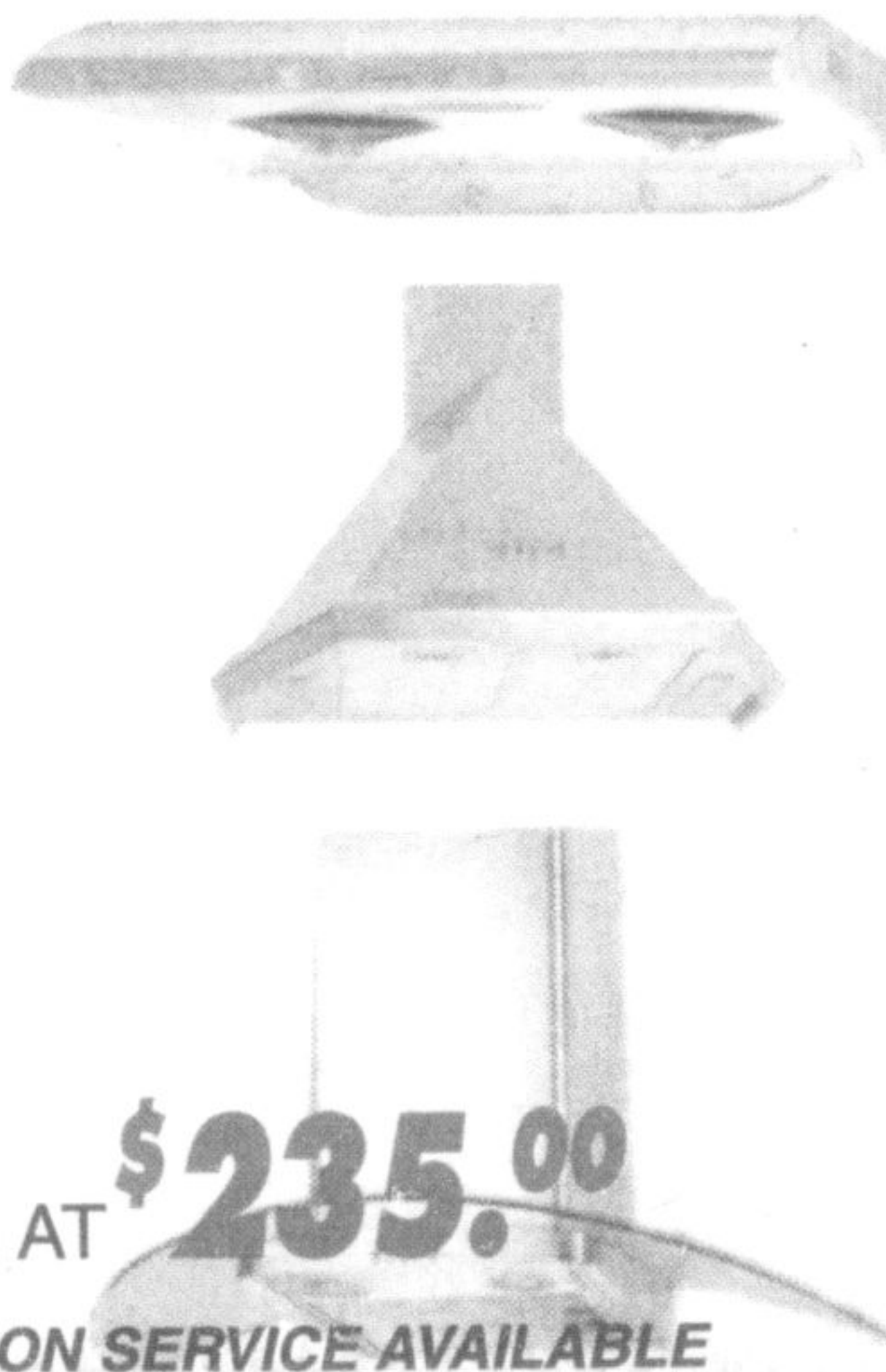
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