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said. He said barbershop quartet music has appealed to several of the singers and drawn a considerable number of audience members.

"These songs are easy to sing and aren't meant to be sung by a big star, just average guys like us," Allen said. "I've been singing in barbershop quartets since 1959. A guy I worked with in Oklahoma knew I liked to sing, so he mentioned

the group to me. I had a bowling match that night, so I had to come in late. When I walked in, they had an international champion quartet singing 'Sonny Boy.' I couldn't join quick enough. I had to quit bowling."

Allen said he has made many close friends through singing with various quartets.

"I have more friends in barbershop than anywhere else," he said. "You can't get mad at anyone when you're singing, unless they're not hitting their notes."

The singers make themselves at home during the Tuesday night rehearsals. The singers drift in

singing their own tunes. Practice begins with coaching on posture and breathing, then moves to exercises with a teaching quartet and finally with everyone singing a capella.

"If you sing the wrong notes, sing them, so we know where they're coming from," assistant director Greg Economides said to the group.

Marion Neel became a member of the barbershop this week and said he joined the organization for the camaraderie it offers.

"I had a quartet sing for my wife on Valentine's Day and was really impressed," Neel said. "I wanted to be a part of it and make new friends."

Homicide actor to leave show

NEW YORK (AP) — Life on the street is getting old for actor Richard Braugher.

Braugher, who plays the tough-talking Detective Frank Pembleton on NBC's *Homicide: Life on the Street*, said he will leave the show when his contract expires in two years.

"This is a wonderful job," Braugher, an Emmy-nominated actor, said in a *Day & Date* interview scheduled to air Wednesday. "But it's time to go. ... I think it's going to be a move on."

Petty differences cause separation

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tom Petty's marriage of 22 years is free falling.

Jane Petty has filed for separation from the leader of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, citing irreconcilable differences. The couple have a 14-year-old daughter.

Petty, 42, won a Grammy in February for "You Don't Know How It Feels." His hits include "I Wanna Fallin'" and "Don't Do Me Like That."

Leno exposes plant giveaway

SALISBURY, Md. (AP) — Leno spilled the beans about a Salisbury State University plant giveaway.

On Monday's *Tonight Show*, Leno mentioned that the school gives each new student a potted plant.

"When I was in college, nobody gave me a plant," Leno said. "I asked my roommate to grow his plant in the closet with a light fixture."

The school on Maryland's Eastern Shore doesn't hand out anything that needs to be hidden in a closet, but for four years it has given each incoming freshman a spider plant or ivy grown in the school's greenhouse.

Harrelson poster pulled by MPAA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A poster featuring Woody Harrelson wearing an American flag will not fly.

Columbia Pictures confirmed on Tuesday that the Motion Picture Association of America asked the studio to change the poster for its Christmas season release of *People vs. Larry Flynt*.

The poster features Harrelson, who portrays the Hustler magazine publisher, wearing a diaper and holding an American flag and standing in front of a bikini-clad model.

"We submit all of our ads to the MPAA, and this is nothing unusual," studio spokesman Dennis Higgins said. "We're working with the MPAA to make sure our ad material reflects the spirit of the movies that they are in good taste."

Parks advises youth with books

DETROIT (AP) — Civil rights leader Rosa Parks gets so much mail she's tried to answer it all at once.

"Dear Mrs. Parks, A Dialogue with Today's Youth" is her book-length response to letters she receives from teen-agers seeking guidance.

The \$16.95 book, published by Lee & Low Books, contains hundreds of letters grouped under 12 themes:

hope, fear, knowledge, quiet strength, living with God, vision, youth, self-esteem, relationships, wisdom, legacy and the future.

She also has co-written "Parks: My Story" and "Strength: The Faith, the Hope, the Heart of a Woman Who Changed a Nation."

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