Theater Company makes a play for new works

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If there's such a thing as a theatrical saint, Jan Radeliff might
be it.

"She's put her heart, mind and
soul into this venture," said Livonia playwright David MacGregor. "She's interested in the creative process."

Radeliff, a Birmingham resident, is one of the founders of
Heartlande Theatre Company,
producers of the fourth annual
Play by Play 12-hour marutal
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on Saturday, April 1 at Roopes
School in Birmingham.

MacGregor's comedic "Revelation," will be among the
22 original works, ranging from
6 to 15 minutes. The plays will
be presented twice between noon
and midnight, an average of
three to four plays each hour.
"We provide a venue to showcase new plays," said Radeliff.
We keep discovering new peoplo."
Play by Play is Heartlande

Play by Play is Heartlande Theatre Company's only fund-raiser. The event features the combined work of more than 100 writers, actors, directors and the-

ater artists.

Among those expected to attend are people from the Screen Actor's Guild, artistic directors of local and regional theator companies, theator buffs, and of course, relatives of those people performing on stage.

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Play by Play rks by local and regional authors. Food

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was well. Now it's up to her to make him comfortable, and how she feels about having to leave him."

MacGregor, who teaches English and a film class at "They're so involved in plays

"They're so involved in plays that they don't get to see other people's work," said Radeliff. This gives them an opportunity to watch and support that work. It creates a sense of community. Radeliff will present "A Big Girl Now," a drama about a woman who has put her father into a private-care residence, and how she feels about leaving him.

him.
Actor Mary Rychlewski will
perform in Radcliff's play.
"It's beautifully written, honest," said Rychlewski, who cofounded Heartlande with Radcliff. 'It's about her own guils for
not being there when her father

Wayne State University, participates in the marathon because it's just plain fun.

"Writing plays is a long tortuous process," he said, "To get people to look at your play makes it complete."

Playwrights seeing their works on stage is much like the feeling an artist gets when their work is exhibited.

"If you've never been to the theater before, you'll learn how important it is," said Rychiewski. "How it brings up issues, makes you laugh and cry, if I get you into the theater and you like it, you'll come back."

Heartlande Theatre Company works with artists year-round encouraging them to develop new scripts. Two of this year's

playwrights participated in Heartlande's Young Playwright's program at Fitzgerald High School in Madison Heights. If you can't attend the marathon, but want to make a tax deductible donation, send checks to Heartlande Theatre Company, P.O. Box 2014, Birmingham, MI 48012

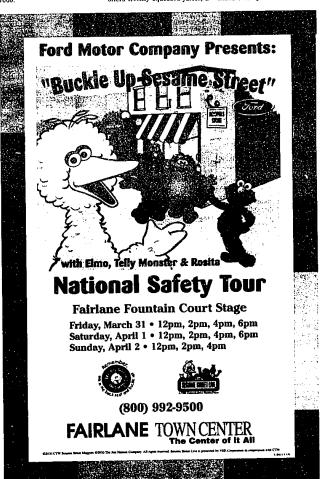
This year the group is presenting a Writer's Retreat for anyone interested in learning about the craft of dramatic writing, Friday-Sunday, May 5-7 at the Skyline Conference Center in Almont, Mich. The cost is \$200 per per-

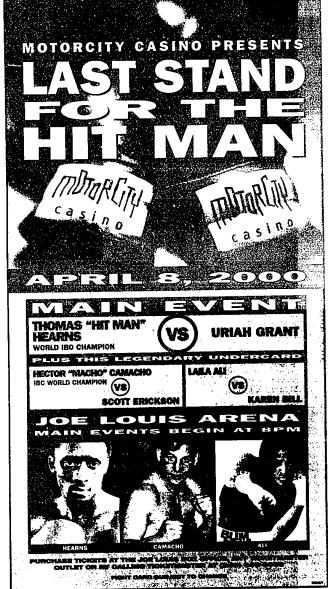
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WHAT'S COOKING

Check out the new menu at Panini Cafe & Grill, 42087 Ford Road, (between Haggerty and Lilley) Canton, (734) 981-7000.

Owner Adib Yassine has introduced more vegetarian items, combos and sandwiches. The Middle Eastern style restaurant offers freshly squeezed juices, a variety of salads, soups, appetiz-ers, sandwiches, and entrees. Panini Cafe & Grill is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sunday.





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