

Stars come out for fashion show

Mark your calendars for the sixth annual "Light Up a Life" benefit and fashion show to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 9, for Angela Hospice Home Care.

The Italian American Club of Livonia is once again sponsoring the event with Jacobson's Laurel Park store as the host. Ticket holders will be treated to an evening of designer fashions, modeled by local celebrities, samplings from more than 20 of the area's favorite restaurants and exclusive Jacobson's holiday shopping.

WJBK-TV 2 anchor and honorary chairman Rich Fisher, WDIV-Channel 4 personality Sarah Bam, WKQI radio personality Colleen Burear, WDIV meteorologist Paul Gross, Detroit Tigers announcer Rick Rizzo, Livonia Chamber of Commerce executive director Duane Marsh and other local celebrities will be on hand to show off the latest from designers JAX and Segretti's.

Pam Deluca will also be on board to present her new accessories while basketball celebrity turned author Spencer Haywood will autograph his new book, "The Rise, the Fall, the Recovery."

In past years, proceeds from the benefit have supported the vision of Angela Hospice, and on Dec. 5,

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the public will have the opportunity to see that vision become a reality. The new building will be dedicated on that date.

"It is a very exciting time for the Hospice and the 'Light Up a Life' benefit is just the beginning of a yearlong celebration in honor of life," said Sister Mary Giovanni, Angela Hospice president and founder.

Festivities will start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, with a raffle that features such prizes as dinner for two with Mr. and Mrs. Mort Crim at Stewart's, two round-trip continental United States airfares donated by Northwest Airlines and a \$500 Jacobson's gift certificate.

Tickets are \$30 and can be ordered by calling Loretta at 473-9464 or Dorothy at 464-7810. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and can be bought by calling the Hospice office at 464-7810 or Kathy at 462-3312.

Novelists eager to meet readers

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Book lovers will have a chance to learn that romance novelists are people too at an all-day party Saturday, Nov. 6, at Paperbacks n' Things in Westland.

Owner Joan Adis and "helper" Louise Watkins say many customers have come to their parties with preconceived notions about the writers.

"They're people with good hearts; it's not just sex and violence," Watkins said.

Even Watkins admits that she doesn't know what to expect when she meets authors.

"I read Ruth Ryan Langan's books; they had such a homey feeling. When I met her she had the same homey feeling," Watkins said.

Langan, of Farmington Hills, is one of 12 authors who will meet customers from 1-4 p.m. Saturday at the store at 8044 Wayne Road north of Westland Center, Westland.

Also appearing will be Shelly

Thacker of Novi, Joan Shapiro of Franklin, Marianne Willman of Farmington Hills, Linda Lang Bartoll of Troy, Peggy Hancher (Roberts) of Canton, Jill Gregory of West Bloomfield, Karen Katz, Joan Avery of Farmington Hills, Jeanne Savery of Rochester, Patricia Ellis of Inkster and aspiring writer Judy Gauthier of Livonia. Of course, "Bambi" the store kitty, will be there, too.

Gregory and Katz recently wrote a book under the name

Jillian Katz called "Something Borrowed, Something Blue," a contemporary love story.

This is the 11th annual "Book Lover's Day" at the store, which specializes in book rentals and trade. Recently, she doubled the size of her store by renovating the empty room next door.

"People sometimes didn't want to come because they were afraid they'd get so squashed," she said. "Now there's much more room for this."

Auction supports Epilepsy Center

Are you looking for a unique gift this holiday season for your favorite sports fan? Look no further than the first Super Sports Auction Thursday, Nov. 18, at Glinopolis on the Grill in Farmington Hills.

The event will begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and the auction. Tickets for this event, which benefits the Epilepsy Center of Michigan, are \$55 per person and include choice of Montgomery Inn ribs, chicken dijon or rainbow trout.

Authentic items to be auctioned off include the game shoes autographed by Detroit Lion Lomas Brown, a signed Joe Dumars Detroit Pistons game jersey, a hockey stick and T-shirt autographed by Detroit Red Wing Bob Probert, a signed Larry Bird photo plaque, tickets for a Red Wing suite at Joe Louis Arena and Red Wing, Piston and Detroit Grand Prix tickets.

George Blaha, announcer for the Detroit Pistons and Michigan State Spartan football team, will be evening's auctioneer and master of ceremonies.

Seating is limited. To reserve a place, call the Epilepsy Center at 351-7979.

Founded in 1948, the center is the state's only non-profit organization focusing solely on epilepsy by providing medical, counseling and informational services to people with epilepsy and their families. The center also conducts laboratory and clinical research into new treatment options for epilepsy, which affects more than 90,000 people in Michigan.

A common neurological disorder, epilepsy is marked by sud-

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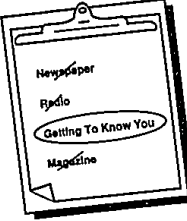
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