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### THE SCENE



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## Big rummage sale undergoes changes

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**N**ew format for the famous semi-annual Christ Church Cranbrook Rummage Sale on Wednesday-Thursday, April 28-29, will give manager customers a chance at the "gourmet-type" rummage. Chairwoman Ginny Beckett and co-chairwoman Kit Harul announced the public sale for two days at new times: April 28, 1-7 p.m., with items marked up 20 percent, and April 29, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Bloomfield Hills. Excess rummage goes to area charities. A fashion show of rummage clothes was presented with Jody Eareckson and Carol Scott as co-chairwomen, assisted by Betty LaMonica, on Tuesday at Christ Church Cranbrook. The Rev. Don Waring was a co-commentator with Eula Bagley. Esther Harris wrote and acted in a skit as part of the show. Members of the original skit group, which I facetiously named "Birmingham Bertha and her Bloomfield Bombers" in 1965, are still part of the show: Margaret Snyder, Jean Hockett, Betty Clark, Esther Harris and Peggy Graham.

**Special needs**  
Marty and Barbara Rom hosted the Spaulding for Children Spring Ball patron party April 15 in their Bloomfield Hills home.

While some people were wrestling with the income tax deadline, folks at the patron party were talking about Spaulding for Children's Community Adoption Campaign and how the Spring Ball will enrich this organization, celebrating its 25th.

Spaulding is a special needs adoption agency that finds permanent homes and adoption for minority boys, who have languished for years in the child welfare system, said Judith McKenzie, executive director of the Southfield-based center. The Spring Ball on Saturday is set for the Edmund Place Restaurant in a historic Brush Park home with Victorian-Gothic decor. On the evening of the patron party, restaurant owner Joseph Thompson served his urban-flair food: barbecued ribs, gravy "smothered" chicken, macaroni and cheese, Southern sweet potatoes and peach cobbler.

Hostess Barbara Rom is a partner in Pepper, Hamilton & Sheets, the same law firm as one of their guests, Bill Coleman, who attended with his wife, Deanna Reid-Coleman, Birminghamite Coleman was introduced to me as Bill Clinton's roommate at Yale. Coleman and I, and my husband Frank, who is a Yale, got into a conversation about the president's days at Yale Law School.

Everyone was enthused about the "Bandole Project." Bandole is an African-American boy's name and means "Follow me home." McKenzie said that more than 800 boys are in foster homes waiting for adoption in Detroit. Spaulding is looking for families who want to nurture a child who may have been neglected or abused and is sometimes physically and mentally challenged.

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Almost new: Christ Church Rummage Sale fashion show chairwomen Carol Scott (left) and Jody Eareckson admire a spring dress.

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Cleaning up: Heather Loberman, 18, holds customer's receipt while she looks for garments on rack at Somerset Cleaners in Southfield, where she works after school.

## On the job

### High school students go to work, too

**■** Despite a recent University of Michigan study that indicated "part-time work during high school may have more costs than benefits," our interviews with area teens who have jobs showed little in common with U-M's national survey results.

BY ETHEL SIMMONS  
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**M**ost high school kids who have after-school jobs don't mind putting in the hours that it takes to earn them extra spending money and help them save for a car or for college. They may miss out on some school-related events while they're working, but they manage to do their homework without much struggle, say the teens we talked to. Responsible young people, they try to combine enjoying the best of their high school days with an eye on their career of tomorrow. A part-time job at the neighborhood cleaners is a good way to earn

some dollars. Heather Loberman, 18, a senior at Southfield-Lathrup High School, and Ricki Steen, 16, a junior at Clawson High School, both work at Somerset Cleaners at 19715 W. 12 Mile Road in Southfield.

Loberman, who has been employed there more than a year, attends school 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. As part of a statewide co-op program, she gets out of school two hours early for her job. "We have to work at least 15 hours a week (as a senior on the co-op). I work 23-24 hours."

Steen, as a junior, is limited to 18 hours, which she puts in 2:30 to 7 p.m. three weekdays, plus Saturday.

#### Time for homework

Homework's no problem, she said. "I usually have time to do it when I get home. I can still get to bed at a decent hour. When I worked fast food last summer, I used to get home at midnight."

Loberman said, "I do my homework when I get out of school at 11:30." She is used to the school, homework and job routine by now. "I started working when I was 15 to have

my own spending money and to show my parents I was more responsible."

Steen agreed, "I wanted to show my parents I can be more responsible, so I could get more independence. Loberman's parents bought her a car and they pay the insurance, but she pays for gas and repairs. Her spending money also goes for food when she eats out and for clothes. Steen shares the family car but pays for her share of the insurance, as well as food and clothes. "We support ourselves except we're living with our parents," she said.

Both girls plan to go on to college, in Michigan, and they say their parents will handle most of the expenses. "I'll pay for my own books," Loberman said. Steen added that her grandparents also will help with college costs.

Being on the job doesn't add a lot of stress to their young lives. "It's not like a chore to go to work," Steen said. "I see my friends. We have fun."

#### Bagging groceries

Making a little extra money to meet day-to-day expenses is the reason

Beau Batten, 17, a junior at Seaholm High School, works Saturday and Sunday afternoons bagging groceries at Farmer Jack at 3600 W. Maple, Bloomfield Township.

The 10-hour-a-week job doesn't interfere with school or other activities, leaving him plenty of time for homework and to play baseball.

Batten worked at Farmer Jack last spring and summer and then started back again in January. He plans to go to college but uses his paycheck to buy gas for his car and to "spend it on friends."

Another job opportunity that works out well for high school students is making cones, shakes and sundaes, serving customers at the local Dairy Queen. Erica Siablenki, 17, a senior at Stevenson High School in Sterling Heights, gets out of school at 11:45 and usually works noon to 5 p.m., and sometimes 5-9 p.m. at the Dairy Queen, 4970 Livernois, Troy. "I'm on the co-op program and have to work 16 hours or more," she said.

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## Le Gala de Cuisine still leads the way

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It's been 15 years since Le Gala de Cuisine first came on the scene but through all that time "It has remained the premier event of its kind," said Milos Cibulka, one of the chefs who has participated from the start.

Chef Milos, a chef-partner in the Golden Mushroom restaurant in Southfield, recalled how the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine got involved in the fabulous food fest at Cranbrook Schools in Bloomfield Hills. He said that Chef Duglass Duglass had been in contact with the people putting on the event, who explained they would pay the association \$5,000 for its participation.

At first, some association members were skeptical about how well such an event would work out, but they liked the idea of earning money that could be used to provide culinary arts scholarships.

"The Cranbrook people told us afterward they thought they'd be lucky to get 200 people to attend. Right away, we got about 800. They said, never in their wildest dreams did they believe it would be



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Food fest: Jane Ruzumna of Bloomfield Hills (left) and Bonnie Gentilia of Troy show aprons for 15th annual Le Gala de Cuisine 3-7 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Cranbrook Schools.