

On children

Mother concerned about circumcision

Dear Dr. Cash:

When I took my newborn, uncircumcised son home from the hospital a few months ago, I was told to be sure to pull back the foreskin and clean the head of his penis when I bathed him. But my baby's foreskin wouldn't retract. Would you please discuss this in your column, along with the medical reasons for routine circumcision?

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natal period to discuss this, as well as other decisions such as breast feeding that should be decided before the birth of the child.

Although initially the foreskin may adhere somewhat to the bulbous end of the penis, during the first few months of growth there is a rapid loosening of this tissue. Gentle traction, especially if applied while the penis is submerged in the bath, will usually hasten the loosening process.

As long as your infant has a normal full urinary stream there is no cause for concern. A severely constricting foreskin (known as phimosis) is highly unusual in the newborn, so the above conservative treatment is usually all that is required.

This column is furnished as a service to the community by Children's Hospital of Michigan in the Detroit Medical Center. Questions from readers are welcomed. Address letters to Dr. Ralph Cash, Children's Hospital of Michigan, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit 48201.

Class Reunions

DETROIT CASS TECH-COMMERCE 1963

Graduates and faculty who were at Cass Tech-Commerce High School in Detroit in the spring of 1963 are invited to a reunion at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25 in the Chateau restaurant of Farmington Hills.

Tickets are by reservation only and should be ordered by through Maryann Ousji, 478-5388.

HIGHLAND PARK ST. BENEDICT 1953

The St. Benedict High School class of 1953 will hold its 25th anniversary dinner dance reunion Saturday, Nov. 11, in the Knights of Columbus clubhouse, 39050 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Reservations are being accepted by Andre Mondoux, 477-5123, or Joan (Foy) McCarthy, 757-2328.

DETROIT REDFORD 1948

A reunion dinner dance at the Glen Oaks Country Club, 3650 Thirteen Mile, Farmington Hills, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, will mark the 30-year anniversary for the class that graduated from Detroit Redford High School in 1948.

The occasion will include a buffet dinner with beer, a cash bar and dancing to the music of the Penny-Carr quintet. The classes of 1947 and 1949 also are invited.

Reservations may be made with Carl Rowley, 851-2146.

Conference focus is on family life

Recent research on the American family and the changing workplace will be the focus of a conference from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6 in the amphitheatre of the Horace Hacham School of Graduate Studies in Ann Arbor.

Sponsored by the University of Michigan Center for the Continuing Education of Women, the event is free and open to the public.

"The American Family in a 20-year Perspective" is the subject of the opening address by Elizabeth Douvan, professor of psychology.

Also to be discussed will be a report on high school senior student preferences for division of labor in the family, changes in sex role attitudes of women, and careers and self evaluation: Views from Different Points of the Life Cycle.

All speakers are from the University of Michigan.



Fashion flair

What was fashionable in the '20s doesn't look too out of style with the nostalgic turn in fashions. Suzanne Neas of Bloomfield Hills (above) is wearing a dress and shoes from the collection of gowns of Matilda Dodge Wilson who resided with her husband, Alfred G. at Meadow Brook Hall in Avon Township. A program at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, will feature a fashion show of historic Wilson attire, a talk about fashion concepts and a luncheon in the Christopher Wren dining room at Meadow Brook Hall, the 100-room mansion. To make reservations through Oct. 31, call the hall at 377-3140. Tickets are \$12.50 per person.

Musicians audition for tour to Europe

Auditions for the 11th annual European concert tour of the Southern Michigan Youth Choral and Chamber Orchestra will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 in two different locations.

The choral tryouts will be held in First United Methodist Church, 320 W. Seventh, Royal Oak. Orchestral auditions will be held in the instrumental room of Lahser High School, 3456 Lahser, Bloomfield Hills.

Appointment for auditions may be made by calling Eugene Mogie, founder and program chairman at 541-1809. Youth who are high school soph-

omores through junior college age are invited to audition. Letters of recommendation from choral director, school principal or counselor and a clergyman are necessary.

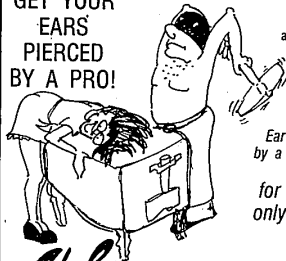
Scheduled to be director of the SMYCC and conductor of the choral is Frank Irish of Rochester High School. Conductor of the chamber orchestra will be Valerie Palmieri, music chairman for the Bloomfield Hills school district, and director of orchestras at Andover and Lahser high schools.

Carolyn Thibodeau, choral director of West Bloomfield High School, will be accompanist for the choral, and assistant director.

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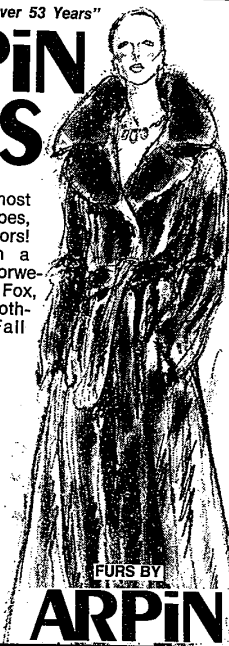
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