

Opinions split on banning Halloween tradition

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nile division, doesn't think Detroit and Benton Harbor officials are overreacting to the problem.

"You've got to worry when somebody puts pins or razor blades or some kind of poison in handouts," Murphy said.

"As a parent, I'm not letting my kids go out this year. I'd rather see parents

have parties with their kids and their friends. People are sick. Why take any chances?"

To parents of children who are going door to door, police recommend that children go to the houses of persons they know and confine their trick-or-treating to 5:30-7:30 p.m. Costumes should be light enough to see and masks shouldn't obscure vision.

Mrs. Carole Auning of Springvale St.

says her youngest child is 12 and will be making the rounds of the neighbor's homes on Halloween.

"There are just 75 homes here (in Woodbrooke subdivision)," Auning said. "We pretty much know most of the people around here. So I'm not too leery about it. If we lived somewhere else I might be."

A Beacon St. Farmington resident said she'll pass out candy to kids on

Halloween but many of her friends have ended the old tradition of door-to-door begging for goodies.

"TOO MANY PEOPLE pick up ideas from the media. Now I know the media has a responsibility to report this information. But people are pretty scared and justifiably so."

"Candy wrappers can be easily

resealed and no one's the wiser until it's too late."

Last Halloween a youth in Farmington Hills turned in a piece of candy found in a Milk Duds box that had a straight pin stuck through its center.

Because the pin was so noticeable, police theorize the incident was some-

one's idea of a sick joke. But they treated the matter seriously.

While Farmington Police have never had a reported instance of tampered candy, Auning says he's not breathing any easier.

"If one child in the area dies does that mean you were paranoid or not safe enough?"

Retired librarian honored by peers

Marjorie Patterson, head of the circulation department at the Farmington Hills Branch Library, has retired from the library after 10 years of service. Patterson and her family were feted at a lawn party held at the home of Earl Bower of White Lake Township.

The party was attended by library board members, staff of both the Farmington and Farmington Hills Branch, volunteers and family. Among the guests were Patterson's husband, Bob, her father, Frank Oat, who is 94 years old, and her three sons, Michael

from Arlington, Texas, Mark and his family from Pontiac, and Chris. Gordon Lewis, library director, recalled the days when Mrs. Patterson began as a volunteer at the library before the Farmington Hills Branch opened and introduced a number of people attending the lawn party.

James Ebel, president of the library board, presented Patterson with a plaque in recognition of her years of service to the library. On behalf of the Library Board, Ebel presented her with a letter. Elaine Carlson presented Patterson with additional pieces of luggage.

Brad Carey, student assistant, presented Patterson with a framed Certificate of Appreciation which he had written especially for her. A "roast" revolving around memorable events at the circulation desk was presented by Tom Rudofski, Bill Barnes and Brad Carey.

The committee in charge of the party was composed of Elaine Carlson, chairman, Denise Albrecht, Helen Bower, Nancy Cromwell, Pat McCall and Barbara Munn.

Daughter meets mother

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know if I was still thinking of finding a home for the child. She asked me to write her an answer."

When Norris answered affirmatively, the nurse arranged for her friend, Joan Curley, to take the child, she said.

"I tried to find Barbara several times, but I guess Mr. Curley had her concealed pretty well. I had given up. Throughout those years I wondered what she looked like, was she being

taken care of, were they being mean to her, was she well - I sometimes wondered was she alive? I do appreciate Mrs. Curley's endeavors. She's quite a gal."

Norris also has come to appreciate similarities between herself and her daughter.

"Our personalities are quite alike. We're both kind of pushy, just like my other daughter in Florida. When we go after something, we go after it till we get it."

Ervin Monroe, first flutist of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will be presented in recital by the Novi Chamber Music Society. The performance will take place at the Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7.

Monroe, whose latest recording "The Twentieth Century Flute" has just been released, will be accompanied by pianist Fontaine Iaing. Admission is \$3. For more information, call 349-5665.

Flutist Monroe will perform

Blind get library aid

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James version of the Bible takes up 17 flexible disc records for the Old Testament alone and 15 for the New Testament. In cassette form the Bible is 14 tapes long.

After all that use the tape and record players occasionally malfunction. A group mainly comprised of retired Bell Telephone employees comes to the library twice a month to keep the machines running.

"The U.S. Government in its infinite wisdom provides funds for blind people to buy all these machines and provided them free of charge," said Leigh LaChapelle of Farmington Hills, head of the local Pioneers chapter.

"They even get them through the mail for free. But the U.S. Government did not provide one penny for maintenance."

Batteries which required in all the machines are hard to obtain, LaChapelle said. Machines purchased recently by the government from the lowest bidder, he said, are prone to problems. But the group clearly enjoys the volunteer duty.

"The Pioneers are the glue that holds telephone employees together," said volunteer Ernie Sauter, a retired Bell employee and member of the library board.

THE TELEPHONE Pioneers of America chapter was hard at work Tuesday morning in the conference room fixing dozens of broken tape players. Some only had to be cleaned. Cookie crumbs and spilled coffee were the culprits in one machine. Another machine wouldn't rewind and one distorted the sound badly.

Unwed mothers can obtain emotional, psychological and financial support so they can carry their babies to term from an organization called Birthright. It is located at 225 Washington Square Plaza building in Royal Oak.

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