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Most endorse end to Halloween begging

Following are the compilation of answers to last week's Oral Quarrel question asking whether readers thought Halloween begging should be scratched from our calendar of events for the year.

The answers overwhelmingly supported the idea of banning the tradition because of the numerous incidents of tainted food, drug and candles in the last few years.

Let them have parties in the schools or something for the kids.

private parties and stay at home or have school parties. Don't think it is necessary for them to be running out in the streets. Things are too dangerous these days.

We should ban Halloween to protect them from being harmed.

I'm for keeping Halloween. The neighborhood I live in - there has never been any trouble.

Kids are too precious, and there are so many sick people out. I really appreciate it if you would ban it.

Like to see tradition of Halloween cancelled. It's just too dangerous these days with everybody following the footsteps of the Tylenol killer.

I don't feel the begging should be banned. The parents should only let children out in company of parents and take them to people in the neighborhood who they know very well.

I am against trick or treating. Parents should take care of their children and entertain them in their own way and not bother other people who don't care to entertain their children.

I really don't know how I feel.

It's not safe for the children.

It isn't worth taking the risk to have a child or anyone hurt or poisoned or whatever. There are too many crazies around.

My own son was injured by children jumping on him, and I also was injured on Halloween because (someone) threw an apple after receiving candy at my house. They broke glass at the front door, and the glass hit me in the hip.

I think Halloween should be banned. If it saves one child's life, it's worth it.

Abolish this medieval practice and have private or community parties only.

The first job for our new governor is to ban Halloween throughout the state. There is no purpose in Halloween. It doesn't teach the children anything but greed and how to beg, and there are enough beggars around. So before he puts people back to work, have them stop eating candy at Halloween.

Fine with me. Should have been banned years ago. If anything, just private parties at police stations and fire houses only. That's all that is needed for the kids.

I am against children going out this year or any other year. But again it's very difficult to explain this to children who are under 12. I think it would be very helpful if the schools, maybe this time next year, the last hour of school day have some kind of function.

It can't be just a few parents keeping their children off the street. It has to be the majority of the people. This way other children will be able to see their friends will not be out on the street on Halloween night.

I don't think Halloween should be banned. But people should give out money instead of candy.

As much as I hate to do it, I think it should be banned.

While 20 years ago it was safer, it's really gotten out of hand.

I don't want the children going out begging for Halloween treats.

I am for banning Halloween.

I will be worried about my children this year. The candy they receive will have to be checked very thoroughly, and hopefully nothing will be wrong with the candy. We have to start a couple months prior to Halloween letting our youngsters know that this will be their final Halloween.

I am against children going out begging Halloween night.

As a teacher five years ago one of my students had staples in his candy bars, and he lived in Independence Commons, a rather nice place. To protect our younger children we should have something like a kiddie parade going down the main street of town or parties at home or in schools. That would be nice.

It's very difficult telling children under the age of 12. You have to start a couple months early prior to Halloween to let them know of the possibilities of what could happen. They see it in the stores all over. The stores have to help (by) getting rid of all their costumes. The children will not go out this Halloween.

I think we should ban trick or treating and have it in parties at different schools.

A ban on type of treats should be enforced. Rather than giving out candy, one could give out money or comic books or pencils rather than the candy.

I think they definitely should be banned. As an alternative, they should have parties at the schools. Let kids dress up in their costumes, and if that couldn't be worked out maybe at the area churches and synagogues.

I don't think any thinking parent nowadays would let their children go begging. My daughter-in-law agrees with me and will not let my grandchildren go trick or treating anymore.

I think they should have restricted areas in the subdivisions for the people who know each other, and then it will be a little bit safer because you wouldn't want to ruin the kids, fun on Halloween. And they like the candy.

Trick or treating should be dispensed with. The children should have parties.

I feel it should be banned. Like to see

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a party given at church or school.

I think it's a bad idea. I don't think kids should have to suffer any consequences because of a few jerks who tainted their candies. I don't think their safety is being threatened in the Farmington area.

Keep Halloween on every year. If they find people who have tainted treats they should hang them in down-

town Farmington, and they would get this result.

After all the Tylenol, I feel there will be tainted candy and I think the officials will have a heavy load to carry of guilt for not banning it now before one of our Farmington children get hurt.

I had a trick or treat break my front window last year by throwing a pumpkin in it. Homeowners need some protection as well as the children.

I don't think they should ban trick or treating. Parents should be more cautious about the candy their children bring home.

Children get too much candy now, and most of all they get so much at Halloween they don't know what to do with it.

I will not give children treats for fear of what's in the candy before they get into my home, and I don't want the responsibility.

It would protect homeowners from

strangers coming to the door.

They shouldn't have any more door to door trick or treating. Instead they should have it in the schools or at the Y and have little parties and everyone contribute.

In my day we had private parties in the homes, bobbing for apples, candied apples and popcorn. Children should not be roaming the streets begging for treats. It's a pity we have to live in a society full of weirdos, but evidently that's the way it is.

Meeting sites keep changing

MADD, which takes its name from the words Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, meets on the third Monday evening of each month, but the meeting place keeps changing.

The local chapter of the national organization is the only chapter in Oak-

land County that moves its meeting spots to accommodate all persons interested in the workings of the group throughout the county.

Those wishing information on the next meeting may call Diane Abramson, 624-5166.

Reach-out

Persons are confined to their homes who wish information on the Senior Adult Outreach Program may call 474-1407 for information.

The program is sponsored by Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Senior Adult Program. Outreach coordinator is Mary DiManno.

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Hills heist nets gunman over \$200

An armed man robbed a Farmington Hills restaurant while holding two employees at gunpoint shortly before midnight last Monday.

Lisa Fitchett, 17, an employee of Hardee's restaurant at 29224 8 Mile, told police a dark-haired man aged 20-32 wearing a black waist-length jacket and faded jeans walked into the restaurant and into the restroom before approaching Fitchett who was behind the counter.

The man removed a snub-nosed black revolver from a white plastic bag and pointed it at Fitchett, demanding that she open the cash register, police said.

Fitchett emptied \$239 from one reg-

later and placed it into a bag. The man grew impatient when she was unable to open the second and third cash registers. He ordered Fitchett and fellow employee Jeff Rogers, 18, to "get on the floor," officers said.

Another employee Laverne Thompson, 18, of Detroit, told police he was cleaning tables in the seating area when he realized what was happening and ran to the manager's office.

The robber fled on foot, and no vehicle was observed. He was described by Fitchett and Rogers as "not clean-shaven, with some acne and freckles."

Police found no evidence at the scene.