

Lacing Candy: A Halloween Epidemic

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From 20 years ago until now a lot has changed with our family's generation to our generation. Most of our moms and dads did not have much but when we hear the story, they tell us about one of the best days humankind has ever invented, HALLOWEEN. No worries in the world, just friends and family spending time together. Being scared by horror characters, laughing, joking around, trick or treating and seeing friends and neighbors while out and about. That is when we come to a stop to discuss inhumane people. That has the thoughts of lacing candy WITH DRUGS. The "new" and "popular" drug is fentanyl. Fentanyl is fifty times more potent than heroin; a hundred times more dangerous than morphine. People need to understand drugs are everywhere, you cannot get away from it. I understand how

parents feel, that it is crazy for people to want to hurt and even kill or almost kill little kids. I do believe that parents should go through the candy after trick or treating. Halloween has always had a problem with laced candy, from when our parents were, our grandparents when they were, when we were younger and even now with our younger siblings. Parents and grandparents ask why they need to worry about their children and grandchildren when Halloween is supposed to be a time of happiness, having fun, jump scares, and horror stories. Luckily, there are good people out there that want to help people and keep them safe. They post and spread the news about candy being laced to warn parents. A precaution we can take to be safe is to only trick or treat in neighborhoods that you know and trust. Inspect the candy, any candy wrappers that are already

opened or look like they might have been opened and then glued closed again. The golden rule to remember for Halloween is; when in doubt throw it out. We cannot always control what people do and we cannot get rid of every single person that laces candy. What we can do is be careful. Watch who your kids go around and be careful of suspicious people and houses. Trust your gut, if you have a bad feeling then get away from whoever and whatever you are having a bad feeling about. Stay safe, have fun and happy Halloween!!

CHILDHOOD HALLOWEEN

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Halloween is right around the corner, and we wanted to know how Halloween has changed over the years. We wanted people to reminisce about their childhood experiences. We interviewed some of the teachers and staff members, here at Gaffney high, about how their childhood experiences were. Mrs. Simms stated that she went to fall festivals with her cousins, and she enjoyed that. She said that she did not really care for Halloween now because her kids do not celebrate it, people do not give out kid friendly candy due to all the lacing and putting razors in candy. She also said that it is not as fun as it used to be for little kids. I agree with that because people are lacing candy and putting drugs or sharp items in them. Mrs. Simms said that she did not dress up as a kid as much. She went to a lot of school events, so she did not go door to door much as a kid. Mrs. Moorer thinks it is dangerous and terrible. She says that she is not scared but she is cautious for people to go trick or treating. She thinks kids might want to go to trunk or treats instead of

younger my favorite costume was big bird; I know it sounds weird but there is an amazing story behind it." She did not think the costume was cute, but it was her favorite because that year her grandmother could not buy her one, so a church friend bought her the big bird costume and even took her out trick or treating. Her kids were dressed as the power rangers, they were the white and green ones. They did not like their costumes, but she loved them. Mrs. Drobish grew up in a religious household and because of this she was not allowed to trick or treat but her church always had a carnival and trunk or treating and that is how she got to go out for Halloween. Her favorite costume was a princess because she always had dress up shoes and a big pretty bow in her hair. When her kids were younger, they got to go trick or treating. Her son's favorite costume was a ninja, and her daughter was a princess because she dressed up as one all the time. She would take them to familiar neighborhoods where she stayed, family or friends stayed, or neighborhoods that she knew were

safe. She feels that it is sad that some people feel like they must contaminate candy on a children's holiday to get their entertainment or excitement. I agree with most of these parents because if I could put myself in their shoes, I would not want my children to go out and eat candy from any and everybody which could be contaminated.



WHO is the G.O.A.T. of Horror?

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The Answer to the age old question, who is the G.O.A.T. of Horror? In this article we survey students and staff at GHS to make a logical guess on who really is the best Horror Icon.

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