

Halloween spirit alive

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The letters, meant for the children's parents, said it was irresponsible for them to let their overweight children consume large amounts of sugar.

And a group of mothers in the Ottawa area said they would hand out fruit cups and cheese strings instead of chocolate and sugar. Much of the reaction was negative.

"It's once a year, for the love of God. These people are ridiculous," said one typical comment when the story was posted online.

According to Statistics Canada, \$360.9 million worth of candy, confectionery and snack foods was sold at large retailers in October 2012. The average for every other month of the year, except December, was \$282.4 million. The December total was \$448.5 million.



Photo by Matthew Blair

Becky Cocek shows off five homemade costumes. She said she loves the thrill of walking around in something she made herself.



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(Top left) - Tombstones decorate a house on a city street .

(Top right) - Becky Cocek shows off her homemade costume Tuesday afternoon in Trenton.

(Bottom left)- Decorations hang at Halloween City in Belleville.

(Bottom right) - Red Ranger is ready for action this Halloween.

