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**Haunted house**  
Drive through Olathe  
to get decorating  
ideas from one  
family's spooktacular  
house. | 88

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## WEIRD NEWS

Manuel Gozalo organizes bus trips of women from Madrid, Spain, to isolated rural villages, which most of the native females have long since abandoned for cities, leaving lonely single men. His "caravanas de amor" — caravans of love — have made 52 day-trips since 1995, promising the ladies some fun, dancing and possible romance, and the men perhaps a last chance at finding a companion.

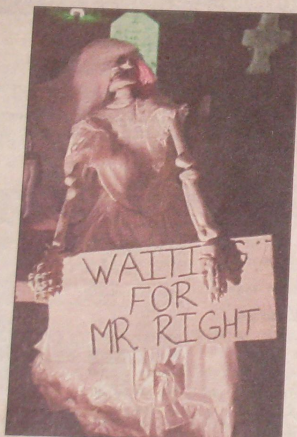
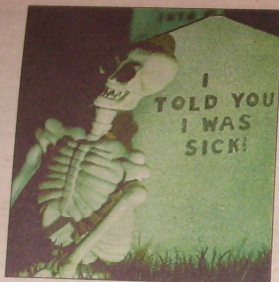
## COMMENTARY

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# A BRIGHT AND FRIGHTFUL DELIGHT

For more spooktacular scenes and an audio tour of the Allens' Halloween home, go to [KansasCity.com/fyi](http://KansasCity.com/fyi).



Mark Allen (behind witch) and his family have been creeping out their Olathe neighborhood for more than 10 years.



The scare factor is less intense for Kylie Allen (right), 13, who has grown up amid Halloween hoopla. Joining her are Melina Cope (left), 12, and Claire Hausauer, 10.



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### Boo-tiful display in the 'burbs

HGTV spotted the Allen family's Olathe home and selected it as one of 10 "Spooktacular Halloween Decorating Ideas." The Allens built all of the decorations themselves and have several that are animated, along with a computerized light show and nightly thunderstorm. Neighbors compare the display to Disneyland, Mark Allen says. Last year the family gave away 1,500 pieces of candy Halloween night, and of course the curious lurk outside throughout October.

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