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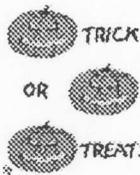
AREA SCHOOLS TRY TO END 4-YEAR REIGN OF CHATSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL AS CHAMPIONS OF MTA'S HALLOWEEN BUS DECORATING COMPETITION

Buses Being Turned Into Haunted Houses on Wheels

WHAT: Bus operators and mechanics from 11 MTA bus operating divisions have teamed up with students from local area schools and youngsters from community organizations to create ghostly Halloween theme buses by using removable paint and scary decorations. Art students from Chatsworth High School in the San Fernando Valley will attempt to WIN the championship for the fifth consecutive year. The temporarily weird looking buses will be displayed at the Patsaouras Transit Plaza at MTA headquarters and then judged based on originality. Student goblins who worked on the project will arrive in the ghoulish buses they helped design as well as Metro Bus operators who will wear Halloween costumes that their passengers will appreciate when the buses are placed into revenue service afterward.

WHEN: **Tomorrow, Friday, October 29, 1999**
Buses begin arriving at 11:30 a.m.
Buses can be boarded from noon to 1:30 p.m.
Bus judging begins at noon

WHERE: MTA Headquarters Building
Patsaouras Transit Plaza (Bus Plaza)
One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles
(off of Vignes behind Union Station)
Downtown, Los Angeles



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