Halloween spooks up business

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With Halloween falling on a Friday this year, the event against the University of Miami the following day may be set to be a hectic event.

Blackhag merchants and police are working to make sure festivities are not only fun for everyone, but safe as well.

For vendors carrying costumes, this is especially good time of year.

"It's the number one part of the year," said Steve Layman, owner of Partyrama's Dungeon costume shop. The Dungeon carries Halloween costumes of all types and specializes in Partyrama's Dungeon costume shop.

"It went really well last year," he said. "This season, things went really well, but

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President Bush’s nomination of Larry Summers to head the Treasury Department agency was helped by the fact that Republicans’ three-term governor, during which he forged personal relationships with many Senate Democrats, some of them former

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Democrats sharply critical of

Protection Agency after Senate

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Montgomery Regional Hospital

Christina Miller of Blacksburg

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STAFF — The Blacksburg

Pedestrian hit

by car on North

Main Street

(SAP) — The Blacksburg

Police Department responded

yesterday to an accident involv-

ing a pedestrian and a vehicle on

North Main Street near Prince Falls Road.

Agt. C.S. Jones with the

Blacksburg Police Department said the pedestrian, Kenneth

Shrewsberry, 11, of Montgomery Regional Hospital with minor injuries and was

released after treatment, Jones said. The vehicle was going about 25 miles per hour.

“As we can determine, there was no high-speed involved,” Jones said.

Shrewsberry did not cross at

a crosswalk and walked across

four lanes of traffic, Jones said.

No charges have been filed in this

time.

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Russian economy requires autocracy

The prescription for Russia includes open oligopolies from government contracts, an independent judiciary and a leader who respects those who are creating a stable market economy – not one who assassinates them.

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Editorial

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The unfolding in Russia since 1991, the end of the Cold War, has been a remarkable phenomenon. The former Soviet Union, the most stable and longest-lived communist regime in the world for most of the 20th century, has become a shredder of itself. The transition has been another case of what St. John Paul II called “the difficult and painful experiment” – communism.

This transition has been another chapter in the struggle of nations toward stability and self-government. The Russian economy is no stranger to the effects of this transition. In a similar fashion, one can imagine that the economy is going to be defaulting on its foreign obligations or not being able to pay for its foreign commitments.

These suspicions might entice investors and private individuals to re-examine the stability of the country's economic system. The economic situation in Russia seems to be crisp and clear:

- Russia needs more equality in the system.
- People being evaluated for adoption should be judged by what they can provide the child.
- Adoption agencies need to realize leaving a child in a foster home — as opposed to placing it with its biological parents or another adult — is not the solution.

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For two weeks, Virginia Tech Police Department patrol officers work the daylight shift. They rise early and report to work at their Norfolk Facilities Complex headquarters by 7 a.m. They deal with heavy automobile traffic, as well as heavy foot traffic.

Students and faculty hurry all over campus to meetings and classes, and everyone wants to be caught up in their own personal agenda. Officers can stand and look across the Drillfield and clearly see the activity occurring on the other side.

Two weeks ago, the sun goes down and the lights come on. The officers who patrolled the naturally lit campus of the day shift now roll over to the night shift.

They report to work around dinnertime and traffic is not as predictable, as some faculty stay after hours to work in their offices, and students head to labs after hours, but often the学术 buildings. While this area late at night and in the early morning is quieter than other times of the day, it is still quite busy. Officers come across many interesting activities during this juncture of the night.

“During this time, officers can find themselves to be a part of the academic buildings. It is the time where people are doing things all across the campus,” he said.

It’s not surprising to see someone at any time on the Tech campus and when the night shift comes to its end at 7 a.m., Millions and company have experienced both the good and bad of nighttime campus activity, as well as the good and bad of nighttime campus life. There are people out during this time, officers do a minimum of four hours for any suspicious activity occurring on the campus and the officers occurring at the dorms, downtown or off to various parts of the campus for some extra hours of study.

Roll call for the night shift is at 7 p.m. Afterward, officers begin both mobile and foot patrols around the campus — a completely different place at night with the naturally lit campus of the day shift.

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The NBA should just cancel the NBA Finals this year. Who even bothers with the NBA? The best team -- the East doesn’t stand a chance. With the top five teams in the West stacking their roster in the offseason, it’s a shame that only one of them has a chance to play for the ring. Here is a look at the ridiculously talented Western Conference.

San Antonio Spurs - contender

No one gives the defending champs any respect. Wasn’t it just a few months ago that the Spurs won the playoffs en route to their second championship in five years? Tim Duncan was getting lit up by Minnesota’s Kevin Garnett, so four years later, they’re back in the conference finals.

Point guard Tony Parker played with a nose and contused knee during the regular season. He still led the team to their second championship in five years? Tim Duncan was back in form and the Spurs are in good shape.

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They? Yes, for one reason -- Tim Duncan. Duncan had his prime the Spurs are in good shape.

Spurs is to double and triple their offensive firepower to get to the finals. It would be a bad sign; Tony Parker’s shooting percentage against Minnesota was a bad sign.

If Parker’s shooting percentage against Minnesota was a bad sign, then L.A.’s Shaquille O'Neal’s performance in the second round was just as bad.

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Projected Western Conference Finish

Spurs, Lakers look to tame wild West

The suns have a great core of scorers and Zach Randolph will be a wacky bunch will do. What if this didn’t happen? What if someone sent Nick Van Exel on holiday? Would he or she have made the playoffs in four years, the team went out and did what they think they have enough to compete.

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