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Moonlight stroll

Peggy Sue Deaven walks the runway at Ghouls' Rules in her costume "Autumn." The event drew more than 50 entries using recycled materials for their costumes. Photo by Caia Diepenbrock

Many races at stake in Tuesday's election

By Adrienne Downing

Jamestown voters will be asked to choose from among 16 candidates in five races during Tuesday's election, which is shaping up to be one for the history books.

Along with the Barack Obama/ Joe Biden and John McCain/Sarah Palin tickets, hopefuls from the Libertarian, Socialism, Independent, Constitution and Green parties are on the presidential ballot.

Incumbent United States Senator Jack Reed is being challenged by Republican Bob Tingle of Wakefield. Republican Jonathan Scott and Independent Kenneth Capalbo are both seeking the U.S. House of Representative seat held by incumbent Democrat Patrick Kennedy.

In the race for Rhode Island General Assembly, Republican Donna Perry is seeking the District 13 senate seat held by Democrat M. Teresa Paiva Weed and incumbent Bruce Long is being challenged by Democrat Deb Ruggiero for the District 74 representative seat.

Voters will also approve or reject two state questions on the reverse side of the ballot. Approval of question one will authorize the state to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds and temporary notes not to exceed \$80 million to match federal funds and provide direct funding for improvements to the state's highways, roads and bridges. Included

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Jamestown Art Center to bid on old town offices

Council offers support for project idea

By Sam Bari

The Jamestown Art Center expressed interest in buying the town property at 44 Southwest Ave. at Monday's Town Council meeting.

JAC Vice President Liz Congdon and Jamestown architect Pe-

ter Twombly of Estes/Twombly Architects presented their proposal to the council to renovate the former town offices for use as an art center.

Reading from a prepared statement, Congdon said that JAC believes that renovating the site for an arts center would be the very best use for the build-

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Halloween safety keeps the trick or treating fun

By Eileen M. Daly

It won't be long before Jamestown is invaded by hordes of little ghosts and goblins. Common sense and some basic safety tips from the American Red Cross can help to insure a safe and happy holiday for all.

Shopping for a Halloween costume can be an exciting time for everyone, but it's also a good time to start thinking about safety. Halloween costumes should be brightly colored or have reflectors attached so that trick-or-treaters are visible to motorists. It is also a good idea to attach reflectors to bags, skateboards, brooms or any other object a child is taking with them on Halloween night. Look for costumes that are flame retardant and make sure they are short enough to prevent kids from tripping. Face make-up is a better option than masks, but if a mask is a must-have, then make sure the eyeholes are large enough to allow for peripheral vision.

Pumpkin carving is a fun filled activity that many families look forward to each year. In order to insure that it is also a safe activity, small children should never be allowed to use a sharp knife. A better option would be to paint faces on the pumpkins rather than carve them. If carving is a tradition you don't want to give up then look into purchasing a carving kit with a tiny saw and always make sure there is an adult supervising.

A good, satisfying meal prior to trick-or-treating will help stave off the desire to sample the treats before bringing them home to Mom and Dad for inspection. Commercially produced, unopened treats are the safest bet. Fruit or homemade treats should only be consumed if they come from a trusted friend or family member.

Children should never go out to trick-or-treat alone; an adult or responsible older sibling should accompany younger children and older children should always travel in groups. All children should be reminded to stick to sidewalks whenever possible, to look both ways before crossing streets, to only cross the street at corners and to never dart out into the street from between parked cars.

If children are going out without an adult, it is important that an adult know the route they are planning to take and the time they are expected to be home. At least one child in the group should be carrying a cell phone and each child should have a plan for the possibility of being separated from the group.

When going house to house, children should be alert to possible hazards: pumpkins with lit candles, animals that may not recognize them in costume and may be afraid, objects that might cause a fall

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Pumpkins are all lined up in their fall splendor at Hodgkiss farm. Photo by Jeff McDonough