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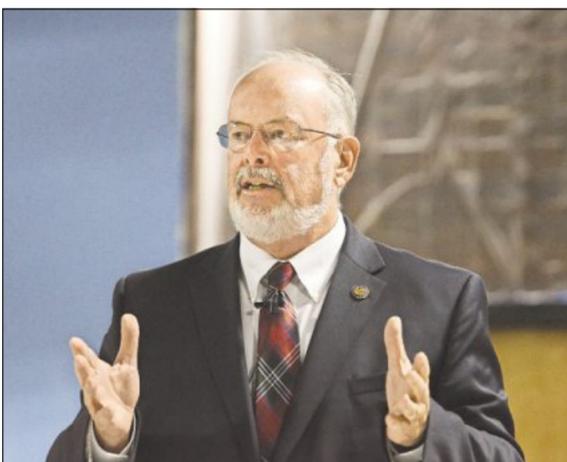
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Candidates face off in debate



Speaking during the Gloucester Daily Times mayoral candidates' debate Monday at the Gloucester Stage Company are, clockwise from top left, Sefatia Romeo Theken, Francisco Sciafani, Greg Verga and Paul McGeary.

Mayoral hopefuls spar over taxes, climate change

By RAY LAMONT
STAFF WRITER

The candidates seeking to become the city's mayor for the next two years carved out differing stands on fluoridation, property tax payments and the city's water debt, and even Gloucester's approach to alternative energy during a lively Gloucester Daily Times debate Monday night.

The debate drew more than 150 residents to the Gloucester Stage Company's Gorton's Theatre, and was based on questions submitted by Times readers over the previous week. Those questions sparked a number of differences among interim Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken, City Council President Paul McGeary, Councilor-at-large Greg Verga, and challenger Francisco Sciafani, starting with a question all voters will face in November.

Asked how he'd vote when it comes to the referendum on the continuing fluoridation of the city's water system — and whether he, as mayor, would adhere to voters' call if they choose to stop adding fluoride — McGeary noted that the ballot question is an "advisory" one. "I think it's an ill-advised advisory referendum," he said, adding that, with the

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THE LAST DEBATES

Remaining debates among Gloucester's mayoral candidates in advance of the Sept. 29 preliminary city elections:

- Wednesday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.** — Magnolia debate, hosted by the Magnolia Library and C Community Center. Mayoral candidates will discuss all city-related issues.
- Thursday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.** — Gloucester Republican City Committee-hosted debate at Endicott College Gloucester campus at 33 Commercial St. Debate is scheduled to focus on city budgeting and financial issues.

Ward 1 candidates discuss quality-of-life, school issues

By RAY LAMONT
STAFF WRITER

All see untapped potential in the parcels of East Gloucester land lifted last year from the state's designated port area (DPA) restrictions.

None showed any use for a pending City Council proposal aimed at creating parking or visitors along a stretch of Atlantic Road.

And each expressed a different perspective on the future of East Gloucester school.

Rebecca Borden, Everett Brown and Scott Memhard — all vying to advance through a Sept. 29 preliminary election and make a November run to become Gloucester's Ward 1 city councilor for the next two years — squared off Monday night in their first and only full-fledged debate at the Gloucester Stage Company's Gorton's Theatre.

The 30-minute forum, held before the debate among the city's mayoral candidates, featured questions submitted by Gloucester Daily Times readers. The first of those questions, posed by Times Editor and moderator David Olson, noted that while the DPA changes free several properties along the East Gloucester waterfront for redevelopment, the area remains zoned for



Candidates for Ward 1 City Council — from left, Rebecca Borden, Everett Brown and Scott Memhard — shake hands following the Gloucester Daily Times debate Monday at the Gloucester Stage Company.

marine industrial use — limiting any chance for new housing, for example. Borden, a former school teacher and former director at Cape Ann Art Haven, said that while she supports "diversified" development alongside

continued marine industrial uses. "I'm not about putting up condos." "I don't want us to become another Newburyport," she added, "but I do want more waterfront diversification." Brown said, "I think my job

(as councilor) would be top advocate for the people in both commercial and residential (projects)." "Give them a listen," said Brown, who served on the

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U.S. House to discuss proposal for marine monument

By SEAN HORGAN
STAFF WRITER

A House subcommittee will convene in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday to discuss the implications of pending marine national monument designations, including conservationist efforts to create the Atlantic seaboard's first marine national monument off the coast of Massachusetts.

The hearing, scheduled by the House Natural Resources Committee's subcommittee on water, power and the oceans, comes in the midst of an expanding dispute between fishing stakeholders and the conservationists who want President Obama to use executive decree to designate Cashes Ledge and an area of deep-water canyons and seamounts south of Georges Bank as a marine natural monument, off limits to all fishing.

The conservationists, led by the Conservation Law Foundation, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Pew Charitable Trusts, are imploring President Obama to use the federal Antiquities Act to unilaterally create the national monument as a means of protecting the two areas from commercial fishing and future sea-floor development.

The proposal is being opposed by fishing stakeholder and advocacy groups, such as the Gloucester-based Northeast Seafood

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Manchester mulls joining CATA service

Town would still provide Council on Aging van rides

By DIMITRA LAVRAKAS
STAFF WRITER

MANCHESTER — After selectmen dealt with the bulk of their agenda Monday night and a break was declared, close to 25 senior citizens came in, sat down and had their say on proposed Cape Ann Transit Authority services for Manchester. Heavy on their minds was that the van service they now use, provided free by the Manchester Council on Aging, would be replaced by CATA service.

Selectmen Chairman Tom Kehoe reassured the audience from the very start.

"We will be discussing the possibility to have CATA offer pass-through or dial-a-ride service," Kehoe said. "It is not the intent of the Board of Selectmen to terminate Manchester Council on Aging transportation, as is the prevalent rumor."

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CATA service is certainly not fast-tracked. If the selectmen voted in favor of either or both CATA services, it would still have to go to a vote at next year's Town Meeting, and if approved, then go to the state Secretary of Transportation, who in turn would notify the CATA Advisory Board that the town has joined.

"I'm here to advocate for this," said Scott Trenti, executive director for Gloucester-based SeniorCare Inc., the region's elder

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Weather

Mostly sunny. High, 72°; low, 56°.
Forecasts: marine, Page 9; extended, Page 24.

Tides

Today
High.....7:16 a.m.7:34 p.m.
Low.....12:59 a.m.1:19 p.m.
Tomorrow
High.....8:14 a.m.8:33 p.m.
Low.....1:57 a.m.2:17 p.m.

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