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## A Miraculous Rescue At Sea

Lobsterman found by Coast Guard after 12 hours in water

BY SHAYE WEAVER

John Aldridge was treading water in the dark, 43 miles from shore. It was 3:30 a.m. last Wednesday as the commercial fisherman watched his boat, the Anna Mary, pull away, headed south of Montauk.

The 45-year-old lobsterman had fallen overboard and was stranded at sea—alone, except for the sharks swimming nearby. After 12 long hours of surviv-

al, battling sea life, sunburn and dehydration, the Oakdale native and Montauk fixture beat the odds in a big way when he

*Fishermen on private vessels helped scour 660 square miles of ocean.*

was rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard—plucked from a search area that covered a full 660 square miles, the proverbial nee-

dle in a very large haystack, after a massive search that included his fellow fishermen on private vessels—elating family and

friends and capturing the attention of media outlets across the country.

"Johnny Load," as he is nick-

named, had catapulted overboard when he stumbled after a handle broke off a heavy cooler as he attempted to lift it. With nothing but an "Anna Mary, Blessing of the Fleet" T-shirt, shorts, a pair of rubber boots and a pocket knife, Mr. Aldridge was left alone to fend for his life.

After 10 minutes of treading water, nearly "ready to go" from fatigue, he said, Mr. Aldridge's

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John Aldridge and his girlfriend, Teresa Yarusso, at the town dock in Montauk. SHAYE WEAVER

## Fatality Closes Main Road

Southampton crash causes major jam

BY KYLE CAMPBELL

A pair of horrific accidents—both involving Hampton Jitney buses—in just four days along County Road 39 in Southampton claimed the life of a 29-year-old mother of two, sent four others to the hospital with serious injuries and shut down all lanes of traffic along the East End's main artery for nearly 14 hours combined.

The first crash, which occurred between Tuckahoe Lane and Tuckahoe Road a few minutes after 7 a.m. last Thursday, July 25, was a head-on collision between a Jitney bus that was carrying no passengers and a Chevrolet Trailblazer. The driver of the SUV, identified by Southampton Town Police as 29-year-old Carissa Castillo of Shirley, was killed in the crash that left her car smashed and nearly unrecognizable.

The bus attendant, Shimona Kameka, 36, of Southampton and the driver, George Scheld, 54, of Nesconset were both taken by the Southampton Volunteer Ambulance to Southampton Hospital where they were

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## Giddyup!

Kaia Wetzel rides the carousel at Saturday's East Hampton Ladies Village Improvement Society's annual fair. KYRIL BROMLEY

## Election Filings Cause Flaps

BY COLLEEN REYNOLDS

With little more than three months to go before Election Day, the Democrats and Republicans in East Hampton Town are pointing fingers at each other over recent campaign finance filings.

The town's Democratic Campaign Committee, known as Campaign 2013, on Monday filed a formal complaint with the New York State Board of Elections, alleging that Town Republican Councilman Dominick Stanzione's reelection campaign committee, Friends of Dominick Stanzione, made a false filing by neglecting to list any receipts or expenditures

*Democrats filed a formal complaint with the state BOE.*

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## Fashion Gets A Camp Of Its Own

BY COLLEEN REYNOLDS

There are summer camps for every interest under the sun: sports, music and drama galore, but what about for those kids who have a flair for designing outfits, setting style trends and who dream of becoming the next Valentino or Prabal Gurung?

Starting next week at Guild Hall in East Hampton Village a brand-new camp tailored purposely to fill this niche will open.

Stitched Fashion Camp is the brainchild of Rob Younkers, a fashion designer and adjunct associate professor at Parsons The New School for Design, and his boyfriend, Joe Zee, the creative director of "ELLE" magazine, who have a home in Sag Harbor.

It is designed for boys and girls between the ages of about



Stitched Fashion Camp co-founders Joe Zee, left, and Rob Younkers. COURTESY STITCHED FASHION CAMP

8 to 16. Although the camp's website, www.stitchedfashioncamp.com, says ages 10 to 14, Mr. Younkers explained that as a new business the camp will be flexible and inclusive, "so if there's a nine-year-old who's dying to come, we'll make sure she gets in."

At camp, the budding designers will learn all the elements of what happens in a design house, Mr. Younkers said. They will each make their own "inspiration boards,"

learn about fashion illustration and sketch their own designs, in a collection of six different looks. The campers will get to design their own prints, which the custom print company Spoonflower will then print onto the fabric of their choice. The students will then use sewing machines donated by Singer to turn their ideas into reality.

At the end of the camp, on

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## No More Middleman

First gardens, now seafood

BY SHAYE WEAVER

As ingredients drift further from their natural state—packaged in boxes, cans and plastic—a fresh food movement is on the rise, and its focus is not just vegetables.

Dock to Dish, a new community supported fishery based in Montauk, is attempting not only to supply its members with fresh-off-the-dock seafood but to reestablish the bond between fishermen and the people they feed.

The program kick-started Memorial Day weekend with 60 members, who received fresh fish until June 29. Subscribers essentially buy a share in the catch and get a delivery of a certain size each weekend.

After its initial success, the CSF began its second season of the summer on July 5, still more than 60 individual members strong. One major difference? Nick & To-

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Dock to Dish founder Sean Barrett and Nick & Toni's chef Justin Finney with Montauk striped bass caught by Captain Chuck Mallinson and delivered less than 46 minutes after their arrival at the dock. COURTESY NICK & TONI'S