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75 Years Of Service

The Montauk Fire Department lined up all of its vehicles and apparatus on Monday afternoon at the Montauk Lighthouse for a group shot to commemorate the department's 75th anniversary this year.

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PSEG Gets State Support

Report focuses on need

BY ERICA THOMPSON

The New York State Department of Public Service has deemed the ongoing PSEG Long Island project in East Hampton "necessary to ensure reliability of the electric system," according to a memo from Michael Worden, deputy director of electric at the department, which calls for the project to be completed by summer 2014.

The utility company has been installing more than 260 utility poles throughout the town, as well as installing a 23/33-kilovolt transmission line from East Hampton to an Amagansett substation. PSEG has maintained the project is necessary to create

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Duryea's Sale Marks Change

Montauk landmark a source of nostalgia

BY SHAYE WEAVER

Duryea's Lobster Deck and Seafood Market, a Montauk mainstay for nearly 80 years, has been sold, according to owner Perry Duryea III.

Mr. Duryea said the sale is great news but brings some nostalgia with it, as he has been in the family business full time since 1974. He said Saturday happened to be the 40th anniversary of his first day at the wholesale seafood business.

The property had been up for sale since 2011, listed at \$5.9 million, but Mr. Duryea said that was not the selling price. He would not say what the price was, or if it was higher or lower.

He said he expects the new owner, whom he again de-



Duryea's Lobster Deck in Montauk will finish out 2014.

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clined to name, is likely going to introduce a high-end seafood restaurant there in the next several years. He said the process will take two to three years.

"It's going to be a very positive transformation of the property," he said. "The buyer

has a very good vision for what is presently here. My wife, Wendy, and I would not have sold the property unless we felt the buyer was someone who would take it to a higher level. It's going to be very dramatic when it's done."

He said the new business

won't be a ferry and it won't be a nightclub or a chain store.

The Lobster Deck and seafood business will remain through 2014, and Mr. Duryea will continue to manage the restaurant, he said.

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Fingerprinting Law Passed

Taxicab drivers must renew every year

BY SHAYE WEAVER

Taxicab drivers in East Hampton Town will now have to be fingerprinted if they want to have customers this summer.

The new process of getting fingerprinted and licensed, which takes about 10 days, has concerned many cab company owners since every day spent waiting is one fewer day making money for the season.

But the East Hampton Town Board voted last Thursday night, May 15, to go forward with new taxi regulations before the summer season begins.

According to town officials, the new laws are to help the town more easily enforce rules that some drivers and cab companies don't adhere to, especially

in the summer.

Now taxi drivers will have to be fingerprinted before being granted a license in the town—that is already the law in Southampton and Riverhead towns—and must apply for a license every year instead of every two years.

Just a month ago, the town introduced a new fee schedule comparable to what Southampton and Riverhead currently

have. The cost of a business license for taxi companies in East Hampton is now \$750, up from just \$200 charged every two years.

Every cab under a taxi license must have a permit as well, which now costs \$200 each year.

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REFLECTIONS OF AGONY

Private work memorializes terror victims

BY SHAYE WEAVER

Only by word of mouth has artist Suse Lowenstein's memorial, "Dark Elegy," been seen.

Tucked away at her secluded home on East Lake Drive, the 75-piece sculpture, featuring mothers, grandmothers and widows, frozen in the moment they learned about the death of their loved ones after a terrorist attack, haunts and inspires those who choose to visit.

Ms. Lowenstein, a longtime Montauk resident, has been searching for a permanent home for the memorial for years and

has decided that Montauk's Kirk Park would be the perfect fit. She has offered the memorial as a donation to East Hampton Town

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and hopes that it would attract more eyes at the park.

Her son, Alexander Lowenstein, a local surfer, died on December 21, 1988, when his flight, Pan Am 103, was destroyed by a bomb set off by two Libyan nationals over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Two hundred and seventy people were killed as a result.

In her grief, Ms. Lowenstein set out to capture the heartbreak of the moment when she heard that her son, who was coming home for Christmas from studying abroad in London, was among the dead. She portrayed herself in various positions of grief, rage and hopelessness, she said. When other women found out about her project, they volunteered to act as models.

"It was a moment that was branded in all of us," she said. "We will never forget. 'Dark Elegy' is a universal appeal for

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"Dark Elegy" by Suse Lowenstein illustrates the poses mothers, grandmothers and widows took when they found out a loved one was killed in the terrorist attack on Pan Am Flight 103 in Lockerbie, Scotland.

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