



## letters to the editor

### Zoning Board needs procedural rules

To The Leader:

At 7 p.m. on June 25, the Zoning Board of Appeals started to hear five cases, the highly controversial one being scheduled last. Conservatively, 90 percent of the audience (longtime Freeport residents) with an average age of probably 60 plus had come for the hearing on case 10-2003, known as the Dunkin' Donut Case.

The preceding cases, together with a 15 minute intermission, consumed an hour and 50 minutes.

At 8:30 p.m., the presenters (too many) of the Dunkin' Donut case started speaking in support of their contention that their project (even though it does not comply with zoning regulations) would not disturb the status quo of the area. The board allowed the several presenters to ramble with maddening repetition for an hour and 40 minutes!

At 10:30 p.m., after half of the weary, elderly Freeporters had left in frustration and anger, some Freeporters were given a chance to present their cogent arguments for denying the requested variances.

Hopefully, the Glacken administration, which has rightfully earned public acclaim for community enhancements, will not be remembered for a Zoning Board that created a community blight.

Whatever the board's decision, the board needs procedural rules at hearings limiting the oral arguments for and against a case. Certainly, a controversial case, which is perceived by Freeporters as having an impact on their lives and homes, should be heard before all others. All sorts of judicial bodies have and enforce rules of conduct at

hearings. Mayor Glacken, you have brightened Woodcleft Avenue...your Zoning Board needs your attention.

Paul Garbo

### What Nassau needs

To The Leader:

As the Republican and Independent candidate for Nassau County Legislature in the Fifth District, I have promised to focus on the issues of the day and my vision for the future. I am running because I want to make a difference and help people. I believe political rhetoric is a waste of everyone's time and that I will win this race based on my ideas and commitment to be responsive and involved.

If I am fortunate enough to win this election on November 4, and I expect to, I will immediately hit the ground running and create a bi-partisan economic advisory council for the district. This would assist me in aggressively pursuing creative and sensible solutions to the challenges faced by our downtown business districts. As a Nassau County legislator, I feel it would be incumbent upon me to bring together the leaders of each community so that we could ascertain what each area's needs and plans are, learn from each other and intelligently plot out strategies to improve all of the business districts.

The advisory council would bring together local elected officials, business, religious and civic leaders in the district to discuss issues of common concern. The council would break up into working subcommittees and focus on uniting each community's efforts to target and obtain federal, state and private grants and corporate sponsorships to enhance the district's neighborhoods. I would expect Town of

Hempstead officials, county administrators and the mayors and administrations of each village to work closely with my council so that we could all be on the same page, share each community's data and work together to bring positive change to our communities and business districts.

My advisory council will also study traffic problems, including truck routes, traffic flow, commercial vehicles being parked on residential streets and double parking. We will help to discover solutions that will enable us to beautify our streets and neighborhoods.

The council will study in-depth the creation of affordable housing for young families and senior citizens and identify areas that might already be or possibly become available in the future. We will discuss quality of life issues like excess signage, illegal multiple dwellings, the newspaper and shopper boxes appearing all over the place and the growing gang problem in Nassau. If we require new laws and legislation to make our environment healthier and safer, I will write and sponsor those laws. We will seek to attract high tech business to our region, consider the impact of trade zones and talk about how best to create jobs in the Fifth District.

I also want to investigate establishing a Nassau County Ballpark at Mitchel Field that would be 100% funded through private initiatives. This is taking place all across America and there are existing minor or independent league teams that could be attracted to Nassau County. As an avid sports fan, I know that this idea could ultimately provide millions of dollars to the county coffers and help to enhance tourism in the region. We must do a better job of marketing our activities in Nassau and

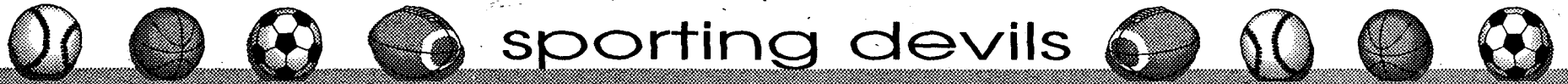
work to promote the entire county. We have beautiful beaches, wonderful parks, great malls and activities galore, yet we quite often have half-empty hotels and stores. We can and must do better. All of these topics have a direct impact on economic conditions in all of our communities. I am in favor of creating a privately sponsored and funded monorail system for the hub area that could cut down on traffic congestion and pollution in the region. I think we need to evaluate this honestly and see if it is feasible to connect the Old Country Road area in Carle Place to the Nassau Coliseum and Hofstra University in Uniondale.

I also want to investigate installing antique-style portable police booths in high crime areas where gang problems are prevalent. As a 28-year member of the auxiliary police and chief of the Baldwin Unit, I know this would be helpful and provide more safety and security. I would also open up a local district office that would include Saturday morning and one night per week hours from September through May. All calls to my office would be logged and responded to in a timely manner.

I mean business and am determined to make a positive difference for all residents of Nassau County. Being in the loop, talking frankly about new ideas and listening to my constituents would be a trademark of my legislative career. As Legislator, I want to bring people together and make things better and we will. As your next county legislator, I would be accessible and never stop working hard for you and your family.

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## sporting devils

by Linda Hendrickson

Athletes eagerly awaited to hear if their names were going to be called for the special awards at the Annual Sports Awards Program. There were so many deserving athletes this year that the selection was not cut and dried.

### The Schloss Award

The Schloss Award is given to the boy and girl who has made the most outstanding individual performance in his or her sport.

Junaid Hamin-Gilliam has continued to excel in multiple events. He has developed into one of the best jumpers on Long Island and recently placed fourth at the state competition. He earned seven varsity letters and numerous All County and All Long Island Awards in track. He was part of the All American Sprint Medley Relay Team and a receiver on the playoff-bound football team. He is an Ironman and will be attending C.W. Post in September.

The girls were very dominant this year and there is a three-way tie for the position.

Gabrielle Hudson only started pitching as a sophomore. She had no formal pitching lessons at all. She played JV as a sophomore, sat on the bench as a junior and became the starting pitcher as a senior. She had a 1.45 ERA and 98 strikeouts. She went over and above the call of duty. She would practice pitching whenever she could steal a few minutes in the gym. Her hard work has earned her MVP status on the softball team. She will be attending Utica College in September.

Samantha Sepulveda has earned All County status and represented New York

State at the National School Girl Lacrosse Tournament. She made the Long Island Elite Travel Team and the National Tournament Team. She has earned a full athletic/financial aid package to the University of Massachusetts. She worked hard to improve her skills and her academic performance. She was part of the Scholar-Athlete Team two years in a row.

Lauren Triplett has improved greatly as an athlete this year in both Varsity Tennis and Varsity Badminton. She went from a fourth doubles position to first doubles in tennis and made the All Division Team. She and her partner were undefeated in badminton and she made the All Conference Team. She set her goals high and was able to fulfill her athletic goals. She is a member of the National Honor Society and will be attending college in September.

### The Saunders Award

The Saunders Award is given to the most dedicated athlete. With seven title-winning teams, it's easy to understand why there was a tie for both the male and female recipients.

Sheila Cepeda played two years in varsity softball and captained the team this year. Sheila only started playing softball as a sophomore, sat behind the bench as a junior, and worked her way into the starting lineup as a senior. She worked all summer as well as the fall and winter off-season to become a starter, Coach Van Nostrand said, "She's the most dedicated athlete I have ever coached." Hard work and dedication truly paid off for Sheila. She will be attending St. John's in the fall.

Shanon Morris played about two minutes during her sophomore year. She went to Coach Diane Wahlers at the end of the season to ask what she needed to do to get better. Coach Wahlers told her what was needed and she worked continuously. Even during her tennis season, she would bring her stick to work after her match was over. She switched positions, went to camp, played in some fall tournaments and has started as defensive wing ever since. She has earned a full scholarship to Division I Howard University in September.

John Ferry has earned 14 varsity letters and has captained seven teams. "John is the glue that holds the track teams together, commented Coach "G." "He has worked

hard to become the total team player. It was my pleasure to be his coach." This hard-working young man earned many All Division and All County Honors as a result of his dedication and outstanding work ethic.

Keith Mitchell-Smith is a superb wrestler. He has been an anchor for the team for the last three years. A member of the National Honor Society, he has compiled a 42-2 county record at 119 pounds. He always worked hard at practice to improve both his upper body and lower body techniques. He understands the sport and analyzes his opponents' strengths and weaknesses quickly. Keith will be attending Purdue in September.

## community news

### Concert Series

The 2003 Summer Concert Series, sponsored by the Village of Freeport and the Long Island Arts Council at Freeport, will begin on Thursday, July 10 with a performance by the Toco Band, playing Soca/calypso music. The concert will be at the Nautical Mile Esplanade, Woodcleft Avenue. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to the Seaport Museum, 202 Woodcleft Avenue.

### Nursing Home Week

56 Long Island nursing homes of Intercounty Health Facilities Association recently held special activities and events in celebration of National Nursing Home week.

South Shore Healthcare of Freeport celebrated with a monthlong program on

movement to music. Each day focused on a different musical activity promoting movement and fitness.

### LIAC news

The Long Island Arts Council at Freeport is pleased to welcome the following individual artists and organizations as new Affiliates (Members):

Alteus C. Lawrence, photographer - Freeport

The workshop, studio - Long Beach.  
Lisa Deloria Weinblatt, Visual Artist - Bayside.

The Long Island Arts Council at Freeport, founded in 1974, is the largest independent arts council in Nassau County. For further information, call the Long Island Arts Council at Freeport at 223-2522.