

November

Election upends incumbent

Democratic challenger John Brooks won the 8th Senate District seat that includes Freeport. Brooks, of Seaford, defeated State Sen. Michael Venditto in a hotly contested race that wasn't decided until December after weeks of ballot challenges. Brooks had a 44 vote lead in November that expanded to 284 votes. This outcome could effect Venditto sponsored legislation in the Senate — S3823A in 2015 — that would transfer ownership of the Freeport Armory to the Vil-

lage of Freeport. Now with Venditto gone, the village is back to square one.

Longtime 18th District Assemblywoman Earlene Hooper, a Democrat, held off a challenge by Republican political newcomer Cornelius Todd Smith, who ran a campaign insisting that Hooper was out of touch and unavailable to her constituents. Hooper received 89 percent voter support to Smith's 11 percent when the night was over, however.

Helping disadvantaged veterans



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DESPITE THE BLUSTERY cold, hundreds of veterans lined up outside of the Freeport Armory on Nov. 22 to receive food and clothing. This annual event, now in its 25th year, is an outreach program that assists homeless and needy veterans and is sponsored by the Nassau County American Legion and the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency. Pictured is Alfred Bosco, a Vietnam veteran who was awarded a Purple Heart, enjoyed a hot Thanksgiving meal provided by volunteers.



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Freeport captures Long Island title

For the first time since 2010 and the fifth time in program history, Freeport captured a Long Island football championship. The Red Devils rolled past William Floyd, 28-14 on Nov. 25 before an estimated crowd of 3,250 at Hofstra's stadium. Pictured is the Red Devils Football team.

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