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**EAST NORTHPORT****Location of project's sewage plant opposed**

Two state senators and the Northport-East Northport school district are urging Suffolk County to deny a variance for a long-delayed affordable-housing complex in East Northport, arguing that the proposed location for the project's sewage treatment plant is too close to schools and other buildings.

In a five-page letter dated Nov. 28, an attorney for the district urged the board of review for the Suffolk County Department of Health Services to deny Housing Help Inc. a variance to build the treatment plant for Matinecock Court closer to some of the proposed buildings than is currently allowed.

In addition, Sens. John J. Flanagan (R-East Northport) and Carl Marcellino (R-Syosset) penned a joint letter to the county on Nov. 28, arguing that the variance, if granted, could place people in "potential danger."

The variance for Matinecock Court, a 155-unit workforce-housing complex first proposed by the Greenlawn nonprofit in 1978, is one of the last steps to be completed before the housing is actually built. The project, at the corner of Elwood and Pulaski roads, was first proposed in 1978, but has been delayed by intense local opposition and two lawsuits the nonprofit filed against the Town of Huntington.

The school district in its letter of opposition expressed concerns about the "noxious release" from the treatment of 35,000 gallons of raw sewage a day at the plant, and its impact on Northport High School's playing fields. It also stated that the project was too close to the Pulaski Road Elementary School.

The plant "could jeopardize the health, safety and general welfare of those individuals attending or participating in any outdoor athletic competitions hosted by the district," the letter stated.

The county is expected to make a decision on the variance next month. — **JENNIFER BARRIOS**

**Giving back to veterans**

**CENTEREACH.** Desert Storm Army Veteran Diana Contreras gets pampered at Cactus Centereach during yesterday's "Shining Service Makeover." The national charitable project women affiliated with the military as a way of supporting and appreciating those who ser

**SPEONK****DEC: Superfund cleanup finished**

The Superfund cleanup of a former Speonk lumber site has been completed, according to the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

The 5-acre site, where work began in September 2010 and was completed in October 2011, was owned by Best Building & Supply Treated Lumber Corp., and located at 1348 Speonk-Riverhead Rd., close to the environmentally protected Central Pine Barrens Preserve, according to a news release from the DEC.

Products used in the treating of lumber, including copper chromate-arsenate and zinc oxide, resulted in waste released into surrounding areas, including groundwater and

soils in the pine barrens, according to the DEC.

Excavation of about 3,000 tons of contaminated soil was followed by placing clean backfill at the site. On the west side of Speonk-Riverhead Road, 10,000 tons of contaminated soil was removed and backfilled, said the news release. Both areas were covered with top soil and seeded.

The nonhazardous waste is being shipped to the Brookhaven landfill, and the hazardous fill to the Chemical Waste Management facility in Model City, a town in Niagara County, according to information provided by the DEC in March when the work was still ongoing.

The cleanup has now left the site as "unrestricted," which means there are no restrictions on public use.

Because trace amounts of chemicals still exist, the DEC

will monitor the site.

A state Superfund site is identified by whether it can pose a significant threat to public health and the environment.

— **STACEY ALTHERR**

**FARMINGDALE****Fancy FREE to raise funds for autism**

A business uniquely designed to produce works by, and raise funds for, individuals with autism spectrum disorders and other disabilities yesterday opened its doors on Farmingdale's downtown stretch.

The Fancy FREE gift shop and artisan center, run by Old Bethpage nonprofit Family Residences and Essential Enterprises Inc., joined other storefronts on Main Street, an area