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**AMBIDEXTROUS...**Ham wrapped in aluminum foil in one hand and placing baked potatoes in a Dutch oven with the other is Keegan Rosera of Boy Scout Troop No. 33 from Scotch Plains-Fanwood. While he cooked a ham dinner, other Scouts prepared chicken wings and hamburger helpers during a meeting at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

## ADVANCED RECYCLING TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS EXPECTED TO APPEAL

# Township Council Expected to Reject Firm's Attempt to Retain Its Recycling Contract

### Contract With Town Was Severed in July by Superior Court Judge After Firm's Parent Company's Officials Pleaded Guilty to Fraud

By GLENN R. KAPLINSKY  
Specially Written for The Times

The Scotch Plains Township is expected to formally reject a bid by Advanced Recycling Technology Systems of Linden for the township's recycling contract. Advanced Recycling, whose current agreement with the township was severed by a Union County Superior Court Judge this past summer, was the only firm to bid on the contract. The township sought to end its contract following the guilty pleas of officials of Advanced Recycling's parent firm.

While 14 firms picked up specifications and bidding documents, the firm was the only one to submit a bid. Lin-River Associates, whose principal owners, James C. Maddaluna, Jr., and Frank Capone, also own Advanced Recycling.

Mr. Maddaluna and Mr. Capone have pled guilty to defrauding Union County taxpayers of over \$2 million dollars. Advanced Recycling had sub-

mitted a bid of \$24.23 per household annually. This figure was the same price the firm received last year. Officials noted the total contract would exceed \$184,000, as there are \$7,594 households in Scotch Plains. Its current contract with Scotch Plains is in litigation.

In July Superior Court Judge John M. Boyle ruled that Scotch Plains may void the contract with the firm. However, Advanced Recycling has appealed that decision. Other municipalities and the county who also use the firm are considering bringing legal action. These communities include Clark, Mountainside, Berkeley Heights, Garwood, Westfield, Springfield, New Providence and Roselle Park.

Officials said that the amount bid by Advanced Recycling and the quality of service are not at issue. By rejecting the firm's bid for the recycling contract the town council said they seek to avoid the merest hint of

impropriety. Officials said it is possible the firm may seek legal action against Scotch Plains for rejecting its bid.

Scotch Plains will consult its attorneys to determine its next course of action. However, Township Manager Thomas E. Atkins emphasized by law the township is free to reject any bid.

According to Mr. Atkins, it is probable that the recycling contract will be re-bid.

In other business, officials revealed that two recent meetings were held between township officials and representatives of the state Department of Transportation regarding traffic problems on Routes No. 22 and 78. The state wants to widen Route No. 22 from North Plainfield to Scotch Plains.

The first meeting was held between Mayor William F. McClintock, Jr., Councilwoman Mrs. Joan Papan, and transportation officials.

A second meeting was held between representatives of Scotch Plains, Warren, Watchung, Berkeley Heights, and Green Brook.

Officials from Union and Somerset Counties were also present at the meeting which was arranged by state Senate President Donald T. DeFrancesco of Scotch Plains, Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine of Scotch Plains and Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger of Westfield. All three represent the 22nd Legislative District which includes Scotch Plains and Fanwood. Municipal officials along with the county officials attempted to explain to transportation officials that traffic on Routes No. 22 and 78 is not the only problem.

"They will expand their studies to monitor traffic once it leaves the highways. Mayor McClintock said overlapping jurisdiction is a problem."

"Our biggest problem is a traffic light in Watchung, maintained by Union County," he said.

He was referring to the light on Bonnie Burn Road near the Blue Star Shopping Center.

"The state is relying on a study that was completed before Route No. 78 had been completed," Mayor McClintock added.

It was announced that one of the Township Manager's secretaries, Miss Eileen DiNizo, will be leaving her job effective Wednesday, October 14.

Miss DiNizo will be getting mar-

ried on October 21 and will be moving to Woodbury, New York. She has worked with Mr. Atkins for three years and will be replaced by Mrs. Madeline Rutkowski.

Mrs. Rutkowski has been secretary to the Planning Board. She will continue in that position until a permanent replacement is hired.

The October 1 Scotch Plains Day was labeled a success by the council even though the flea market had to be canceled due to inclement weather.

Representative Robert D. Franks along with Republican Freeholder candidates Frank A. Lehr, Henry D. Kurz and Edward H. Force attended. Freeholder, Mrs. Linda DiGiovanni, was there as well. A total of 525 people received influenza shots during the event.

The Department of Transportation has disallowed the council's action of

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James H. Coleman, Jr.

## James Coleman Chosen Nominee For High Court

### Scotch Plains Resident Could Become First Black Supreme Court Justice

Appellate Court Judge James H. Coleman, Jr., 61, of Scotch Plains was nominated October 3 to serve on the New Jersey Supreme Court by the Governor, Mrs. Christine Todd Whitman.

Judge Coleman, who would become the first black to serve on the court, would fill the vacancy soon to be created by the retirement of Associate Justice Robert Clifford who must leave the bench because he has reached the mandatory age of 70 to serve on the state's highest court.

Mr. Coleman was appointed a judge on the Union County Court in 1973. He was appointed to the Superior Court in 1978 and to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court in 1981 by Chief Justice Robert N. Wilentz.

Mr. Coleman has practiced law in the state for 34 years. He graduated

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## Shannon K. Manigault Semi-Finalist Scholar

Shannon K. Manigault of Scotch Plains is one of 1,500 semi-finalists in the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students.

The semi-finalists will continue in the competition for approximately 800 Achievement Scholarships to be awarded in 1995. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has conducted the program since 1964.

Shannon is a student at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

## Clerk's Office Set To Sign Up Voters

The Scotch Plains Clerk's Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, October 6; tomorrow, Friday, October 7; and Tuesday, October 11, for the purpose of registering voters. October 11 is the last day to register in order to be eligible to vote in the November 8 General Election.

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# Floridian Family Restaurant for Mobil Site Gets Approval From Township Planning Board

### Addition of 1,100 Square Feet Will House Kitchen and Service Areas on Terrill Road

By SUZETTE STALKER  
Specially Written for The Times

A proposal for a new restaurant was granted conditional approval Monday by the Scotch Plains Planning Board, which awarded the applicant the necessary variances and waivers for construction of the planned establishment, to be located at the corner of Terrill Road and Front Street.

Architect Donald Terry, of the Wyckoff firm of Indyk and Terry, Architects and Planners, described on behalf of applicant Harry Lagos how the restaurant will utilize an existing Mobil service station at 367 and 375 Terrill Road while also creating a 1,117-square foot addition for the kitchen and service area.

The pending one-story eatery, Floridian Family Restaurant, will be created by adding windowed sections to the existing brick building, along with a cupola on the roof and a free-standing identification sign, which the architect maintained would conform aesthetically to the surrounding community.

Mr. Lagos, explaining that the concept for his future business was inspired by the leisurely atmosphere of a Florida hotel, said that his restaurant will offer casual indoor dining with additional seating on an outdoor patio, as well as counter service, for breakfast, lunch and dinner fare.

Mr. Terry, accompanied by engineering consultant Nicholas Tsapatsaris of Ridgewood, outlined the required variances and waivers needed for the project, including reducing the rear yard setback from 30 feet to one foot; proposed front yard parking, which is prohibited under local ordinance in any zone, and altering the required number of parking spaces.

The architect justified the rear

yard setback reduction by explaining that the Terrill Road side will actually serve as the front of the restaurant because it is the property's address, and Front Street will be regarded as the side of the building, which is situated in a commercial zone.

The applicant's proposed 27 parking spaces, reduced from the 29 required under local ordinance for customers and employees of such an establishment, will successfully accommodate the maximum 78 patrons which Floridian Family Restaurant will be able to hold at one time, and will include parking provisions for the handicapped.

The board waived a requirement that the applicant present letters from utility companies confirming that adequate utility services will be available to the site,

since the utilities already serve the existing establishment and may merely have to be expanded to accommodate the restaurant.

Officials also waived the required 24-foot distance between the sidewalk surrounding the building, instead approving a 22-foot length.

Another key topic during the public hearing was whether or not to provide lighting in the north-

## Restaurant Would Seat Maximum of 78 Patrons

erly corner of the parking lot, which all agreed was a safety asset, but were concerned about its potential impact upon a residence located in close proximity to that area.

The board opted to approve lighting for that corner of the driveway after Charles Gottlick, whose family owns the property adjacent to the service station, testified that additional lighting would not be detrimental to the quality of life for neighbors of the site.

Board members approved the application with several conditions attached, among them being that all sidewalks around the restaurant would conform to local ordinance standards; that the sidewalks should be four feet wide wherever possible; that the northerly corner of the parking lot will be lit and that the lot will be moved forward by 18 inches.

An amendment calling for modification of four parallel parking stalls on the Terrill Road side of the planned establishment was also approved.

# Testimony Continues for 12-Home Site Of 2.72 Acres Near the Plainfield Border

### Three of the Townhouses in the Development Will Meet Affordable Housing Requirements

By SUZETTE STALKER  
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The Fanwood Planning Board continued its public hearing Thursday of an application by developer Michael McCabe to build 12 single-family homes and one multi-family dwelling on 2.72 acres of land near Mary Lane and the Plainfield border, which

will be known as Terry Commons. The multi-family unit would include three townhouses built in accordance with "Mount Laurel" affordable housing requirements.

Project engineer Frank W. Hahne, a licensed professional civil engineer from Red Bank, resumed his testimony in support of the application,

this time focusing on storm water management for the proposed development. He had previously addressed the board on August 24 regarding driveway access, installation of fire hydrants and possible ways of buffering the property.

Mr. Hahne explained the applicant plans to relocate an existing 72-inch

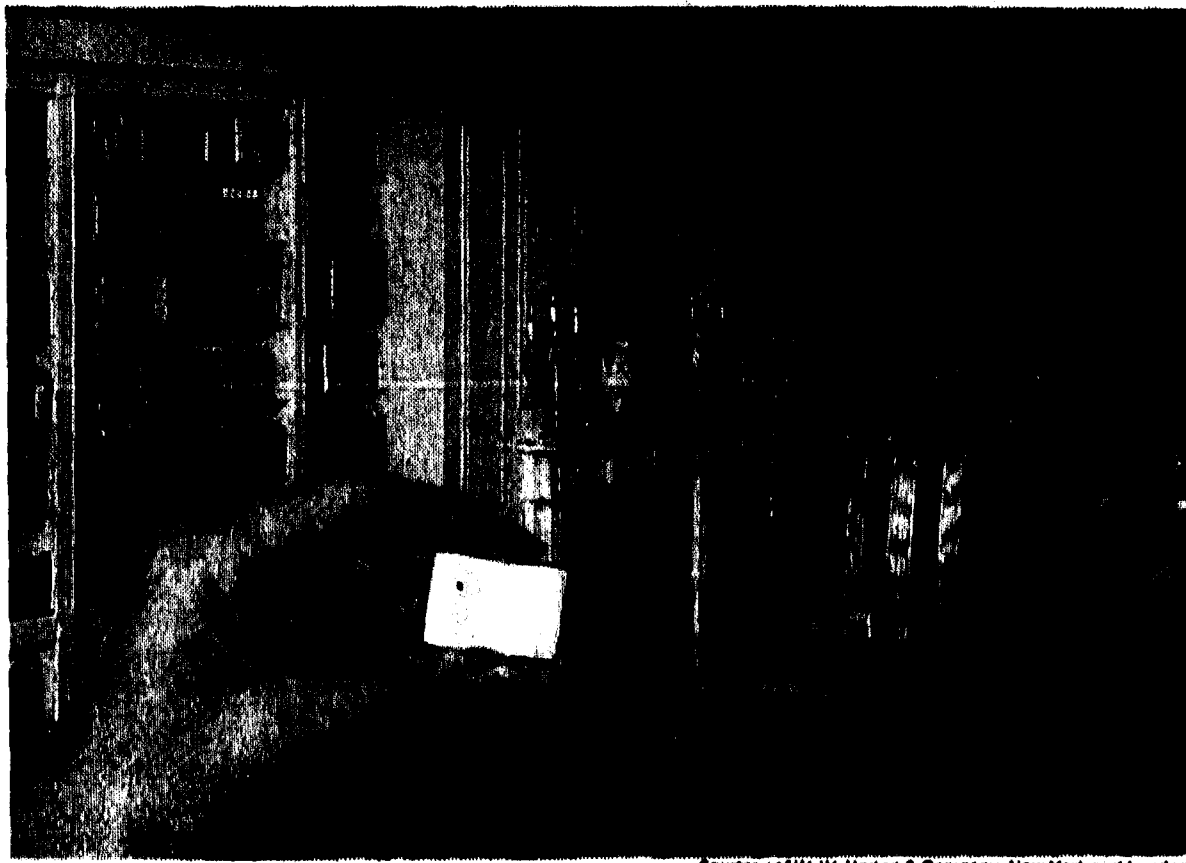
storm water trunk line which crosses the property by repositioning it at an angle closer to Mary Lane, so it would not run under homes to be built in the development. This pipe connects with one running beneath Terrill Road and empties into a regional basin in Plainfield.

The engineer justified the absence of a detention basin within the development by saying that it would exacerbate the downstream flow, detaining water when the trunk line, which services pipes from the surrounding 275 acres, would be full. Mr. Hahne noted, however, that the proposed development would only generate between 0.5 percent and 1 percent of the water being carried by the main line.

The developer, in addition to receiving the Planning Board's endorsement, must also have his application approved by Union County, since Terrill Road is a county-owned thoroughfare. County officials have reviewed the storm water control issue but are awaiting further information before conducting an analysis, according to Mr. McCabe's attorney, Robert Krause of Scotch Plains. The applicant and his representatives are expected to meet with county officials on Wednesday, October 12.

Planning Board Chairman Karl Baile expressed concern about whether the main line could accom-

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**ALL IN SCALE...**For over 32 years, John Zwiefel labored to create the White House in miniature on a one-inch-to-one-foot scale. His gift to the Republic is described in crisp detail in a book to be published October 13, *The White House in Miniature*, written by Mrs. Gail Buckland of Westfield, the former Curator of The Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain, now an Associate professor at the Cooper Union in New York. The book, only one inch high shown in the "library" of the White House, is a miniaturized reprint of *Reagan: The Man From Main Street USA* by Vance H. Trimble, published in 1980. With a magnifying glass, the text and illustrations by Jack Gold are legible. The picture over the fireplace is a diminutive copy of *The Cincinnati Enquirer* in 1868 by William M. Harnett, an American master of trompe l'oeil painting. Please see a story and other photographs on Pages 6 and 7 prepared by the Publisher of *The Times*, Kurt C. Bauer.

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