Harrison West Park "Park or Playground?"

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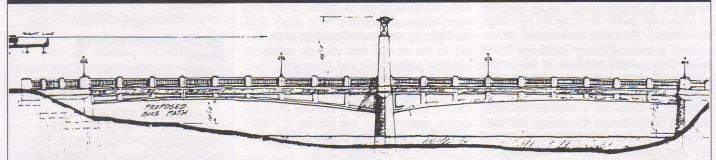
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"A Neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places"

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Third Avenue Bridge Design Study — Conceptualized Buchsieb has found opportunities within the constraints of the as a "gate," this design by Columbus Architect Richard currently considered precast concrete structural system to Buchsieb, Jr. is meant to build upon the function embodied in elevate this public works project to a more meaningful and the engineering studies for the Third Ave. Bridge replacement. highly expressive example of Civic Art.

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Action Contesting Election Dismissed

The efforts of many Harrison West viously are pleased with the court's deciresidents to prohibit the on-premises sion to dismiss this case. We have felt-all consumption of beer, wine and liquor in the neighborhood, are a little closer to reality, thanks to a local court ruling.

On July 11, 1995, Judge James J. O'Grady of the Franklin County Common Pleas Court dismissed the election contest filed last December by 25 Harrison West residents. The election contest has blocked enforcement of the November 8, 1994 election in Columbus Ward 33, Precinct I in which Harrison West voters soundly defeated two ballot issues which would have permitted the continuation of on-premises consumption of beer, wine and hard liquor by the glass in their precinct. Presently, the ballot issue would affect two Harrison West establishments — Zeno's and Da'Cota's on West Third Avenue.

In his decision, Judge O'Grady ruled that the petitioners could not use election contest procedures to question preelection issues and that they could prove no set of facts which would set aside the election results.

The court dismissal was requested in January by the Franklin County Board of Elections and local resident, Mary Funk, who is a named party to the court action. Of the court dismissal, Funk's attorney, Paul Stehura of Columbus, said, "We ob-

along that the petitioners had no legal basis whatsoever to file the election contest. More importantly, however, this ruling reinstates the clear decision of the Harrison West residents expressed during last November's vote."

Judge O'Grady's ruling concludes the most recent chapter in the long-standing battle in Harrison West involving onpremises alcohol consumption. For years, many residents complained about the constant noise, parking problems and property damage experienced as a result of neighborhood liquor establishment. Efforts between concerned parties to reduce or eliminate these problems failed and led to the filing of election petitions in August, 1994 by Mary Funk to place the on-premises alcohol consumption issues on the November ballot. In September, 1994, the Franklin County Board of Elections rejected protest by Zeno's to keep the local option issues off the November ballot.

In the November election, Harrison West voters rejected both local option issues by sizable margins.

The court's ruling will take effect 30

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Neighborhood Matters Birth Announcement

Tracie (Chair, HWS Traffic and Parking Committee) and Sean Conway (HWS Secretary) are the proud parents of Keegan Tecumseh Conway, weighing in at 7 lbs., 12 oz., on July 13, 1995.

New Law Rids Junk Cars, Trash

City Council voted 7-0 to pass legislation making it illegal for anyone to repair a car in a residential garage unless it is registered to that address. In addition to outlawing bootleg garage operations, the law describes what characterizes an inoperable vehicle or junk car and prohibits parking them in the vard. The law goes on to specify in detail what may not be stored in a residential yard.

Regulations Division Code Enforcement Officers, 645-8139, will be responsible for issuing citations to violators. A letter will be issued indicating the violation and granting 30 days to correct the problem. Failure to comply will result in a summons to appear in the Environmental Court.

Please see PAGE 3 **New City Code Excerpts**

HW Society Minutes Thursday, July 13, 1995

Submitted by Craig Copeland

· Call to Order at 7:05 p.m.

 The evening's discussion concerned the future of the Third Avenue Bridge. A brief background was given on the anticipated increase in public activity in the vicinity of the bridge. This included the new bicycle path connecting downtown with OSU that will cross the Olentangy River on the bridge as well as an increase in pedestrian traffic crossing to Olentangy River Road. Extensive commercial development is assured along Olentangy River Road with the development of the megamall north of King Avenue at the former Lennox plant. Already a new upscale restaurant, Cameron's will be opening this fall at the former Olentangy Inn site. (Note: The reader will remember the Society was actively involved in successfully opposing the licensing of a City approved halfway house, that would have included sex offenders, at this site last year.)

The river is slated to become a significant recreational resource through the efforts of the Riverfront Commons Corporation, which intends to secure the Olentangy River from the confluence with the Scioto River to OSU as park land. Future development of the Battelle property, between Third and Fifth Avenues, including the bicycle path will mean the bridge will be plainly visible to many and be a significant, integral part of the community.

• Deputy Engineer of Bridges, Mr. Mark Sherman, P. E., from Franklin County Engineer John Circle's Office discussed the condition of the existing Third Avenue Bridge, the design criteria from the turn of the century and why the construction methods used then make repairs to the existing structure unfeasible today. The presentation included Mr. Sherman's highly informative paper on bridge building spanning the Roman era to the 20th century, "The Rise and Fall of the Arch in Bridge Design."

Mr. Sherman led the discussion in re-

gard to potential design elements of the new bridge and presented preliminary drawings. Issues raised by Society members included that the new bridge would relate contextually to the turn of the century neighborhood, the bridge should honor the grace of the present three span structure, the hand rails or balustrades were felt to be important details that ought to be open to allow pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists stuck in traffic to see the river below. Comments were made that the lighting standards should be appropriate to the design and provide safety to evening pedestrians and bicyclists. Concern was expressed about the potential hazards and awkwardness of a concrete barrier separating motor vehicles from bicycles, namely that the barrier is something for both cars or trucks and bicycles to run into on the bridge deck.

A design workshop to be conducted by Mr. Sherman was proposed and accepted utilizing talents of neighborhood architects and participants from the Columbus Landmarks Foundation and the American Institute of Architects. The consensus of those at the meeting was that the bridge is a gateway to Harrison West and Victorian Village, a significant historic residential area, unique in Columbus and the bridge design should reflect that relationship.

Late arrival, Architect Richard Buchsieb, Jr., Chairman of the Historie Resources Committee of the Columbus AIA, received hearty applause when he presented a design study to the Society that he had just penned and rushed to the meeting. The proposal appears on page one.

Mary Funk announced that Judge
O'Grady had just dismissed the election
protest and it remained to be seen if the
bar owners would attempt to file in Federal Court to challenge the outcome of last
November's ballot.

 Motion was made and passed to pay Cyrus Printing and reimburse Craig Copeland for the paper.

· Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Notice! Notice! Notice! New Time! New Location!

Next Harrison West Society Meeting Will Be Thursday, August 10 at 7:30 p.m. Old Fourth Avenue School Senior Center Corner of 4th & Michigan Aves Enter From Parking Lot



New City Code Excerpts Continued from PAGE 1

Following are edited excerpts from the code, for illustrative purposes only.

3303.62 Private Garage.

"Private garage" means a building or portion of a building for the housing of motor vehicles as an accessory use permitted in a residential district or apartment' district and in which no service, work, trade, occupation, or business is carried on connection in any way with a motor vehicle as defined by Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.01.

3332.287. Purpose.

Most residential lots in the City (and apartment lots; Chapter 3333.257, C.C.) are served by central sewer and water and tend to be between 33 and 60 feet wide and between 100 and 120 feet deep. Improper outside storage results in rat and rodent harborage, mosquito and other insect breeding, "attractive nuisances" of a hazardous nature, spillage of hazardous materials, environmental degradation, unsightliness, and a disincentive to neighboring property owners or occupants to maintain their properties.

Although the Zoning Code provides for customary home occupations, residential 3347.127 Motor vehicle service. garages, storage of boats and recreational vehicles, and parking, and facilitates proper storage by allowing utilization of a storage shed of less than 169 square feet

without a building permit, the Code must define and prohibit certain nuisance storage activities deleterious to residential districts. The purpose is not to prohibit uses in a yard area which are normally associated with residential use; but, instead, to increase the yard's use, enjoyment, and compatibility with its neigh-

3333.259 Prohibited uses in a yard.

No person in any residentially zoned district as defined in Chapter 3303, C.C., shall store, collect, park, leave, deposit, maintain, reserve, put aside for future use, permit, allow, or suffer to remain in a yard except in a completely enclosed building or structure: (1) any lumber or other building materials except those related to projects for which a valid building permit has been issued and except firewood for the personal use of the resident; (2) motor vehicle as defined by Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.01, airplane, boat or trailer except as provided for by Chapter 3342, Off-Street Parking and Loading; (3) parts of any item listed in (2) above including tires; (4) equipment or materials used in the construction trade; (5) machinery or household appliance; (6) furniture capable of harboring rodents; or (7) junk or (8) salvage.

No person shall perform any motor vehicle service, work, trade, occupation, or business, including but not limited to the building, alteration, reconditioning or repair of a motor vehicle as defined by Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.01, or related thereto, on any residential lot or in any private garage. The performance of services to or maintenance of the motor vehicle registered to the resident of such lot thereon shall not constitute a violation of this section.

3342.225 Parking or keeping inoperable motor vehicle.

No person shall use any premises in any residential, apartment, or institutional use district, private or public parking district, or C-1, C-2, C-3 or C-4 commercial use district for the purpose of parking or keeping an inoperable motor vehicle except when ancillary to a specifically permitted use in a C-4 Commercial District. As used in this section "keeping an inoperable motor vehicle" means and includes storing, maintaining, collecting, depositing, reserving, allowing to stand, or permitting to remain, one or more inoperable motor vehicles at any place other than in an enclosed garage.

For purposes of this section, a motor vehicle shall be deemed inoperable when any of the following conditions exist: one or more wheels are missing; one or more tires are missing; two are more tires are flat: one or more windows are missing or broken; the windshield is shattered or missing; parts necessary for the operation of the vehicle are missing; or a license with a distinctive number and are valid for the current year is not displayed thereon.



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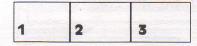
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Highlands Nature Sanctary



Postcards circa 1911

1 Rocky Fork, Bainbridge, Ohio

2 View from Lover's Leap in Rocky Fork Gorge

3 Wet Cave

arry and Nancy Henry are residents living on Harrison Avenue who have focused their energies on Ohio's natural landscape. Their tiny front-yard garden is just a hint of a larger "natural garden" they are nurturing elsewhere in the state. They have founded a new non-profit organization called Highlands Nature Sanctuary, Inc., whose purpose is to protect a four-mile river corridor and watershed of the magnificent Rocky Fork Gorge of Highland County, Ohio. Located 35 miles west of Chillicothe in southwestern Ohio, this pristine area shelters 100-foot high vertical cliff faces, giant slumpblocks, and most importantly, dozens of deep winding caves. The plant life is highly significant, with many state-listed imperiled wildflowers and ferns.

The immediate goal is land acquisition. Larry and Nancy estimate \$1.5 million will be needed to adequately protect the valley in its natural condition. Their business at the North Market, Mill Creek Farm Bakery and Gift Shop, is the center of the project's fundraising activities(probably many of you know them for their cookies and Potato Cheddar bread). The \$55,000 raised to date has primarily been the result of networking from their business. However, other local businesses will soon be similarly involved. Stauf's Coffee Roasters of Grandview are working on a special coffee blend in honor of the project, with some of the proceeds of each pound of coffee sold going to the project.

On a personal level, the Henry's have given substantially to the project. Larry jokes, "We sell cookies for conservation." Indeed, it is the profits from the business that have allowed the couple to already buy 80 acres of prime land along the gorge, 40 acres of which they will soon be donating to the Highlands Nature Sanctuary, the remaining 40 acres being willed. "Having no children, we see this land as our legacy

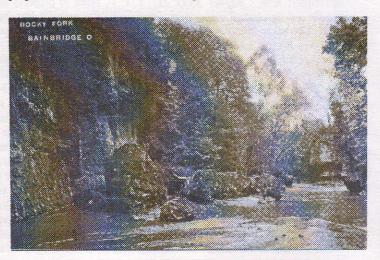
to others, something that will make a positive difference when we are gone from the earth. Probably the cost of this land is what it would have taken to raise one or two children and send them to college. This project is truly our baby." When they realized that together they could only have a limited impact on saving this beautiful valley they hatched the idea to make it a state-wide charitable project in which literally thousands of people could participate.

Following is an interview with Nancy Henry on the Highlands Nature Sanctuary project.

country we have put immense energy and finances into saving the redwoods of Northern California. I can't help but ask, "Are Ohio's old-growth beech, sugar maples, and oaks, along with the diversity of flowers and ferns they shelter, of lesser importance?" The primeval forests can return. We need only to remember what has been lost and devote the energy needed to bring it back. If enough people care, it will happen.

about the Rocky Fork Gorge?

NH: Wilderness is more than open space. It is land in its primeval condition. There are



Harrison West
News: Most people don't
connect wilderness with Ohio.
Why are you so passionate
about it?

Nancy Henry: When I walk out onto Ohio land, even in the city, I can feel its vitality. I can imagine the beauty of the virgin forests that once stood here with their abundant wildflowers and clear flowing creeks. I do not despair at the difference between the picture in my mind's eye, and the stark reality of the scene before me. Although Ohio is not as majestic as the West; our heartbeat here is stronger. Our rainfall is relatively abundant, our soils are still rich, and our biodiversity is high. Nature here is sturdy and resilient our land has astonishing recuperative powers.

The tiny country of Costa Rica has 15% of its wilderness protected in parks. In our own still remnants of virgin forest in the valley, and the biodiversity of the understory is intact. The Rocky Fork Gorge is one of those rare places in Ohio where wilderness can return simply by letting time naturally age an already intact ecosystem. If we want wilderness back, we have to be willing to recreate it in Ohio's most special places. This is one of those places! Other than Put-in-Bay, the Highlands is the only region of Ohio densely populated with deep limestone caves. Rare white cedar trees cling to the cliff edges, while Canada Yew still flourish below gigantic hemlock. These species are all remnants of the cooler climates that today are found far to the north. Rocky Fork Gorge is both a geological and botanical treasure.

HWN: What other rare plants are found in the proposed Sanctuary?

NH: There are almost one dozen species of ferns and flowers in the gorge that are considered endangered or potentially threatened in Ohio. Yellow Lady Slipper is found in strong colonies. The American Columbo is scattered in woodland openings, a plant that takes 30 years to bloom only to die afterward. And Sullivantia grows in huge colonies on the cliff faces. It is a tiny scallopedleafed plant named after the son of Columbus' founder! It is found in only three states -Ohio, Indiana and Virginia.

But whenever we get this question we feel compelled to make a plea for that which is

models humanity's deepest values. One of our biggest obstacles in fund-raising has been reassuring the jaded conservationist! How many times have you given to an environmental cause, only to receive a plethora of additional requests over the next few months. If you are a sensitive, caring environmentalist, these letters are very depressing. How much of the money just sent, one wonders, has been spent on unwanted repetitive mailings? This is fund-raising based on fear and guilt. When confronted with such, it is easy to lose hope in the environmental movement.

efficiency. Having no paid staff at this point of our project, our overhead is astonishingly low. For every \$100 given, \$98 goes to land acquisition. We pledge maximum effectiveness of each dollar received. This is fundraising with conscience. Also, we apply our environmental philosophy to our printing. For the main brochure we use 100% post-consumer recycled paper, soy-based black ink. No color ink, no glossy paper, no nonsense. We are frugal with our brochures. It doesn't make much sense to cut down acres of trees somewhere else while we are trying to save the trees of Rocky Fork Gorge.

among crowds. This area is every bit as beautiful as Clifton Gorge in Yellow Springs and the rock shelters of Hocking Hills. Without some restrictions it would be overrun with people.

HWN: What if you don't raise enough money to buy land? What happens to the money you raised?

NH: This is our most common question.

Fortunately we are past that point. We will always feel the most grateful to our first donators because they gave from a place of faith and vision. They took a risk. Now we have enough money that we could



common. If Ohio protects only small sites with rare species, it will be left with the anomalies of nature, plant associations that are remnants of climates longgone. By concentrating on only what is rare, we threaten to lose the forest systems that flourished across our lands in historic times, systems that are perfectly adapted to modern climates. It is these vigorous ecosystems that we most want to save, and these need to be saved in abundance. By doing so, many rare species get saved in the process. We are as excited about saving the Sanctuary's common white trilliums as we are about saving the rare Snow Trilliums.

HWN: How do you plan to raise the funds that you need to save the valley?

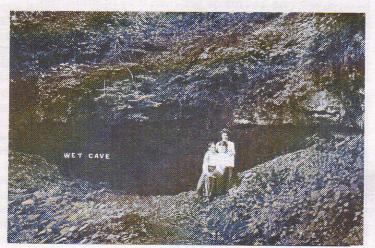
NH: We have goals in addition to that of protecting the land. One of these is to approach fund-raising in a way that

HWN: So what are you doing that is different?

NH: Giving should be a joy, not a burden. People want tangible results for their money. They want action, and they eventually want completion. When they give, they want to know that the need is not a bottomless pit.

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We promise in return nothing but nature — no calendars, no tote bags, no Christmas cards. We give back



HWN: If people want to see the proposed Highlands Nature Sanctuary, what can they do?

NH: There are two options available at this time. When people make a contribution they are invited to attend any one of our monthly "thankyou" hikes that lead people into the gorge. The other option is to visit the fee-entrance private park on the gorge known as Seven Caves, just off of Route 50 west of Bainbridge. The park has some of the property that we are negotiating to buy. Eventually, as we get a land base, we will be putting in trails for the public and offering special educational workshops. We intend to keep the Sanctuary a wilderness park, allowing in a limited number of people per day so that people can experience solitude and a deep connection with nature that is impossible to experience

already buy some of our identified significant parcels, of which there are several. In the last few weeks we have been raising \$500 to \$1,000 each week. All of the money to date is deposited directly into a special fund administered by the Columbus Foundation, which gives the project tax-exempt status and maximum interest dividends.

Failure is no longer a possibility. Now it is just a question of how much of the valley we can save before we lose some of the land to development. In a sense, it is a fund-raising race against time.

us about the Highlands and good luck with your project. Can people call you if they want more information?

NH: Certainly. Our number is (614) 291-9651. We love talk about the project.

The Harrison West Kitchen and Garden Summer Fresh Corn-on-the-Cob

BY MARSHA COX, PRÉPARATEURE EMERITUS La Belle Pomme School of Cooking at Lazarus

"The sooner it's cooked, the better it tastes."
—Bert Greene from his book Greene on Greens

There is a New England adage that says, "You may stroll to the garden to cut the corn but you had darn well better run back to the kitchen to cook it!"

Everyone has his or her own way of preparing corn. The time is probably the most disputed part of the cooking.

Corn lovers should shop early and store unshucked in the refrigerator.

Now, to cook those ears . . .

Boil

- 1. Shuck corn and completely de-silk the ears.
- 2. Drop ears in boiling water; bring back to the boil. Remove from heat, let sit in water for about 3 minutes. Serve.

Grill

- 1. Pull back husks and remove all silk.
- 2. Spread the ears with the butter and re-cover the corn with the husks.
 - 3. Soak in water for 10 minutes.

4. Grill over preheated charcoal grill until tender, turning from time to time, about 15-20 minutes.

5. Remove the husks, season with salt and pepper; and serve.

Shallot-Thyme Butter

1 stick butter, room temperature
1/s cup chopped shallots (about 3 ounces)
2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme or 2
teaspoons dried

- 1. Melt 2 tablespoons butter over medium heat and sauté shallots about 4 minutes. Cool.
- **2.** Combine remaining 6 tablespoons butter and thyme in small bowl.
 - 3. Add shallot mixture and blend well.
 - 4. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
- **5.** Serve cooked corn with shallot-thyme butter at room temperature.

Chili Butter

1/4 cup fresh lime juice 2 tablespoons chili powder 1 teaspoon dried, crushed red pepper 1 stick butter, room temperature salt, to taste

- 1. Blend all above ingredients well.
- **2.** Slather on cooked corn or brush on corn before grilling.

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- Enjoy protected and sustainable competitive advantage, in quality, uniqueness or price.
 - Support business goals.

The winners, in order of importance, are:

- 1) Human genome mapping. For genetic-based personal identification and diagnostics — leading to treatment before diseases occur and cures for specific can-
- 2) Super materials. Computer-based design and manufacturing of new materials at the molecular level — leading to new, high-performance materials for use in transportation, computers, energy, and communications.
- 3) Compact, long-lasting and highly portable energy sources, including fuel cells and batteries for electronics of the future, such as portable personal comput-
- 4) Digital HDTV. A major breakthrough for American manufacturers and a major source of revenue, could lead to better computer images for advanced computer modeling and imaging.

- 5) Miniaturization of electronics for centers in a pocket-size unit will serve as a fax, telephone, and computer with a hard drive capable of storing all the volumes in your local library.
- 6) Cost-effective, "Smart systems" that integrate power, sensors, and controls. These systems will eventually control the manufacturing process from beginning to end.
- 7) Anti-aging products and services. Ranging from using genetic information to slow down the aging process to aging creams that actually work.
- 8) Medical treatments, with highly accurate sensors and problem locators, and drug delivery systems that will be highly specific to precisely targeted parts of the body (i.e., chemotherapy targeted to cancer cells, reducing the side effects, such as nausea and hair loss).
- 9) Hybrid fuel vehicles. Smart vehicles equipped to handle several types of fuels will select the appropriate fuel for various conditions.
- 10) Edutainment. Educational games and computerized simulations to meet the sophisticated tastes of computer-literate students.

Neighborhood Matters Thank You, Jason

The gang at the Fourth Ave. School Senior Center wish to let everyone know how pleased they are with their new Victorian cast iron bench. Jason Funk is accorded their heartiest accolades for his efforts in fundraising and procuring this wonderful bench for the lobby.

Third Ave. Bridge from PAGE 1

The Architect has elaborated the single pier of the two-span study as the symbolic entry point of Harrison West. Attention to the pier as the primary element of a bipartite composition is gained at two levels; first in the superstructure by offset springing lines of the pair of segmental arches and secondly above the deck by establishing a grand scaled gate or "pylon" in the form of two concrete "monoliths." At night with their 360° concave-reflecting finials floodlighted from below, the towers will herald this site's prominence to the regional traffic of the elevated freeway. A balustrade and 5-globe lamp post, both closely reiterating those of the original 1918 design for the bridge, are absolutely critical elements of this design intended to evoke the spirit of the existing historic structure. Mr. Buchsieb is chair of the Historic Resources Committee of the American Institute of Architects, Columbus.

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St. Francis to Celebrate **Cornerstone 100th**

Submitted by Kaethe Sandman

The parish of St. Francis of Assisi invites friends and neighbors to participate in our cornerstone Centennial Celebration, September 2, 4:00 p.m. We will honor the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of our historic church building located at of Buttles and Harrison Avenues in Victorian Village. Our celebrations will begin not at St. Francis of Assisi, but at our parent parish, Sacred Heart, 893 Hamlet Street in Italian Village, for a brief prayer service at 4:00 p.m. Following the service, we will re-create the dedication march to St. Francis of Assisi through the streets of the Short North: west on 1st Avenue to High Street, south on High Street to Buttles Avenue and west on Buttles to St. Francis of Assisi. Included in the march will be dignitaries from the Catholic diocese, representatives from neighboring parishes and Catholic societies, a St. Francis look-a-like and numerous musicians. We invite you to wear Victorian era costumes for this march and bring your kazoo. Period transportation will be provided for those unable to walk the distance. A brief prayer service will be celebrated in St. Francis church to be followed by several simultaneous events in the church hall and gardens. We will hold an old-fashioned ice cream social, dedicate a wall of portraits of our pastors and bury a time capsule intended to be opened at our bicentennial.

Everyone is invited to participate in the events and we especially hope to welcome former parishioners who may have moved from the area and graduates of St. Francis School. For more information, contact the church office at 299-5781.

O'Grady Dismisses Suit

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days after the judge journalized his decision, which is expected soon, Stehura said.

Zeno's owners have made public statements in the past indicating that they would pursue all appeals of this matter or file a federal lawsuit to attempt to block the effect of the election.

"Further delay in implementing the will of the people would be unfortunate," Stehura said. However, many residents I have spoken with are truly committed to ensuring that the results of the election be enforced," he added.

Mary Funk Relieved, Resolute

Mary Funk, who was named in the election protest which included allegations of fraudulent behavior, along with the Franklin County Board of Elections and the Ohio Department of Liquor Control, reports great relief at the dismissal, but says she has expended a considerable sum of money to be represented in the action and for her it is far from over. "I'm overjoyed Judge O'Grady dismissed the matter. I knew I did everything right with the petitions, but this has cost me a fortune," Mary said, and further indicated that her Christmas bonus from work was part of the down payment used to retain Attorney Stehura. She went on to say that the bar owners may file in Federal District Court to challenge the constitutionality of the Ohio law granting voters the right to dry up the on-premise consumption of beer, wine, and liquor. While the appeal is before the Federal Court, the bars would seek to remain open. "I want to thank everyone in the neighborhood who has supported me through this nerve wracking ordeal," Mary said; and regarding the 25 who signed the election protest, blocking the will of at least 143 voters in Precinct 33-I, for now she had "No comment."

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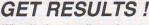
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