

# Out with the old, in with the new

Norwalk family receives new boiler in exchange for 110-year-old inefficient model

**NORWALK**  
Staff Report

Brenda Sanderson and her family can forget the daily ritual of dumping out buckets of water that have leaked from their porous boiler pipes.

Sanderson, a Norwalk resident, received a brand-new boiler from Westport-based Gault, Inc., after winning Gault's "Oldest Boiler" contest. The Sandersons had been relying on a 110-year-old cast-iron boiler made by former Norwalk company Argand. Now their house will be warmed by a \$6,000 Peerless Oil-fired Steam Boiler.

Gault removed the old boiler and delivered and installed the new one on Tuesday.

"This prize couldn't have come at a better time," Sanderson said. "The pipes on my boiler

are so rusted they are beyond repair. It's been a leaky mess and we haven't had the extra money to replace it. When I found out Gault had picked me as the winner, I just kept saying 'Thank God!' God answers prayers and that's what he did."

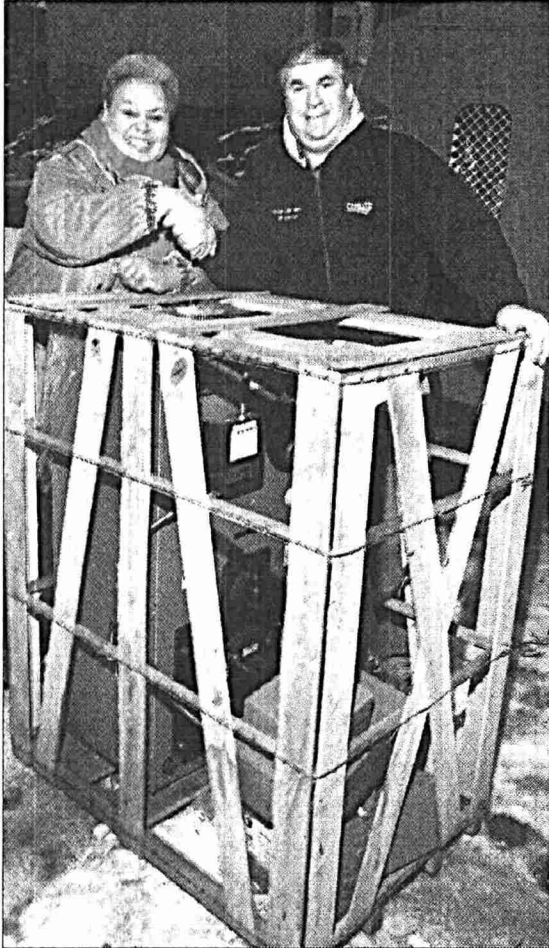
Sam Gault, co-owner of Gault, Inc., said the 110-year-old boiler was a shoo-in winner. The competition is in its third year. This year, perhaps reflecting the state of the economy, Gault received a record number of entrants with nearly 400 homeowners submitting photos of their old boilers.

"In the last 30 years, home heating technology has come a long way," Gault said. "Today's high-efficiency boilers and furnaces can reduce a consumer's annual heating oil consumption by up to 40 percent. We are pleased to be doing our small part to help make Fairfield County homes like Mrs. Sanderson's more efficient and hope that this competition builds awareness for both the economic and environmental benefits of energy conservation."

The contest is open to all Fairfield County residents, and they do not have to be customers of Gault. For information about next year's contest, visit [www.gaultinc.com](http://www.gaultinc.com)

According to Gault, many homes in the area still using boilers from the post-World War II housing boom. While the boilers may still work, he said, "they are terribly inefficient. Even systems that were replaced 20 years ago are now considered obsolete."





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**Above, Brenda Sanderson of Norwalk receives her new furnace from Gault, Inc. vice president Jim Donaher on Tuesday morning. Sanderson won Gault's Oldest Boiler contest. Above right, Sanderson bids farewell to her 110-year-old boiler. Right, the old cast iron boiler was built in Norwalk by Argand.**



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