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DUMPED ON AGAIN

by Gerry Gardner

Several weeks ago Saverio Strati noticed some unusual activity taking place on the property directly adjacent to his garden. Workers were installing an electricity meter on the CSX property that had been vacant and neglected by CSX for many years. Over the next few weeks he discovered, to his horror, that the electricity would be used to operate a salt elevator. He tried vainly to find out just who owned this mountain of salt that grew steadily higher as the days passed.

County Manager Jim Roddey directed the outraged letters and phone calls of residents to Tom Donatelli, Director of Public Works for Allegheny County and asked Mr. Donatelli to find out just what was going on and who was conducting this dumping operation. Mr. Donatelli stated that the

salt was not the property of Allegheny County, whose salt was ordered for this year from Cargill Salt Supplier and is transported by barge to West Elizabeth and directly to county salt domes. He

contacted Detroit Salt Company. They are supplying salt to Westmoreland County and although no contract has been signed between Allegheny County

Please see SALT PILE page 5

Editor's Note - You may have seen this story on the local television news. We just want to let you know this story was originally uncovered by Homepage staff writer Gerry Gardner. Congrats Gerry on a great job. You make us all proud.



Kids play on the salt pile. Lots of fun - until somebody gets hurt.

Early Gift for Hazelwood

Hazelwood Initiative, Inc. began celebrating the Holiday Season a little early this year. Our first gift arrived early on November 16, 2000 in the form of bulldozers and dump trucks. Crews began clearing the way for our new building at the Sitting Garden at the corner of Second and Johnston Avenues.

The new building's design was presented to Hazelwood Initiative in August of 2000 and is the work of Architect John A. Gresock, Jr. AIA. John volunteered his architectural design services for this building which will house storage facilities, concession area, handicapped accessible bathroom, office and outdoor staging area where we hope to hold community events such as our summer concert series in 2001. John is a member of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and his projects include the Village Square Shopping Center and Liberty Center Complex as well as office and retail interior renovations and additions for private clients and the City of Pittsburgh.

So if you don't recognize those nice guys in the trucks and bulldozers, be nice. They're Santa's Helpers.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

by Lisa Kunst Vavro

From the beginning of October through November 9th, eight small-scale public meetings occurred as the initial outreach part of the Master Planning effort initiated by the City of Pittsburgh's Department of City Planning in coalition with Hazelwood Initiative, Inc. Some of these meetings were well attended, others were not. Nevertheless, the list of dreams has expanded from the last Hazelwood Homepage article in the November 2000 issue, page 1.

The complete list from these eight meetings will be compiled and published in the January Hazelwood Homepage, in preparation for the all day design workshop being planned for the early part of 2001. In addition, several community meetings are currently taking place in Oakland as the connectivity piece of the Master Plan begins to unfold.

Through a selection process, with interviews of three competent firms - Burt Hill Kosar Rittelman Associates; Urban Design Associates; and The Saratoga Associates - the City and the Master Planning Steering Committee have selected the firm of The Saratoga Associates (TSA), based in New York. TSA's experience with remediated brownfield sites, along with their methods of involv-

ing community in the design process, makes their team a perfect choice as our Master Plan Consultant.

Following completion of the contractual process, TSA will lead an all day workshop at a facility close to both Hazelwood and Oakland, to occur on a Saturday during the first few months of the year. From the list of dreams, community participants and various stakeholders will generate different land use scenarios each with priorities. Everyone will be engaged by putting ideas on paper and maps. At the end of that day, a Master Plan should evolve, one that, hopefully, everyone will buy into.

Look for more dreams next month and more information on how you can be involved in Greater Hazelwood's New Vision.



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Editor, Hazelwood Homepage

I want to join the growing chorus of voices praising the Hazelwood Homepage. Editorial staff and volunteers deserve to be justifiably proud of the issues that have come out, so far. And, I expect that future issues will be even better!

When Operation Weed and Seed supported this effort, our hope was that it would become a vibrant, interesting, and useful way for residents of greater Hazelwood to communicate about a whole range of topics, both within the neighborhood and with other communities. And that has come to pass. Clearly there are a lot of good things happening in Hazelwood, and the Hazelwood Homepage is helping to spread that work.

Congratulations on a very fine effort. As community plans go forward under the stewardship of Hazelwood Initiative, I'm sure that the Homepage will keep everyone up to date and interested in making an exciting, new future for Hazelwood.

Sincerely,
Dave Farley
Project Director
Operation Weed and Seed

Dear Hazelwood Homepage,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sadness and sympathy on the passing of Michael Coyne, a Hazelwood boy through and through. Michael represented this community on city council and in fact was the first by district council representative for Hazelwood. Michael then went on to represent all of Allegheny County as our Prothonetary.

No matter how much success Michael achieved countywide, he always talked about his love for Hazelwood. He was proud of his St. Stephen's and Hazelwood roots. Michael was very helpful to me as a newcomer to county government in the new position of county council, and Michael was so insightful as to what was best for the people he represented. I have lost a good friend and advisor. While we have all lost a good friend to our community, Michael made all of our lives better just for having known him. He will be missed.

Sincerely,
Rich Fitzgerald
County Councilman

Editor's Note: No letter will be printed, acknowledged or given credence in this newspaper unless the writer identifies him/herself by giving a full name and address.

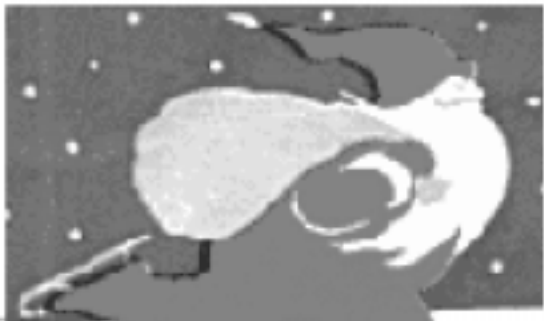


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Volunteers Help Beautify the Communittee Year Around

Hazelwood Initiative, Inc. Planting Committee volunteers went to work on October 20th to remove annuals and do a winter clean up of both the Conservancy garden at Hazelwood and Second and the Sitting Garden at Second and Johnston Avenues. In November crocus, daffodil and tulip bulbs were planted at the Sitting Garden. A building is being planned on that site for sometime in 2001 that will house a concession stand, handicapped bathroom, meeting room and storage area. The existing building is due for raising within the next few months.



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POSTINGS FROM YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

J.R. (James) McLaughlin recently returned from duty in Iceland at the Naval Hospital. After a three week leave, he is now stationed at Great Lakes Hospital (Chicago) for the next year and a half. J.R. is serving in the Navy as a surgical technician.

Stephen Michael Liptak, 65, protected presidents and Martin Luther King. Stephen, a retired White House security officer stood behind Martin Luther King during his 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech. He served Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard M. Nixon and Gerald R. Ford. Stephen died recently of complications of an infection. Our condolences go out to his mother, Anna V. Liptak who is a resident of Hazelwood.

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LTV Coke Plant Officials Present Risk Assessments Report to Community

by Fran Bertonachi

On Thursday, November 16, LTV conducted a public presentation of its Risk Assessment Report. This Report details the risks to human health associated with the contamination levels present at the former coke plant site.

For purposes of analysis the site was divided into two parcels, 10 acres which were previously found to contain the highest contamination, and 120 acres which were found to have a low level of contamination. Four categories of human activity associated with future development of the site were considered: commercial workers, construction workers, trespassers, and neighbors outside of the site.

The only excess health risks that resulted from the analysis were located in the "dirty" parcel and limited to construction workers performing subsurface work and to trespassers who visited the site over a period of years. Otherwise the site "as it exists" does not pose any health risks in future non-residential development.

In response to various questions about current activities on the site, Jim Kastner, LTV's Project Manager, made himself available to handle residents' concerns. Jim can be reached at 227-5365 during normal business hours, as well as through the security guard at 227-5488 any other time. He stated that portions of the coal-handling facility near the river will be demolished by the end of this year.

As a follow-up to this presentation, **KU Resources will present its analysis of LTV's Report on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, AT 7 PM AT THE CARBARN, 5344 SECOND AVENUE.** KU Resources is an environmental engineering firm that has been hired by Hazelwood Initiative to consult with the community on LTV's remediation of the former coke plant site. All interested residents are urged to attend.

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NOTICES CONCERNING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

News from St. Stephen's School

The students will present "Angels Aware", which is a Christmas Musical about why God came to Earth as a baby. The musical will be held on December 12 at 7:00pm in St. Stephen's school hall. It features all students in grades 5 through 8 and a social afterwards that will be sponsored by the P.T.G. Join us for a fun evening. Donations are \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children ages 2-10.

The Gladstone Middle School/Gladstone Community Learning Center will host a series of events during December. All events are free and open to families from the Greater Hazelwood, South Oakland and Homewood Communities. *For more information on all events* listed below contact Communities In Schools at 422-3508.

- **Family Holiday Party: Parents and children ages 0 - 14 years - Thursday, December 14, 2000 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in Rooms 133, 134 & 135.** Sponsored by the ARC Allegheny and The Alliance for Infants & Toddlers, all are welcome to join in an evening of fun decorating holiday cookies, jewelry making, refreshments, and door prizes.
- **Family Reading Dinner Night: Parents and children ages 6-14 years - Monday, December 4, 2000 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. The event is sponsored by the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council. Families are welcome to join reading teacher, Mrs. J. Mendelson, for an evening of dinner, book reading and selecting a book to take home, making a craft to take home, and the chance to win some really nice prizes.

On the serious side

- **Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Enrollment Training Session - Wednesday, December 6, 2000 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. Sponsored by UPMC and the Consumer Health Coalition. Community organizations, church groups, school personnel, and individuals are encouraged to attend in order to help others enroll in the CHIP program. Light refreshments will be served.

And in 2001

- **ADD/ADHD Information and Question/Answer Workshop - Tuesday, February 27 and Thursday, March 1, 2000 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. Sponsored by UPMC-Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic. Parents grandparents, community organizations, church groups, school personnel, and individuals who want to learn more about ADD/ADHD are welcome to participate in the workshop. A light dinner will be served.

Gladstone: Teacher, Kristi Degenhart; Student Editor, Hang Dong, and a group of 11 students have created a Gladstone Middle School Newspaper. Students have written, edited, and produced a school newspaper that includes: computer skills information, a Culture Corner, music and movie reviews, current national, local, school news and sports events, poetry, tongue twisters, and brain teasers.

Gladstone Middle School offers three ways for parents and grandparents to get involved with the school. Parent/teacher conferences are held from 8:05 - 8:50 a.m. on the first Thursday of every month. No appointments are necessary. The Parent School Community Council (PSCC) meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 4 - 6 p.m. The Parent Teacher Organization meets on the First Tuesday of every month from 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. All meetings are held in the school library. Please join us!

State Representative Dan Frankel took a stand for building stronger communities one organization at a time in announcing grants awarded to three local groups. Among those to receive state grants under the Department of Community and economic Development's Community Revitalization Program were the Greenfield Cougar Football Association, \$5,000 to purchase equipment; The Greenfield Organization, \$15,000 for building acquisition; and the Hazelwood Initiative, Inc., \$13,000 for a lighting project.

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Public relations group or individual to do volunteer work to promote the work of the Pittsburgh Shade Tree Commission. Qualifications: A love of Pittsburgh's urban forest, and the ability to see between the trees. The willingness to give something in return for probably nothing but the total gratitude of those who believe in Pittsburgh. If you feel that service is the rent we pay for living, and this request is worthy of your efforts, then you would be perfect to be part of this project. Please call Josie Gaskey @ 454-1331.

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and the company, they were the low bid for the county's winter 2001 contract. Donatelli found that Detroit Salt did indeed own the salt and had an agreement with CSX to transport salt by rail and utilize the CSX property for storage of the salt. County Councilman Rich Fitzgerald will meet with Detroit Salt and report the outcome.

We have asked the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environment Protection (DEP) what permits are required for this type of operation. DEP tells us that a storm water permit is required, and that the salt must be put on an impermeable base, with a cover, by the end of this year. Although Detroit Salt has been told of these requirements, none of which presently exist, they continue to pile salt on the site while it files the permit applications.

Community concern is heightened by the fact that children have easy access to the property, entering from Langhorn where the CSX fence has collapsed from old age. They have been seen and photographed sliding, belly down, on the salt pile. They are obviously unaware of the dangerous consequences of breathing in the salt dust or being smothered by a landslide of loose, non-coherent particles or buried alive as the pile gives way or the elevator adds salt to the top of the pile. The foreman said he was worried be-

cause he does not know if there are children on the pile when he starts up the elevator. He also complained that about \$1,000 worth of supplies have been stolen from the site.

The Health Department did not respond to the safety hazard for children but they did say that anybody who finds traces of salt on their cars or property should call ACHD at (412) 687-2243 and ask that an inspector come to make a test. Salt is very corrosive on autobodies, paint and house sidings.

DEP ignores the fact that Hazelwood residents were not consulted as to whether we want thousands of tons of salt sitting for five years in our neighborhood, for Westmoreland County "or even" for Allegheny County. They also ignore the fact that, although the salt arrives by rail car it leaves in diesel trucks, with unregulated pollution controls. These diesels will travel our streets, adding to the already existing traffic and pollution problems.

According to the Detroit News, Detroit Salt Company got started in 1998 by reopening an abandoned salt mine under Detroit. Salt sells for around \$30.00 a ton and the profit margin is small. To compete, they seek tax breaks from Detroit City, reduce transportation costs by making deals with CSX, and cut labor costs by employing non-union miners from China, Canada, Mexico, etc. In February 1999, they were shut down temporarily for operating without proper

permits. Given their record, it is not surprising that they started operating in Hazelwood without consulting the community or applying for permits.

Don't expect them to voluntarily spend money on fences, pollution controls or landscaping. It will take unified, organized community action to assert Hazelwood's right to self-determination. Father Neil McCaulley, pastor of St. Stephen's Parish stated, "They think they can dump anything in Hazelwood. We managed to stop the Coke Plant and that started to improve things. But dumping salt and garbage improves nothing." For an explanation of "garbage" see "The Last to Know - We the People" on page 4.



The broken fence allows easy access to the salt pile for children. It's easy to reap profits when you don't maintain your property and disregard safety.

THE LAST TO KNOW - WE THE PEOPLE

by Lucille Kennedy

Renovation continues on a dilapidated building on a "formerly owned" CSX property located behind the Car barn on Second Avenue. The reason I stress *formerly* is that the building had been sold, without any public notification to the community, to Pittsburgh Recycling. The renovation of the building itself has definitely been an improvement to the esthetics of the surrounding area. However, we understand its sole purpose is for the processing of recycling materials such as cans, bottles, etc. A scale for weighing 18-wheeler trucks has been installed on the premises and a pit dug for receiving the garbage along with heavy-duty conveyors to move and sort.

Not every household disposes of recyclables in a clean and proper fashion. That leaves us with the question of handling of the garbage that will accompany these recyclables as they enter this plant for separation and processing. What noise, traffic and pollution problems are involved with the movement of these recyclables to and from the facility? Not to be compared to the health and pollution problems of LTV we wonder why Hazelwood residents were kept out of the loop in this development. We discovered that Wilkinsburg's City Council rejected a similar recycling facility because it would have resulted in 200 trucks a day on Penn Avenue.

Residents from surrounding ar-

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As rallied around Hazelwood and its residents in their fight against a reestablished coke works in this community. Finally convinced that we were on the right track, city officials backed us in our efforts to make this section of Pittsburgh a more inviting place to live. Sun Coke packed their bags and left town. Where have the city officials been during *this* renovation? Could it be that residents may have balked at the thought of it, kicked up a storm like we did with LTV. Officials pat us on the back and assure us that Hazelwood is in full throttle toward reinventing itself, rising from the ashes to the potentially prosperous town it once was. Rhetoric chanted like mantras until even the most disheartened begin to believe.

No matter where you turn in Pittsburgh, the blessing of new construction and renovation surrounds us. Signs announcing the grand opening or reopening of businesses can be seen everywhere. But not in Hazelwood. Handled in as low key a manner as possible we see no "HOME OF THE NEW PITTSBURGH RECYCLING". When confronting a situation such as this we are told, and expected to accept the fact, that this property is located in an area zoned for "heavy industrial use" and that Second Avenue is a state highway, which allows heavy truck traffic. But isn't that the same as putting the cart before the horse when, at the same time, we are conducting Master Plan workshops and seminars to develop an attractive, non-polluting business area, inviting to city residents, those in surrounding areas and out of state visitors? The scales of "environmental justice" are definitely off kilter here. Please convince me I'm wrong, if you can.

The Mayor & Bureau of Police Announce 'New Officers on the Street'

Mayor Tom Murphy and the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police are pleased to announce that the first class, in a series of three classes, of 23 "new officer recruits" just graduated from the Academy on September 29. The second class of 39 recruits was sworn in on October 20. The following week they entered field training. While in field training the recruits will have arrest powers and be on the streets with supervision for three months. They will officially graduate in January 2001. The third class of 36 just began training on October 2. These recruits will be sworn in March 9, 2001 and will officially graduate in June 2001.

The Department of Personnel and Civil Service would like to announce the beginning of the *next police recruiting campaign*. If you are interested in becoming a City police officer, please visit the employment counter on the Fourth Floor of the City-County Building during regular business hours. The application period will be open from November 2000 through January 2001. The examination will be given February 24, 2001. **On Saturday, December 9, 2000, and Saturday, January 13, 2001 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Department of Personnel and Civil Service, on the fourth floor of the City-County Building, will be open for extended hours taking applications.**

If you would like more information about the recruiting campaign or if you know someone who's interested in becoming a police officer please contact **the Department of Personnel and Civic Service at 255-2710.**

HALLOWEEN GAZEBO FUN



Thanks go out to all the ghosts, goblins, bugs, fairies, witches, dinosaurs who stopped by the Safe Halloween Gazebo on Halloween night. Also, thanks to everyone who contributed to the treats or stopped by to pass out their own treats. It was a huge success. We know this because we ran out of everything!

The glow buttons provided by Weed and Seed could be seen throughout the community. Over 200 prepared bags of treats were gone by 6:30 PM, and we had to get out the reserves.



Look forward to a bigger, better, and happier Halloween next year. By all indicators this was only the first of many more to come.

Gladstone Community Learning Center

Gladstone Middle School, 327 Hazelwood Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Fall 2000 Evening Schedule: Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council, Youthplaces and Citiparks Programs

Adult Programs:

Open Swim: (M-TH) 5:00-6:45pm Adult Computer Basics: (TH) 6:30-8:30pm Aerobics: (TH) 6:30-7:30pm

Teen Programs:

Female Mentors: 15+ yr. (M) 5:00-6:30pm Basketball: (TH) 6:00-9:00pm Driver's Education: (T) 7:00-8:30pm
 Teen Talk: (W) 5:00-6:30pm Career Readiness: (M) 6:30-8:00pm (W) 7:00-8:30pm Open Gym: (M,T) 6:00-9:00pm
 Teen Exercise: (T) 5:00-7:00pm Game Room: (M-TH) 5:00-8:30pm Arts & Crafts: (W) 6:30-7:30pm

Children and Youth Programs:

Sports: 7-9yr. (M,W,TH) 5:00-6:00pm Colorguard: 10-14yr. (M,W) 5:30-6:30pm Martial Arts: 6-12yr. (T) 6:00-7:00pm
 Art Partners: 6-12yr. (T,TH) 6:00-7:00pm Youth Computer Lab: (W) 6:00-8:30pm Swimming: 6-18yr. (M-TH) 7:00-8:00pm

For more information on these and other programs call **Communities In Schools: (412) 422-3508**

Afterschool programs from 3:15-4:30pm for Gladstone students include: YWCA FLAME program, UPMC Health & Fitness Club, Girl Scouts LIFT program and Youthplaces Male & Female Mentors.



By Jim O'Brien

REFLECTIONS FROM SUNNYSIDE STREET

Death of a Sailor Stirs up Many Boyhood Memories

I called John Metro on the telephone on a Sunday this past summer to see how he was doing, and to talk about Butchie Boyle. Metro lives in Bridgeville, and has been a teacher, baseball coach and assistant football coach at South Fayette High School the past 33 years. We lived six doors from each other on Sunnyside Street in Glenwood as kids. We were in each other's wedding parties. We seldom see each other these days. When he had serious heart problems about five years ago, I visited him at St. Clair Hospital. Otherwise, we bump into each other by chance at South Hills Village. I felt a sense of pride when his South Fayette baseball team won the WPIAL Class A title two years ago and went 15-0 in the regular season a year ago. We had played Little League and Pony League baseball together. We were both heading toward our 58th birthday when I called him. Our boyhood pal, Butchie Boyle, died in July at age 56. He'd been ill for four years, we learned, suffering from lung cancer. He'd been living in Duquesne, but he had been spending a lot of time in VA hospitals. When I was checking out the obituary notices in the

newspaper one, I didn't realize I had come across Butchie's obit. The heading said John C. Boyle, Jr. I never knew him by that name. I was half way into the obit before I realized I was reading about a boyhood friend of mine.

On summer days, John Metro and Butchie Boyle and another kid in the neighborhood, Marty Wendell, would be together, playing one game or another, from sun-up till the street lights came on at night. That was the signal to get home in our pre-teen years. I called Marty Wendell over the weekend, too. It bothered us that Butchie Boyle had died. It made us all feel a little more vulnerable. I hadn't seen Butchie since he was 17 and dropped out of high school to enlist in the U.S. Navy. He stayed for 20 years. He did two tours of Vietnam, serving on aircraft carriers in the waters just off the coast of Vietnam. It was considered hazardous duty. I had seen his mother, Ruth, and his brothers, Timmy and Billy, his sister Kathy and Tim's wife, Mary Kay, in recent years. They always came to see me when I was doing a holiday season book signing at Century III Mall in West Mifflin. Tim and Mary Kay call Munhall home now. They'd tell me how Butchie was doing. Ruth remains in the family's home on Cust Street in Glenwood, two blocks from the neighborhood of our youth. But they never told me what a difficult time he was having. He went to work in the post office when he came out of the Navy. He went through three mar-

riages and too much booze and cigarettes. That was his undoing. His dad and my dad drank too much and smoked too much. It was their undoing, too.

I preferred to remember Butchie as a boy, one of the boys of summer on Sunnyside Street. He was the biggest kid on the block. He grew to be 6-2, about 225 pounds, the same as his dad. Tim is 6-5. His mother was 5-7. The Boyles were a big family. All the Boyles were big people. I came from a small family. My dad was 5-7, 145 pounds. My mother was 4-11. Butchie was on my team in our three-man basketball league on Sunnyside Street. John Metro was our teammate. Butchie got the ball off the boards and let us do the shooting. I learned back then that it was a smart to have a big guy on your side, whether you were playing basketball or walking the sometimes-mean streets of Glenwood and neighboring Hazelwood. Butchie Boyle was my first bodyguard. I've teamed up with a lot of big guys since then, in basketball and in platform tennis. Big guys are an asset. Before Billy was born, the Boyles — five of them — lived in a one-bedroom apartment in a building that was referred to as "The Flats." They had a kitchen, a half-bath, a family room and a bedroom. That's it. Somehow they managed. Ruth kept them fed and clothed and, most of the time, out of trouble. She called my mother more than a few times to report on my misbehavior. All the mothers in our neighborhood were responsible for us and to

see to it that we behaved ourselves.

When I went to pay my respects at the John D. O'Connor & Son Funeral Home, I didn't know whether or not I wanted to see Butchie Boyle in a casket. I hadn't seen him since he was 17. I think I was afraid he'd look like the man I saw in the mirror that morning when I was shaving. He looked good, as my mother would have told his mother if she had been there. He was in his Navy dress uniform. There were photos of him on display in the casket. The photos showed him as a boy when we first became friends and as a teenager and as a proud sailor. That's the Butchie Boyle I'll remember. I spoke about him at his funeral mass at St. Stephen's Church. God gives us all special gifts. Mine is to tell stories. I told some stories about the Boyles and how they made the most of what they had, and somehow came out of it OK. They looked after themselves. We had great times together. Our lives were so intertwined at one time. He hated school, though. He failed out of Central Catholic High School after one term, and was never happy at Gladstone High School, either. So he signed up to serve his country. Judging by the photos, he made a good-looking sailor.

*Pittsburgh author Jim O'Brien has a new book out called **Glory Years** that would make a perfect Christmas gift for sports fans of all ages. His books are available at **Walden Books** and **B. Dalton Booksellers** at **Century III Mall in West Mifflin**, **Monroeville Mall** and **South Hills Village**.*



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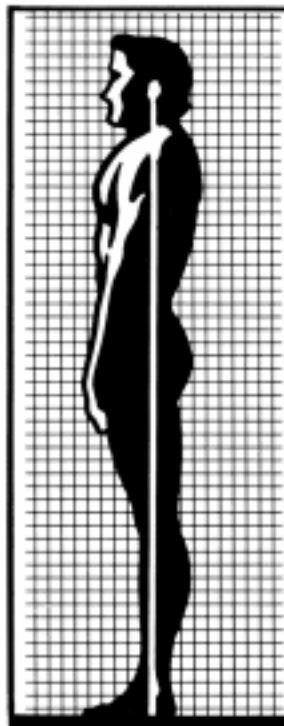
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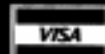
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HARRY POTTER VISITS THE LIBRARY

by Homer Craig

On October 19, 2000, the staff of the Hazelwood Branch of the Carnegie Library hosted Mrs. Green's third grade class from Burgwin Elementary School for a Harry Potter Day program. Staff members Betsy, Cathy, Patty and Big Bob got right into character and costume, as did several parents, grandparents and community volunteers, including Hazelwood Initiative member Homer Craig. The nineteen (19) students enjoyed the festivities. They listened to stories and had their faces painted. They received Harry Potter money that they exchanged for various prizes, ate snacks and socialized with other students and the adults. Each child had her/his photo taken. Mrs. Green should be commended for having such a well mannered and disciplined class, a perfect example of positive interaction between students and adults.

Meet Jim O'Brien

Hazelwood Homepage contributing columnist **Jim O'Brien** will be doing a series of signings of his sports books at area shopping malls during the holiday season.

O'Brien's two latest books are *Glory Years* and *Hometown Heroes*, in which he profiles the finest men and women from the tri-state area who have distinguished themselves to bring positive attention to their communities. One of those profiled is his friend from Hazelwood, former Olympic medalist **Herb Douglas**, who won a bronze medal in the long jump in the 1948 Olympic Games in London.

Meet Jim and pick up a book on: Friday, Dec. 15 — Waldenbooks, Century III Mall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (653-0288).

Sunday, Dec. 17 — Waldenbooks, South Hills Village, noon till 8 p.m. (833-2322).

Monday, Dec. 18 — Waldenbooks, Century III Mall, 6-9 p.m. (653-0288).

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We have just finished another successful SUBWAY coupon sale. Since they make such good stocking stuffers, quick meals for the kids, and lunches, you may still be interested in obtaining a coupon at the price of \$3.50. A limited number are still available – just call 421-7234 and ask for your coupon for a “fresh” sandwich.

Thanks go out to the many community members who purchased tickets to the Kaufmann's Very Merry Christmas event. Besides the discount shopping, all who attended enjoyed the demonstrations, food offerings and door prizes. It was a special night in Pittsburgh.

We continue to solicit used laser and inkjet printer cartridges. Deposit boxes are available at the Car barn and Library. Most Apple, Canon, IBM, and Lexmark products are recyclable. Should you have any questions, please call Joan at 421-7234.

Hazelwood Initiative is an “official” distributor for **First Night® Pittsburgh 2001**. This is a great event for families to enjoy the festivities of New Year's - lots of hands on artwork, musical entertainment, parades, and FIREWORKS! Your button also entitles you to attend special events for the evening, as well as receiving “button bonus” discounts at selected retailers throughout January 2001. If you are interested in purchasing buttons to attend the *Best New Year's Eve Party* in Pittsburgh, contact Joan at 421-7234 or call toll free 1-877-744-4744 (mention Hazelwood Initiative) or visit the web site at www.firstnightpgh.com. Don't forget to mention Hazelwood Initiative. Prices for adults are \$10.00; Kid's Buttons (age 6-12) are only \$5.00. Hazelwood Initiative receives \$1.00 for each button sold.

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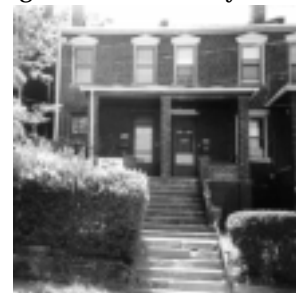


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Flu Facts and Myths

It's important to have all the facts before taking action. But sometimes what we believe to be fact turns out to be false or a myth. Basing decisions on these myths can prove damaging. For example, what many people believe to be true about preventing the flu and flu shots may be fact or may be myth. The myths can be hazardous to your health.

Influenza, or the "flu," is an infection that is caused by the influenza virus. It can result in severe illness and even death in some people. In fact, the Pennsylvania Department of Health estimates that in 1998 more than 4,400 Pennsylvanians died from the flu or flu-related complications such as pneumonia. Much of the illness and death caused by influenza virus can be prevented by an annual vaccination or flu shot.

Flu shots are usually given during October to mid-November. However, this year there has been a delay in the distribution of much of the vaccine, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In 1999, more than 99 percent of the 77 million doses of the vaccine were distributed throughout the United States in October and November. But this year more than 18 million doses may not be released until December. Given this de-

lay, many health care providers have been giving flu shots to people most at risk for serious flu-related illness first and to give it later to other persons who want to avoid catching the flu.

Those most at risk of getting the flu are:

- People over the age of 65
- Residents of nursing homes and critical care facilities
- Health care professionals
- Adults and children with diseases of the heart and lung
- Children and teenagers on aspirin therapy
- Women who will be in their second or third trimester of pregnancy during flu season (November through April)

Flu shots have been proven to be very effective in preventing hospitalizations and flu-related deaths. According to the CDC, studies show that the vaccine reduces hospitalization by about 70% and death by about 85 percent among the elderly who do not live in nursing homes. But despite its effectiveness, some myths about flu shots still exist.

Myth #1 – A flu shot can cause a person to get the flu. This is false. The influenza vaccine produced in the United States cannot cause flu. The vaccine is manufactured from killed influenza viruses, which are not capable of causing infection.

Myth #2 – A person does not need to

get a flu shot every year. Wrong again! The benefits from a flu shot last less than one year. Additionally, influenza viruses are continually changing, and each year the vaccine is updated.

Myth #3 – A flu shot is effective only if given during October or early November. While October through early November is the best time to get a flu shot it is not the only time the vaccine is effective. One to two weeks following vaccination the antibody against influenza develops and begins to provide protection. The heart of flu season is December through March, so a flu shot given at any time during those months will provide protection.

Anyone interested in receiving a flu shot should call UPMC Hazelwood at 422-9520 and schedule a time to be vaccinated. The vaccine can be administered in a matter of minutes. Usually the only side effect is a slight soreness in the area where the shot is administered – a relatively small price to pay to avoid the danger of catching the flu.

"Ask Dr. Dan Lincoln" is a monthly column exclusive to the Hazelwood Homepage. If you have a health question or topic you would like Dr. Lincoln to address, please send your to UPMC Community Initiatives, 200 Lothrop Street, Falk Medical Building, Suite 1B, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, call 412-647-4756, or e-mail saksonsr@msx.upmc.edu.



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