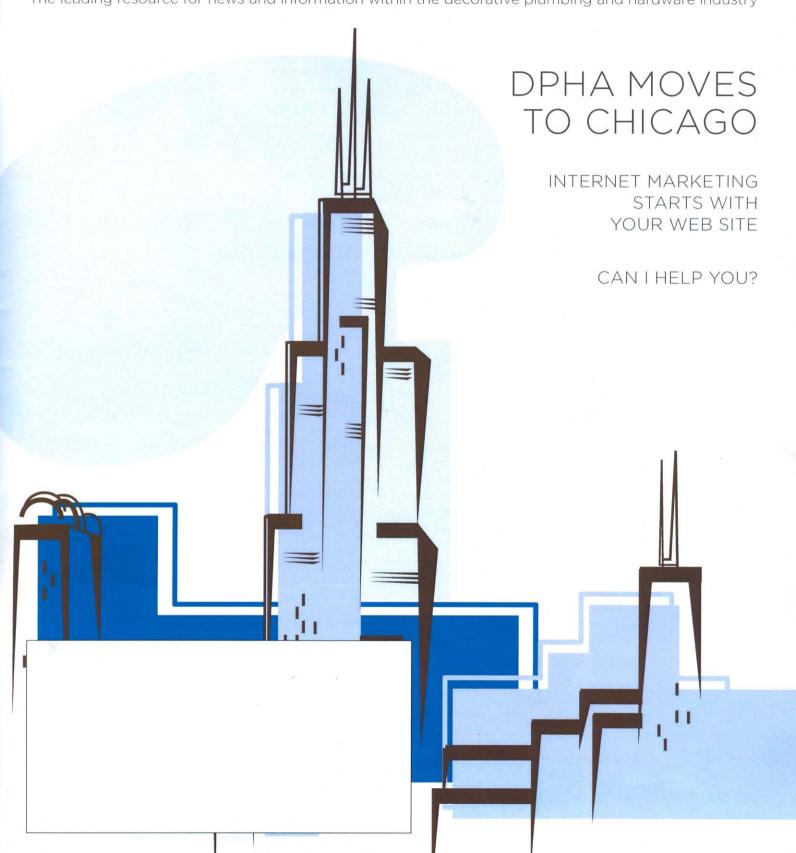
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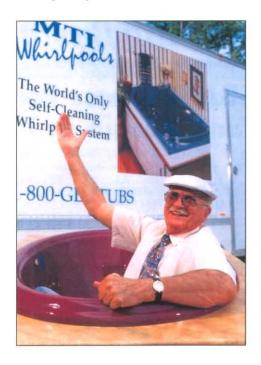
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J.C. Henry, Founder of MTI Whirlpools, Passes Away

MTI Whirlpools is saddened to announce that its beloved founder, J.C. Henry, passed away Dec. 14, 2009. Henry, 80, founded the company in 1988 and is widely respected in the industry for his creation of the world's first self-cleaning whirlpool tub.



"We are heartbroken by the loss of our dear friend and colleague," said Kathy Adams, CEO of MTI Whirlpools. "J.C. Henry was a remarkable man who had incredible vision and innovation. It was his passion and creativity that built MTI into the industry leader that it is today. He was loved and respected by the entire MTI family, and we will feel the pain of his passing for many years to come."

Henry is survived by his wife Doris Henry; daughters Carol Preston, Vicki Henry-Higgins and Debbie Goin; son Michael; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

For more information about MTI Whirlpools, visit www.mtiwhirlpools.com.

Russell Adams Appointed President of MTI Whirlpools



MTI Whirlpools recently appointed Russell Adams as president. Adams previously held the position of vice president/ Business Development of MTI. Kathy Adams, who has led the

company since 1998, transitioned to CEO.

The success and growth of MTI has always been inherent in Russell's actions. When the company founder, J.C. Henry, decided to retire in 2001, Russell was a leader in the successful effort made by the employees to purchase the company. Russell was also instrumental in implementation of strategies that resulted in rapid growth during the real estate boon and continued success during the "Great Housing Recession."

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News

MTI Whirlpools Wins International Strategic Manufacturing Award

MTI Whirlpools recently won the 2009 International Strategic Manufacturing Award for Demand-Driven Manufacturer of the Year. The coveted Strategic Manufacturing Awards are annually bestowed and celebrate excellence in vital disciplines, including green, skills and IT in manufacturing during the past year. The 5th Annual Strategic Manufacturing Awards ceremony took place Oct. 13, in Dusseldorf, Germany.



The awards recognized this year's most pre-eminent enterprises for their success in delivering world-class performance in their chosen category. The judges selected MTI Whirlpools for the ex-

pertly implemented demand-driven manufacturing doctrine into the company culture.

For more information about MTI Whirlpools, visit www.mtiwhirlpools.com.

MGS Gives Back with Habitat for Humanity

MGS USA, the North American division of the Italian-based faucet manufacturer specializing in unique stainless steel designs, recently entered into a partnership with Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County in Florida. For the next six months (and possibly beyond, based on the success of the program), for every MGS faucet sold, a kitchen faucet (builder-grade brand) will be donated to Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County. Regional showrooms participating in the program will receive name recognition for each faucet they sell that generates a donation and will receive a certificate of collaboration.

For more information about MGS USA, visit www.mgsdesigns.com/

Xylem is 'CARB' Compliant

Ahead of the green curve, all Xylem products are compliant with the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The regulation initiated Jan. 1, 2009, implements new limits for formaldehyde emitted from raw composite wood panels and products sold or used in California. By complying, Xylem becomes a leader in environmental responsibility, and is positioned to sell its entire product line in all 50 states, including those states expected to adopt the California regulation in the near future.

The goals of CARB include attaining and maintaining healthy air quality, protecting the public from exposure to toxic air contaminants and providing innovative approaches for complying with air pollution rules and regulations.

For more information, visit www.xylem.biz.

THG® Presents at the 67th Annual Golden Globe® Awards

THG USA recently made a notable appearance at the Golden Globe Awards ceremony. The elegant Papillon, from the THG Cristal de Lalique Collection, was the lavatory set of choice in the world-class Presenters' Lounge. Designed by internationally renowned interior designer

The Future of Bathing is Clear with Novellini's Transparent Cristal Glass Bathtub

Introducing the Novellini Cristal Tub — an edgy, futuristic design that leaves absolutely nothing to the imagination. Refined style and prestigious materials transform a daily gesture into an exclusive experience.



The sleek Cristal 1 Bathtub, part of Novellini's Premium Elysium Collection, features a geometric design where clean lines and angles come together to form an elegant glass cocoon. All sides are made from clear safety glass panels for the most daring modern bath decor. The long side panels run straight while the ends angle outwards to create the ideal spot to recline for a relaxing and therapeutic soak.

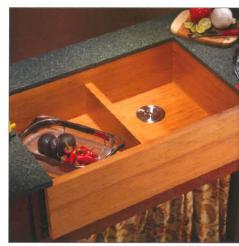
The Cristal 1 Tub comes with its own integrated chrome-finished, floor-mounted faucet with an angular form that fits seamlessly with the lines of the tub. The base and side rails of the tub come in either black or white finishes with a glossy sheen to complete the look.

To find out more, visit www.novellini.com.

Eco Chic for the Kitchen

Lenova brought a welcomed sense of eco-friendly style to the kitchen with its new Bamboo Kitchen Sink. Featuring all the organic warmth and natural beauty of wood, this eye-catching sink is surprisingly durable and can easily withstand the rigors of daily use in any modern kitchen. Using a painstaking, 13-step process, each Lenova sink is carefully crafted from only

fully matured Moso Bamboo, which is known for its peak density, color clarity and sustainability. The finished product is exceptionally beautiful — a hard-working work of art that can keep pace with today's busiest chefs.



Lenova has combined style with plenty of practicality in this eye-catching sink. An apron front design lends charm and character to any kitchen, while the equal double-bowl design with low-rise divider provides maximum versatility for tasks such as rinsing fresh produce and soaking dirty dishes. Its under mounted design adds to the modern look and makes counter clean-ups quick and easy. Its generous proportions allow for ample work space and can accommodate even the largest pots and pans.

For more information on Lenova visit us at www.lenovasinks.com or call 1.877.733.1098.

Aquavolo Duetto by JACLO

Multifunctional and innovative, the stainless steel Aquavolo Duetto by JACLO switches easily between a refreshing rainshower and a generous waterfall. In the horizontal position, the flat spout lets forth a refreshing rain shower. Flip the spout down and the water falls as a generous waterfall. The cutting-edge design allows for easy installation in new or existing showers without major renovation.

For more information, visit www.jaclo.com.





Zoli® Loft & Bath® Debuts Limited Edition Art Vanity Series

Zoli Loft & Bath has teamed up with Quartly Fine Art to design an exclusive, limited-edition bath vanity series that features the original work of esteemed artist Steven Quartly. The Loft & Bath Series Limited Edition Art Vanity will be sold at select kitchen and bath showrooms and art galleries beginning immediately. With an exclusive offering of just 20 pieces produced worldwide, the series speaks to a micro-niche consumer demographic with a discerning taste in décor and a love for

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collectable art that includes actual brush strokes from the artist's hand.



Quartly's original art is featured on the stream-lined, modern face of the Util 51 Program vanity from the Loft & Bath Series. The vanity is available in three sizes and displays a 17" x 37" canvas the artist calls "Ascending," which was inspired by the Mediterranean's Amalfi coast. Ascending is a mixed media print created from the original oil-on-canvas painting.

For more information, visit www.zolicorp.com and www.xylem.biz.

SIGMA Designer Faucetry Launches New Spout Design

SIGMA Designer Faucetry introduces a new lavatory spout design with Soft Touch drain for The Reserve Collection's Margaux Series. Measuring 11 1/4" inches tall, this graceful goosenecked, high-arch spout provides a myriad of design options for the bath. The spout features a classic column design that complements many decors and comes with either delicate straight lever handles or stylish cross handles.



The Margaux Series offers a full array of bath and kitchen faucets, thermostatic-system options and complementary accessories. Each faucet has been carefully produced, harmoniously balanced for proportion and detail, and expertly designed to function flawlessly. These heirloom quality faucets are available in 15 finishes including lifetime-guaranteed PVD.

For more information, visit www.sigmafaucet.com.

Fan Collection by Fluid



Once representing social status in ancient Asia, the bathroom fixtures in the Fan Collection by fluid borrow their graceful lines and motion from this history. Because of its completely flat spout, both the faucet and tub filler emit a waterfall flow for the true spa effect. The faucet is also eco-friendly and can be equipped with a low-flow aerator for an industry-breaking 1.5 gallons-per-minute, a rate that has awarded the fixture WaterSense certification.

For more information, visit www.fluidfaucets.com.

Reveal Designs Collaborates with Bohlin Cywinski Jackson to Create an Exquisite Line of Modern Hardware

Reveal Designs introduced a new collection of architectural hardware realized by the world-renowned architectural design team of Bohlin Cywinski Jackson. Merging ethereal design with natural elements and modern finishes, Bohlin Cywinski Jackson has created an innovative collection of hardware that celebrates sensual minimalism.



The Bohlin Cywinski Jackson's innovative new pieces have elements that transform the basic, everyday hardware into delightfully unusual works of art. The artful line includes a wide variety of lever styles available in oil-rubbed bronze, all stainless steel, anodized aluminum and woods of walnut and beech. The Bohlin Cywinski Jackson hardware collection is expanding to include thumbturns, cabinet pulls and coordinating accessories. An innovative and unique Pinion Lever is also part of this new collection.

For more information, visit www.reveal-designs.com.

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