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## Headline News

### [Billionaire Bill Gates and wife fund project to make toilet water safe to drink](#)

Microsoft founder Bill Gates and his wife Melinda – through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation – have given Manchester University researcher Sarah Haigh \$100,000 to find a way to make toilet water safe to drink. Click the link above for more information.

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## Latest News

### [WinWholesale names A.O. Smith vendor of the year](#)



A.O. Smith was recently honored with the title Plumbing Vendor of the Year during WinWholesale's 2012 Annual Meeting and Vendor Showcase. The company won in the plumbing category based on its high number of nominations, representation, new product development and its ability to maintain a strong vendor/customer relationship during its struggles with debilitating flood damage at the company's Ashland City, Tenn., facility in 2010.

### [Enter American Standard's giveaway for a Kindle Fire](#)

Review an American Standard product and be in the running for a brand new Amazon Kindle Fire tablet. The product review can be from one that you've purchased in the past, received as a gift or have experienced. By leaving a product review, you will be entered into a random drawing for a Kindle Fire. For more information, click the link above.

### [PHOTOS: A look at the Forte Buying Group meeting](#)

In February, Plumbing Group Publisher Bob Miodonski attended the Forte Buying Group meeting in La Jolla, Calif. Click the link above to view some photos from the event.



### [VIDEO: Check out the latest from 2012 AHR Expo](#)

Dan Holohan — BNP Media columnist, hydronics author and educator — talks with exhibitors about their products on display at the AHR Expo in late January

## Calendar of Events

April 24-26  
[2012 Kitchen & Bath Industry Show \(KBIS\)](#)  
Chicago, Ill.

May 3-6  
[2012 PSDA Annual Convention](#)  
Scottsdale, Ariz.

May 20-24  
[2012 OESP Convention and Trade Show](#)  
Providence, R.I.

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**[Davis & Warshow hosts 12th bi-annual vendors showcase](#)**

New York-based bath and kitchen dealer Davis & Warshow held its 12th bi-annual vendors showcase, attracting nearly 400 builders, remodelers, plumbing professionals and other industry trades from the region. Click the link above for more information.



**[Zephyr announces kitchen design contest winners](#)**

Range hood manufacturers Zephyr announced in March the winners of the 2011 "Inspire My Kitchen Design Contest." Kathryn Kranen won the homeowner prize and Jill Jarrett was the grand prize winner in the professional division. Click the link above for more information.



**[How do you fix NYC's airports? Start in the bathroom](#)**

The New York Port Authority and New Jersey are close to announcing a 90-day plan to make cleaner restrooms and more customer-service representatives at the three New York City and New Jersey airports. Click the link above for more information.

**[LEED-certified green building projects hit 12,000 mark](#)**

The U.S. Green Building Council announced that the 12,000th commercial project has earned LEED certification — the LEED Gold Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge. Paid for by the Recovery Act and rebuilt after the original facility was destroyed by Hurricane Ike in 2008, the facility will house new wildlife exhibits, an environmental education center and National Parks employees. For more information, click the link above.

**People on the Move**

**[Fabian to lead REHAU North America as new CEO](#)**

After 18 years with REHAU, Dr. Kathleen 'Kitty' Saylor will step down from her CEO of North American operations position as of July 1, 2012. Christian Fabian was appointed to the position. Click the link above for more information.

**[King joins Webstone as Central Regional Sales Manager](#)**

Brian King was hired in April as the Central Regional Sales Manager for Webstone. King has had a long career in the hydronics and HVAC industries.



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By Dan Holohan



[A time to give, say thanks](#)

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## Latest Products

### [ADA-compliant wall shower from Bradley](#)

Bradley's Individual Pivoting Wall Shower is ADA-compliant and features an industry-unique hinge design that allows fast and easy maintenance. Ideal for barrier-free shower rooms, the unit is made of durable stainless steel and comes completely preassembled and ready to mount to a wall for quick installation. Flexible supply connections further enhance ease of installation. The showerhead is chrome-plated brass with a 2.0-gpm flow control, ball joint and adjustable spray pattern control.



### [Water-saving showerhead from Niagara](#)

Niagara's Bi-Max showerhead offers a luxurious shower without sacrificing water energy and utility bill savings. Ensuring less water usage than low-flow showerheads with traditional flow restrictors, the Bi-Max can help save nearly 7,300 gallons of water per year and provide up to \$142 in utility bill savings. The showerhead offers two adjustable spray options to select from while showering.



**Shower and tub system from Speakman**

Speakman's Alexandria Shower and Tub System Combination presents an eclectic twist to elegant style in the bathroom. Graceful hardware curvatures represent detailed design reflecting a luxurious feel. The system unites Speakman's anti-scald pressure valve (SM-6000-P), Alexandria fixed showerhead (S-3011), Alexandria shower arm and flange (S-2500) and Alexandria diverter tub spout (S-1560). The Alexandria bathroom suites collection is offered in polished chrome and brushed nickel finishes.



**Mansfield Plumbing releases rimless HET**

Mansfield Plumbing introduces the Cascade, a rimless toilet that makes cleaning quick and easy. It is also high efficiency and uses only 1.28 gpf while flushing 800 grams — virtually eliminating clogging. Its strong swirling action is said to clean the bowl with every flush.



**Steamist's customizable steam bath**

Steamist unveils its new touch screen TSC-450 Digital Control and Bluetooth-equipped AudioSense option. With touch screen operation, the TSC-450 offers a high-contrast display of adjustable settings for the Total Sense functions as well as for temperature and duration. The TSC-450 allows two user profiles to program so each can customize steam settings to unique preferences. AudioSense features a wall-mount dock for an iPod, allowing the user to enjoy music in the shower.



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