



# The Mulvaney Pipeline



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

## A Holiday Message from the staff at Mulvaney Mechanical

This holiday season is a special time for us all. We are fortunate to be a part of a community with rich and diverse cultural traditions. Collectively we all have the same aspirations and hope for a better and more peaceful world.

Best wishes for a safe and peaceful holiday season. Relax and enjoy the holidays and share this treasured time with family and friends.



## Roudolph is really "Roudolphena"

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid December. Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, according to every historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, every single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen -

had to be a female. We should've known. Only women would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night, delivering toys.

## Mr. Toilet's House



One Big Commode!

Sim Jae-duck has made his political career as South Korea's Mr. Toilet by beautifying public restrooms. Now he's got a home befitting his title: a 4,520 square foot toilet-shaped domicile complete with the latest in lavatory luxury.

Sim built the two-story house to commemorate the inaugural meeting later this month of the World Toilet Association. The group, supported by the South Korean government, aims no less than to launch a "toilet revolution," by getting people to open their bathroom doors for the sake of improving worldwide hygiene.

Representatives from 60 countries will gather in Seoul to spur the creation of national toilet associations of their own and spread the word about hygiene. Organizers argue the issue deserves greater attention and cite U.N. figures that some 2.5 billion people live without proper sanitation or water supplies.

The toilet theme is central to the house named Haewoojae, or a "place to solve one's worries," shaped like a 24 foot-tall toilet bowl. Thinking of how to push forward his cause of having better hygiene and sanitation, Sim tore down his former home to build the \$1.1 million building. In case they had any doubt about who would choose to live here, a plaque inscribed "Mr. Toilet's House" greets visitors at the door.



The 1st Ball dropping in 1907

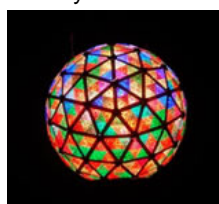
## 2008 is the 100th Anniversary

Revelers began celebrating New Year's Eve in Times Square as early as 1904, but it was in 1907 that the New Year's Eve Ball made its maiden descent from the flagpole atop One Times Square. This original Ball, constructed of iron and wood and adorned with 100 25-watt light bulbs, was 5 feet in diameter and weighed 700 pounds. In 1920, a 400 pound ball made entirely of iron replaced the original.

The Ball has been lowered every year since 1907, with the exceptions of 1942 and 1943, when its use was suspended due to the wartime "dim-out" of lights in New York City. The

crowds who still gathered in Times Square in those years greeted the New Year with a moment of silence followed by chimes ringing out from One Times Square.

In 1955, the iron ball was replaced with an aluminum ball weighing a mere 150 pounds. This Ball remained unchanged until the 1980s, when red light bulbs and the addition of a green stem converted the Ball into an apple for the "I Love New York" marketing campaign from 1981 until 1988. The traditional Ball with white light bulbs and without the green stem returned in 1995. The Ball was then upgraded with aluminum skin, rhinestones, strobes, and computer controls. For Times Square 2000, the millennium celebration at the Crossroads of the World, the Ball was completely redesigned by Waterford Crystal. The new crystal Ball combined the latest in technology with the most traditional of materials, reminding us of our past as we gazed into the future and the beginning of a new millennium. This year a new Waterford Crystal ball has been specially made to celebrate The 100th anniversary of this world renown tradition. It is the best one ever!



Happy New Year to All!

## Would You Invest Money with these People?



Microsoft Corporation 1978

The offering price of Microsoft stock was \$21.00 per share at the IPO on March 13, 1986. If you had bought 1 share at the offering, you would now have 288 split-adjusted shares. So your 21 dollar investment would be worth \$7,974.72

Someone who invested \$10,000 at the IPO would own a stake worth roughly 3 million dollars today.

Even better foresight would have been to sell your \$10,000 worth of IPO stock in early 2000. It would have been worth just a bit over \$8 million dollars! The combined net personal worth of those shown in the photo above exceeds 70 billion dollars.

Take a guess!



Tell us what this is and you could WIN

## Dinner for 2

E-mail or FAX your answer to our office. If more than one correct answer is received, a winner will be selected at random. If you e-mail your entry, you must write "NEWSLETTER CONTEST" in the subject line to avoid our SPAM filter. Please e-mail to : [janette@mulvaneyinc.com](mailto:janette@mulvaneyinc.com)

The answer to the photo question from last time was "LEAD PIPE SWEDGING TOOL" used during the 1800's to make a coupling connecting one lead water pipe to another. Bob Gregory of Electrical Wholesales came the closest to the winning answer.

## ALWAYS GOOD GIFTS TO GIVE...

- To your enemy, forgiveness.
- To an opponent, tolerance.
- To a friend, your heart.
- To a customer, service.
- To all, charity.
- To every child, a good example.
- To yourself, respect.

## Coming Events

- Jan 19-23, 2008 ASHRAE Winter Mtg  
New York, NY
- Jan 22-24, 2008 AHR Expo  
New York, NY
- Mar 2 - 6, 2008 MCAA 2008  
Palm Desert, CA

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