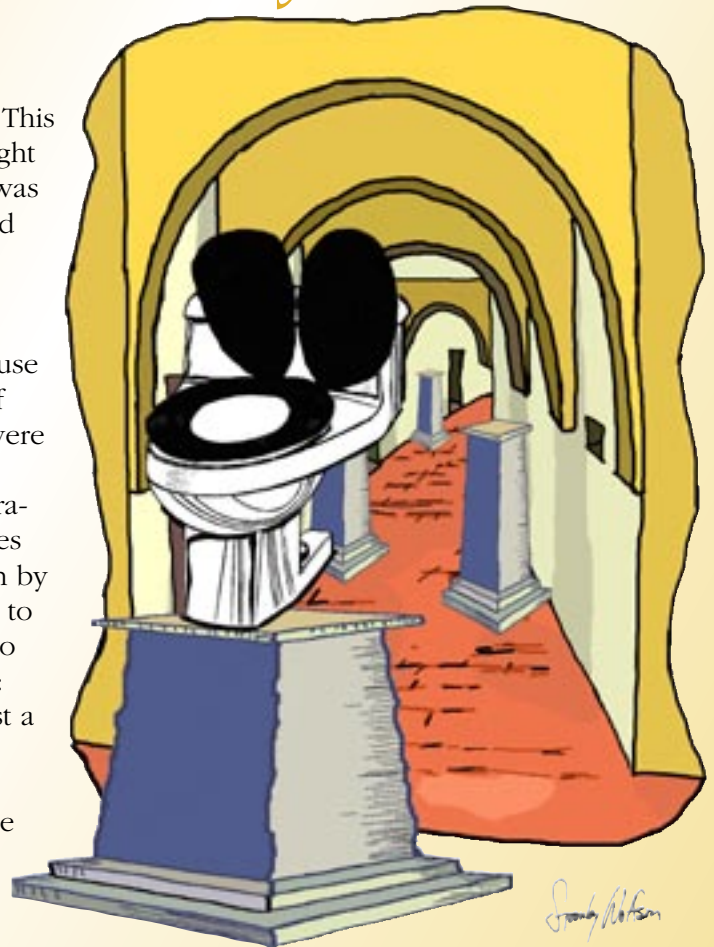


Wet Behind the Ears

Here's one fantasy fixture that needs little introduction. This fixture was literally saved from the scrap heap in a midnight raid; a raid that was not sanctioned or even legal — but was still conducted in order to preserve a piece of folklore and in the name of posterity. What is now safely esconced in the ASPE Museum of Fantasy Fixtures is perhaps the very last set of water closets saved from extinction during the recent remodeling of a well-known amusement park. Mouse ears, elephant ears, even a duck bill were all hallmarks of the cartoon characters that brought this park to life and were logo features even on the bathroom toilets.

However, in the era of political correctness, and the ultra-low flow water closets, these useful and decorative fixtures were destined for destruction. Fixtures once fawned upon by children and adults alike, once fought over by families as to who got to use which toilet. Kids running up and down to the toilet stalls, pushing open each door, trying to decide: Should I use the mouse, the elephant, the duck? Now, just a fond memory in the book of collective life.

It's sad to see the passing of such a hallmark of distinction. We're pleased we are able to preserve this little piece of historical insignificance in the Museum of Fantasy Fixtures. ■



Chairman of Certification/Recertification Committee Appointed

Cyril F. Unger, CPD, has been appointed Chairman of the Certification/Recertification Committee. Unger has over 25 years of experience in the design and engineering of plumbing, HVAC and process piping systems for commercial, institutional, industrial, and governmental projects. Some of his most prominent projects have included Courtland Paper Mill in Alabama, a 750 metric ton-per-day liquid air plant in Kuwait, and the Pavilion Hospital in Harlingen—the first long-term acute care (LTAC) facility in Texas.

Unger is currently a Senior Plumbing Engineer with PageSoutherlandPage, a 106-year-old architecture, engineering, and consulting firm nationally recognized for its science and technology

development and manufacturing facilities, as well as its public, healthcare, education, corporate, and urban housing design capabilities. His previous professional experience has included R.H. George & Associates, Patch Engineering, and Brown & Root.

A graduate of the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Technology, Unger has been very active in professional engineering organizations. He currently serves as Treasurer of the ASPE Houston Chapter and represents Region 5 to ASPE's National Nominating Committee. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Gulf Coast Chapter of the American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE). ■

