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this week in home décor

Week ending November, 30 2007

Companies

Chicago's Merchandise Mart received a LEED silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council for its green practices. The designation means that the Mart meets certain standards for energy efficiency, water savings, indoor environmental quality and other measurements. The Mart estimates it recycled 11 million pounds of waste and saved 13,000 trees and 5.5 million gallons of water in 2006 because of its practices.

Gecko's Corner (owned by Darleen Johns and managed by Sherry Grooms), a Raleigh, N.C., home accessory, design, furniture, and gift store in the Stonehenge Shopping Center, holds its grand opening on Dec. 4.

OneCoast has created a home décor sales division in the Southeast with a total of 14 focused territory managers. It added the following home décor vendors in the Southeast: Napa Home & Garden, Willow Green, Deco Breeze, America Retold and Bodrum. The division also added the following lifestyle lines: Andrews McMeel, Ahava and Uchi. To showcase its new home lines, the company increased its Atlanta showroom (building two, 18th floor) by more than 9,000 square feet (occupying the space once held by Link2Sales).

Sales agency Ivystone Group moved to the 13th floor of the Chicago Merchandise Mart (from the 12th floor) and added approximately 4,000 square feet to its showroom.