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We hope you have been enjoying our monthly e-bulletins and that you will continue to join us for more news and BFI updates in 2003. Seeing our subscriber list grow steadily over the last year has been a great encouragement to us and we hope to see this trend continue.
All the best for the New Year!
The BFI team

BFI News brings you news from around the world related to humanity's option for success and comprehensive anticipatory design solutions. It also features updates from BFI and periodic special offers for members.

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Food For Thought

In 1927 I committed myself for the rest of my life to undertaking the solution of problems which were not being attended to by others which experience taught me would, if effectively solved, greatly advance society and, if left unattended, would bring about comprehensive disadvantages for all.

-R. Buckminster Fuller

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Trends and Perspectives

The Best Inventions of 2002

Here is a complete list of the best of the best, according to "Time" magazine. Arranged in categories such as "Transit and Talk," "Home & Safety," "Robots & Tech," each item gets its moment in the sun.

<http://www.time.com/time/2002/inventions/toc.html>

Particularly intriguing is the ephemeralized keyboard:

http://www.time.com/time/2002/inventions/rob_keyboard.html

(Source: Time)

Exxon, GE to Fund Stanford Research on Climate and Energy

Stanford University has unveiled an unprecedented approach to addressing one of the world's most challenging energy and environmental issues.

The Global Climate and Energy Project (G-CEP) is an alliance of scientific researchers and leading companies in the private sector. Stanford University, as manager of the Project, will identify preeminent scientific researchers from around the world who will work with the private sector sponsors to conduct research into low greenhouse gas emission energy technologies of the future.

http://www.greenbiz.com/news/news_third.cfm?NewsID=23108

(Source: Greenbiz.com)

Web Tool Moves More Food Faster

America's Second Harvest is rolling out a new Web tool that will help food donors feed more people more efficiently.

http://go.hotwired.com/news/holidays/0,1882,56598,00.html/wn_ascii

(Source: Wired)

Sponsored by Rolex: Five Visionary Individuals Given the Means to Turn Their Ideas into Reality

Swiss watchmaker Rolex has announced the names of the Laureates of 2002 Rolex Awards for Enterprise. Selected from among almost 1,400 applicants from 113 countries, this year's five winners represent a diversity of cultures and areas of interest.

http://enn.com/news/enn-stories/2002/12/12052002/s_48816.asp

(Source: Environmental News Network)

National Geographic Survey Results Posted

A recent National Geographic survey on geographic literacy in a variety of countries produced the following results:

Among 18 - to 24-year-old Americans

- 87% couldn't find Iraq on a map
- 70% couldn't find New Jersey
- 11% couldn't find the U.S.

National Geographic is committed to making sure the next generation of young adults is better prepared to be informed citizens and responsible stewards of the planet.

To that end, National Geographic is convening an international coalition to develop strategies to fight geographic ignorance and apathy among young people. (See more survey results--and test yourself.)

<http://click.nationalgeographic.email-publisher.com/maaaEZhaaUyjuaceZjKbaaaif/>

Please also visit BFI's flagship project, the EARTHscope, a web-based "geo-story-telling" tool at

<http://www.spaceshipearth.org>

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Resources**Towards a Cultural History of Buckminster Fuller's Dymaxion Car**

Stanford University's program on Science, Technology and Society now hosts a web site dedicated to Fuller's Dymaxion car. The pages by Michael John Gorman offer information about the car and its history as well as other ideas and inventions by Fuller.

Take a closer look at <http://sts.stanford.edu/dymaxion/index.htm>

Sustainable Development Online (SDO)

SDO is a rich information sign post to many of the most useful and active web sites on the Internet supporting Sustainable Development. The role of Sustainable Development Online (SDO) is to map this sea of change and provide access to significant web sites built by organizations supporting the move towards SD. You will find descriptions of and links to many hundreds of web sites covering the broad subject of sustainable development. In this way SDO is a relevant and useful starting point to engage with SD subjects. SDO is continually updated and maintained and each web site listed has been visited by one of their researchers.

If you have a web site that you would like to be listed please do not hesitate to submit it under the appropriate section - one of their researchers will follow it up.

Currently, there are more than 1500 web sites listed.

See: <http://sd-online.ewindows.eu.org/>

Dymaxion World Globe Sculpture for Sale

A limited edition (100 produced) Buckminster Fuller Dymaxion Globe (1992), originally purchased from BFI, is for sale. The 39" diameter icosahedron globe is made from translucent plexiglass panels riveted on a thin sturdy frame. A light fixture is installed inside the globe. It depicts the same features as the Fuller Projection map, including city names and temperature zones. It is in good condition, the inside light works, and the globe rotates but hangs up on light cord. Asking \$400 O.B.O.

Contact Angela at (916) 368-3950 or by email:
angela@christunity.com

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Events

The History and Mystery Continues into 2003

San Francisco, CA

Tickets for January through February, 2003, performances of the one-man show "R. Buckminster Fuller: The History (and Mystery) of the Universe" have now gone on sale. Start the New Year with this inspiring theater experience!

SPECIAL:

For the first week of 2003 (January 2nd-5th) tickets to all shows will be 2003 cents (\$20.03)! (No other discounts will apply during that week).

Performance schedule and prices, effective January 8, 2003:

Wednesdays, 8pm - \$25

Thursdays, 8pm - \$30

Fridays, 8pm - \$35

Saturdays, 3pm - \$30

Saturdays, 8pm - \$35

Sundays, 2pm - \$30

*****Bubbly with Bucky*****

A special New Year's "Eve-Eve" performance, December 30 at 7pm. \$40 includes complimentary Gloria Ferrer champagne.

"Pay What You Can" performances will continue to be the first Wednesday of every month. The January PWYC will be Wednesday, January 8.

To read reviews and find out more, visit the BFI home page at <http://www.bfi.org> or the producer's site at <http://www.foghouse.com>.

--Call for Papers--

Ecological Design: The Unstoppable Wave

A Global Interdisciplinary Conference on the Next Great Wave in Architecture.

Berkeley, California

Thursday-Sunday, August 14-17, 2003 (dates to be confirmed)

This is an invitation for proposals for papers and exhibits on research, education, or practice in ecological architecture.

Topics can include any aspect of sustainability, alternative materials and energy systems, environmental health, recycled building materials, bioremediation, permaculture, design education, and nature-based architecture.

Proposals are sought from researchers, architects, educators, students and all others involved in ecological design, engineering, planning, and construction.

Deadline for proposals: January 31, 2003.

For details contact SFIA@aol.com or SFIA Information Office, Box 749, Orinda, CA 94563.

ECO-WAVE 2003 Program organizers: The San Francisco Institute of Architecture and Academic Resources Foundation, a nonprofit corporation.

<http://www.SFIA.net>

A Fuller Explanation: Building on Amy Edmondson's Explanation of The Synergetic Geometry of R. Buckminster Fuller

Tivoli, NY

January 25 - 26, 2003

Confirmed Speakers:

Robert Burkhardt

Joseph D. Clinton

Yasushi Kajikawa

Shoji Sadao

For further details and online registration or printable forms, visit <http://snec.cjfeanley.com/>

Travel Directions:

<http://dstoys.org/cmfr/projects/EastCoastConference/Travel%20Instructions>

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BFI Update

Dear members and friends,

Thanks to your support, we found a driver to bring our new edition satellite fold-up globes from southern California to our office in Sebastopol (thank you, Celia!).

Now we are seeking your help again. Our beautiful satellite map posters are hot off the press and need a ride from Gardena (Los Angeles area) to Sebastopol. It is a large load so a mini-van is preferable, though even a partial load would help us out.

If you think you can assist us with this project between now and late January, we would be grateful. We will happily pay for gas and time.

Please let us know if you're interested or know someone who might be by e-mailing Lauren at

lauren@bfi.org.

Thank you!

Bucky Up Close

Our next speaker event in our Bucky Up Close series in conjunction with the Buckminster Fuller one-man show will be on Sunday, January 5th. Our guest speaker will be playwright D.W. Jacobs, who created and directed "R. Buckminster Fuller: The History (and Mystery) of the Universe".

Playwright, D.W. Jacobs will be speaking on Sunday, Jan. 5th at 4:30 pm following the 2 pm matinee performance (remember - first week in 2003 special ticket prices are only \$20.03 !!! see EVENTS above).

You might be interested in reading the recent interview with D.W. Jacobs that appeared in our Trimtab newsletter and is posted on our web site at <http://www.bfi.org/Trimtab/fallwinter02/history.html> and http://www.bfi.org/Trimtab/fallwinter02/Trimtab_FallWinter02.pdf

If you would like to receive an email when the map is ready, please email lauren@bfi.org with the words "map poster" in the subject line.

Thank you for your patience and we apologize for any inconvenience! You can look forward to a beautiful new map!

For other gift ideas, browse our store at <http://www.bfi.org>.

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