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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

"What is now as clear as the speed of light itself is our realization that we've come to enough knowledge about how to do so much with so little. [...] The metaphysical really masters the physical."

- R. Buckminster Fuller

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### Trends and Perspectives

#### Irony Hides Within the Clark Center

This article in the Stanford Daily highlights interdisciplinary studies, generalists and Buckminster Fuller.

[http://daily.stanford.edu/tempo?page=content&id=12501&repository=0001\\_article](http://daily.stanford.edu/tempo?page=content&id=12501&repository=0001_article)

(Source: Stanford Daily-thank you, Chris Fearnley!)

#### Fast Track for Science Data

The most ambitious networking project since Arpanet goes live this week. The National LambdaRail is an ultra-high-speed network for scientists that will enable a new era of e-science.

[http://go.hotwired.com/news/infostructure/0,1377,61102,00.html/wn\\_ascii](http://go.hotwired.com/news/infostructure/0,1377,61102,00.html/wn_ascii)

(Source: Wired News)

#### Hugh Kenner Dies at Age 80

Hugh Kenner, the critic, author and professor of literature regarded as America's foremost commentator on literary modernism, especially the work of Ezra Pound and James Joyce, died November 24th at his home in Athens, GA. He was 80.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/11/25/books/25KENN.html>

In our last issue of BFI\_News, we highlighted Kenner's book "Geodesic Math and How To Use It" which has just come back into print through the UC Press. First published in 1976 and out of print since 1990, "Geodesic Math and How To Use It" has been California's most requested backlist title.

<http://www.ucpress.edu/books/pages/10055.html>

#### California Rain Flushes Toilets in Robert Redford Building

In the Robert Redford Building, toilets flush themselves with rainwater - except for the urinals, which use no water at all. The floors are made of bamboo and the carpets from hemp.

[http://www.enn.com/news/2003-11-14/s\\_10410.asp](http://www.enn.com/news/2003-11-14/s_10410.asp)

(Source: Environmental News Network)

### **Aussies Do It Right: E-Voting**

As doubts about electronic voting systems grow in the United States, the Australians take the lead in offering a system that doesn't freak anyone out. Their solution is to make the whole thing open source.

[http://go.hotwired.com/news/ebiz/0,1272,61045,00.html/wn\\_ascii](http://go.hotwired.com/news/ebiz/0,1272,61045,00.html/wn_ascii)

(Source: Wired News)

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## **Resources**

### **The Monticello Dialogues with William McDonough**

#### **- Now Available on Digital CD**

From the lineage of Thomas Jefferson and Buckminster Fuller emerges another brilliant prophet of the possible. Architect William McDonough is carrying the banner of "anticipatory design science" to this generation and he is waving it in the boardrooms of some of the largest global corporations. The buildings, product innovations and ideas emerging from his team are at the forefront of what he calls "the next industrial revolution."

Series includes: Democratic Design; A Revolution in Thinking; Design as Celebration; The Rebirth of the Commons; Designing Peace; Cradle to Cradle; Going Green

To buy the digital CD set visit:

<http://www.newdimensions.org/NEW/audio-books/S986.shtml> or call 800-935-8273.

### **Journal of Industrial Ecology Special Issue Available Free Online**

The recent Vol. 6, no. 2 issue of the Journal of Industrial Ecology, devoted to E-Commerce, the Internet, and the Environment, is available online in its entirety, thanks to a grant from the U.S. National Science Foundation.

<http://mitpress.mit.edu/JIE-e-commerce/>

(from MBDC News: mbdc.com)

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## **Events**

### **BFI's December Event**

Monday, December 8th, 2003, 7-9 PM  
in Sebastopol, CA

BACK by popular demand for a hands-on evening of geometry and form:

Sacred Matter: Buckminster Fuller and Sacred Geometry with Sam Webster, M. Div., a student of the work of Buckminster Fuller and explorer of ancient traditions.

Ancient peoples discovered that certain geometrical forms were the fundamental principals by which the world was constructed and contemplated them to understand the intelligence that created it. Fuller independently found his way to this same understanding and it under pinned his life's work.

Using compass and straight edge, struts and connectors, we will play with these forms learning how to find them within ourselves and our world, which is the ancient path to living in harmony, of which Fuller is the greatest modern exemplar.

Venue:

Association for the Creative Endeavor  
400 Morris Avenue, SUITE G (next door to our previous venue!)  
Sebastopol, CA

\$10 (no one turned away for lack of funds)

Visit <http://www.bfi.org> for event and location details or call 707-824 2242.

### **"Integral Politics for Global Cohesion: A Spiral Dynamics Perspective on Stratified Democracy"**

Speaker: Dr. Don Beck

Monday, December 8, 2003

7:30 -9:00 PM, free admission

The Hyatt Arlington Hotel at Washington's Key Bridge, Arlington, VA

Our current geopolitical problems are characterized by deep cultural divides and unparalleled complexity that outstrip humankind's available solutions. The safest place in any crisis is always the hard truth, and this lecture will propose that the concept of Stratified Democracy holds the key to our perplexing multilateral problems.

The concept of Stratified Democracy is deeply embedded in the Spiral Dynamics Integral model of human bio-psycho-social development, and is based on decades of academic research and practical field studies which have been applied from South Africa to South Chicago, with adaptations now being utilized in the United Kingdom, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Singapore, the Philippines, Germany, Brazil, Mexico, Canada, and elsewhere.

Contact Dr. Beck at (940) 300-6363 or [DrBeck@attglobal.net](mailto:DrBeck@attglobal.net)

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## **BFI Update**

### **Shop Online for Bucky-Inspired Gifts!**

Visit BFI's online store for gift ideas for the holidays. Our store features toys, models, books, and video tapes to explore a Fuller Universe. We also have special items on sale, such as the POLYDRON modeling kit!

You can also order by phone by calling 707-824 2242 or 800-967 6277.

Remember - members receive a 10% discount on all orders, and gift memberships make lovely presents, too.

For our online store: <http://www.bfi.org/search.html>

For memberships visit: <https://www.websitesecured.com/%7Ebfi.org/member.asp#becomeMember>

### **Final Weeks of our Matching Grant Drive**

As the 2003 draws to a close, so does our BFI Board Challenge Grant! We have so far collected \$17,000 towards this matching grant - with another \$3,000 we will meet the full challenge amount! You can help with your tax-deductible donation before the end of the year!

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