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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

"The truth about Leonardo DaVinci," a professor of mine once insisted. "is that he was the Buckminster Fuller of Renaissance Italy."

- Blake Gopnick

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A3826-2003Jan30.html>

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Trends and Perspectives

Recyclers Turn Construction Debris into Needed Products and Services

Throughout the nation, construction crews are building new offices, shopping centers, warehouses, condominiums, and subdivisions. And at every construction site, debris like concrete blocks, lumber, plastics, paper, and dirt must be removed.

http://www.enn.com/news/2003-02-20/s_2419.asp

(Source: Environmental News Network)

A Glimpse of a Future in a New Kind of Light

The ubiquitous lightbulb is quietly on its way to being replaced by light-emitting microchips that work longer and use less power.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/02/11/technology/11LIGH.html?th>

(Source: New York Times)

To the Moon in a Space Elevator?

Less than two decades from now, equipment and even people could reach the cosmos by way of an elevator zipping along a 62,000-mile carbonnanotube.

http://go.hotwired.com/news/technology/0,1282,57536,00.html/wn_ascii

(Source: Wired.com)

Oinks Per Gallon

The waste from hundreds of thousands of hogs will soon be powering vehicle diesel engines if Smithfield Farms follows through on a plan announced recently. Smithfield, the world's largest hog producer, intends to build a \$20 million waste-to-energy facility in southwestern Utah that will convert swine manure into biodiesel fuel, which burns more cleanly than standard diesel.

Currently the hog waste, 500,000 pounds per day, is stored in huge open pits, and the Utah farm has been fined \$45,000 over the last seven years for leakage from the pits.

Straight to the source: Salt Lake Tribune, Brent Israelsen, 23 Feb 03

<http://www.sltrib.com/2003/Feb/02232003/utah/32042.asp>

(Source: Daily Grist and Salt Lake Tribune)

*****This fun item came from our member Steve Brant - thanks Steve!*****

It's common for model-makers to hide references to favorite people or things in the models they make for movies, particularly science fiction movies. I just discovered that Bucky's name was hidden on one of the models used in the Star Wars movies...right where the "deflector shield generator" device was located. Here's a picture of it...

Enjoy! Steve

<http://www.decipher.com/artshow/eastereggs/starwarsccg/hoth/dark/edeflectorshieldgenerators.html>

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Resources

Virtually Fly Over the U.S. - TerraFly

TerraFly changes the way you view your world. Simply enter an address, and the system will put you at the controls of a new and innovative way to explore your digital earth.

<http://www.terrafly.fiu.edu/>

Utopia 2.0

A Web-based game called QUEST lets thousands of users model and reshape the future of the towns where they live and may be changing the future of urban planning and democratic decision making. The game lets users tweak dozens of variables, from land use zoning, and tax codes to air and water quality, transportation, and health care spending, then calculates what the city will look like in 2040 based on those choices.

http://www.utne.com/pub/2003_115/promo/10224-1.html

American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy:

Axles of Efficiency: New Book Ranks Greenest 2003 Cars and SUVs

<http://www.enn.com/direct/display-release.asp?objid=D1D1364E00000F37776898632F8CDD7>

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Events

EnvironDesign7

Washington, DC

April 30 - May 2, 2003

EnvironDesign is the premier conference showcasing all that is truly revolutionary about what's happening to advance environmental stewardship and sustainable development in both the public and private sector. EnvironDesign is one of the most well-respected symposium dealing with the topics of sustainable design and business practices and their ability to be incorporated into mainstream America.

This years faculty includes a line-up of well-known and well-respected experts in the field of sustainable business and building strategies.

Early-bird registration runs through March 6, 2003.

<http://www.environdesign.com/>

Big and Green

Exhibit - Towards a Sustainable Architecture in the 21st Century

January 17 - June 22, 2003

National Building Museum, Washington, DC

http://www.nbm.org/Exhibits/current/Big_and_Green.html

The companion lecture series:

http://www.nbm.org/Events/Calendar/Big_and_Green.html

2nd Annual Symposium with the Worldwatch Institute and UCSB

The Challenge of Sustainable Development

March 7 - 8, 2003

Santa Barbara, CA

Worldwatch President Christopher Flavin and Senior Researchers Hilary French and Molly O'Meara Sheehan will participate in lectures and panels that explore the environmental challenges of the 21st century, and present solutions for achieving an ecologically sound, economically viable, and socially just future.

For more information, go to <http://www.artsandlectures.ucsb.edu/lectures.asp> or call 805.893.3535.

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BFI Update**Bucky Up Close in March**

We have two March "Bucky Up Close" events scheduled in association with the one-man show "The History (and Mystery) of the Universe", currently playing at the Project Artaud Theater in San Francisco. "Bucky Up Close" features special guests recounting their unique, personal experiences with Buckminster Fuller.

Upcoming dates and speakers:**Sunday, March 9th, 2003**

4:30 PM (after the matinee performance)

D. W. Jacobs, writer and director of "R. Buckminster Fuller: the History (and Mystery) of the Universe," will speak of his experiences writing and directing the one-man show. Jacobs co-founded the San Diego Repertory Theatre in 1976 and served as its Artistic Director until 1977. He now works as a freelance writer, director, actor and teacher.

Sunday, March 23rd, 2003

4:30 PM (after the matinee performance)

Jay Baldwin, a Buckminster Fuller "artifact," author of BuckyWorks, inventor, design teacher, editor for Whole Earth Catalog, and former student and colleague of Fuller. He will be available to sign his book after his lecture.

To find out more about the speaker series, visit the BFI home page at <http://www.bfi.org>

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