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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

"When I am working on a problem
 I never think about beauty.
 I only think about how to solve the problem.
 But when I have finished,
 if the solution is not beautiful,
 I know it is wrong."
 - R. Buckminster Fuller

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Trends and Perspectives

Car Makers Go Green With Hybrids

New fuel-efficient vehicles are headed for market, paving the way for people who drive everywhere to do a little less damage to the environment. Ford even has an SUV in the hybrid category.

http://go.hotwired.com/news/autotech/0,2554,58516,00.html/wn_ascii

(Source: Wired News)

Fast Tracking

Sophisticated software and hardware are giving wildlife trackers an almost instant overview of plant and animal patterns. Ultimately, this will offer scientists a more profound understanding of how nature interacts. By bringing increasingly powerful software and hardware into the field, researchers can simplify the data-gathering and speed up its delivery and analysis.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2003/0403/p14s02-stct.html>

(Source: Christian Science Monitor)

Chalk-and-Plastic Packaging Makes the Perfect Butter Tub

A Swedish firm has invented a new type of material that, when burned, neutralizes the acid fumes generated by waste incinerators. http://www.greenbiz.com/news/news_third.cfm?NewsID=24500

(Source: Greenbiz.com)

Maths Gets Into Shape

One simple equation can generate a vast diversity of natural shapes, a Belgian biologist has discovered. The Superformula, as its creator Johan Gielis has christened it, produces everything from simple triangles and pentagons, to stars, spirals and petals.

<http://www.nature.com/nsu/030331/030331-3.html>

(Source: Nature)

Seven Activists Win Top Environmental Prize

A coal miner's daughter fighting to end a destructive form of mining and two Aboriginal elders working to block the construction of a nuclear waste dump in Australia were among seven winners of the Goldman Prize, also called the Nobel prize of the environmental movement.

http://www.enn.com/news/2003-04-15/s_3823.asp

(Source: Environmental News Network)

Harold Coxeter, 96, Who Found Profound Beauty in Geometry, Dies

Dr. Harold Scott MacDonald Coxeter, a mathematician who was hailed as one of the foremost geometricians of his generation and whose ideas inspired the drawings of M. C. Escher and influenced the architecture of R. Buckminster Fuller, died on March 31 in his home in Toronto. He was 96.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/04/07/obituaries/07COXE.html>

(Source: New York Times - requires free registration) or [visit their website](#).

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Resources**Recycling Action Website Tops a Million Hits a Month**

Who says interest in recycling and grassroots action is declining? The website of the GrassRoots Recycling Network (GRRN) passed the million-per-month hit mark for the first time in March. GRRN promotes Zero Waste as the new vision of the grassroots recycling movement, and cradle-to-cradle producer responsibility as the key to healthy, waste-free communities.

<http://www.GRRN.org>

"Practical Guide to Tensegrity Design" Online

Bob Burkhardt has made his nearly 200-page "Guide to Tensegrity" available for free on the web in html and a PDF option.

<http://www.channel1.com/users/bobwb/tenseg/book/cover.html>

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Events**Last Chance to see "The History (and Mystery) of the Universe"**

Only four weeks remain to experience the extraordinary one-man show about the life and work of Buckminster Fuller at the Project Artaud Theater in San Francisco. The final performance is scheduled to be May 25th.

For more information and for tickets visit <http://www.foghouse.com> or call 415-636 DOME.

Networking a Sustainable Future

A PlaNetwork Conference

June 6-8, 2003

At the Golden Gate Club in the San Francisco Presidio

Join innovators from the world of information technology, environmental visionaries, peace and social justice activists, independent media pioneers, and many others to explore how social networks, information technologies and the Internet can play a key role in accelerating positive global change.

BFI will be presenting the EARTHscope as part of the Global Systems theme. Other presenters include:

Hazel Henderson, MoveOn Cofounder Joan Blades, and a special Friday evening session honoring Douglas Engelbart – inventor of the mouse, hypertext, and windows, and father of modern computing.

For more information and to register online please visit <http://www.planetwork.net>

Ocean Arks

June 2-6, 2003. Natural Water Recycling and Cleansing. At the Yestermorrow Design/Build School in Warren,

Vermont. Call (802) 496-5545 to register.

June 23-28, 2003. The Design of Ecological Technologies. A 3 credit course at the University of Vermont in Burlington. Course #: NR-285. (802) 656-2085, <http://www.learn.uvm.edu>

For more information visit <http://www.oceanarks.org>

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BFI Update

Buckminster Fuller Institute presents a Video and Conversation Night in Sebastopol, CA

Monday, May 12th, 7 - 9 pm

Location: Sebastopol Situation Room, 400 Morris Ave, Suite E

(located across the parking lot from Coaches Corner).

Suggested donation \$5-\$20 (no one turned away for lack of funds.)

The evening will highlight video clips of Bucky from his 42-hours of "Everything I Know" and the Integrity Day events which were filmed right before his passing. We will create opportunities for conversation between clips and after. Ideas and spontaneous creativity can be captured on The Situation Room's large wall-sized white boards.

Feel free to bring snacks to share. Tell your friends.
Contact us at 707-824 2242 if you have questions.

New on bfi.org

Design Science Revolution slide show!

Visit new online Design Science Revolution slide show! The images and text present the same exciting Design breakthroughs featured on our banner at the Artaud Theater in San Francisco.

<http://www.bfi.org/designsc/revolution/index.asp>

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