

## 'A republic— if you can keep it'

Those were the words of Benjamin Franklin upon being asked what kind of government the new nation had. Yet, there is very little mention in the mainstream media these days about our republic.

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By all means, make a proper business plan. Like chicken soup, it can't hurt, and you may get lucky the first time out.

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## Solar home shows design of tomorrow

Alberta 'SolaBode' among competitors in prestigious Washington DC Solar Decathlon

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VANCOUVER—A solar home built by a team from four Calgary post-secondary schools will be showcased in Vancouver during the 2010 Olympic Games.

But first the home, called SolaBode, will head to the Solar Decathlon in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 22, where it will compete against entries by 20 teams from all over the world.

The team is composed of more than 100 faculty and staff from the University of Calgary, SAIT Polytechnic, Mount Royal University, and the Alberta College of Art and Design.

"Our team is probably the most diverse in the world for the competition," says Mark Blackwell, chair of the Alberta Solar Decathlon Project and a third-year energy management student at the University of Calgary.

Hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy, the prestigious decathlon includes 10 contests in which the entries are judged not only on energy efficiency, architecture, and engineering systems, but on a "whole whirlwind of disciplines," says Blackwell.

"A large portion of it is marketability, communications. So we are actually judged on the effectiveness of our website, the effectiveness of our tours, and also the justification of our market viability in the area and how we're showcasing this house as something that eventually could be rolled out into the mass market in a couple of years."

Measuring 800 sq. ft., the solar home utilized "a lot of multi-spacing," he says. "So the bedroom turns into your office area, to your yoga area, and there's a bed that snaps in the wall."

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## Dubai 'runaway spy' hit with U.S. legal case

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DUBAI—French former spy Herve Jaubert fled arrest and possible torture in Dubai by dressing in a woman's abaya and sailing away in a rubber dingy.

However, the daredevil escape artist may now have fewer places to run, after his creditors opened a legal case against him in his home state of Florida on Tuesday.

Jaubert was convicted in absentia in a Dubai Criminal Court in June for fraud and theft of millions of dollars from his former employer, Dubai World. Jaubert denies the charges.

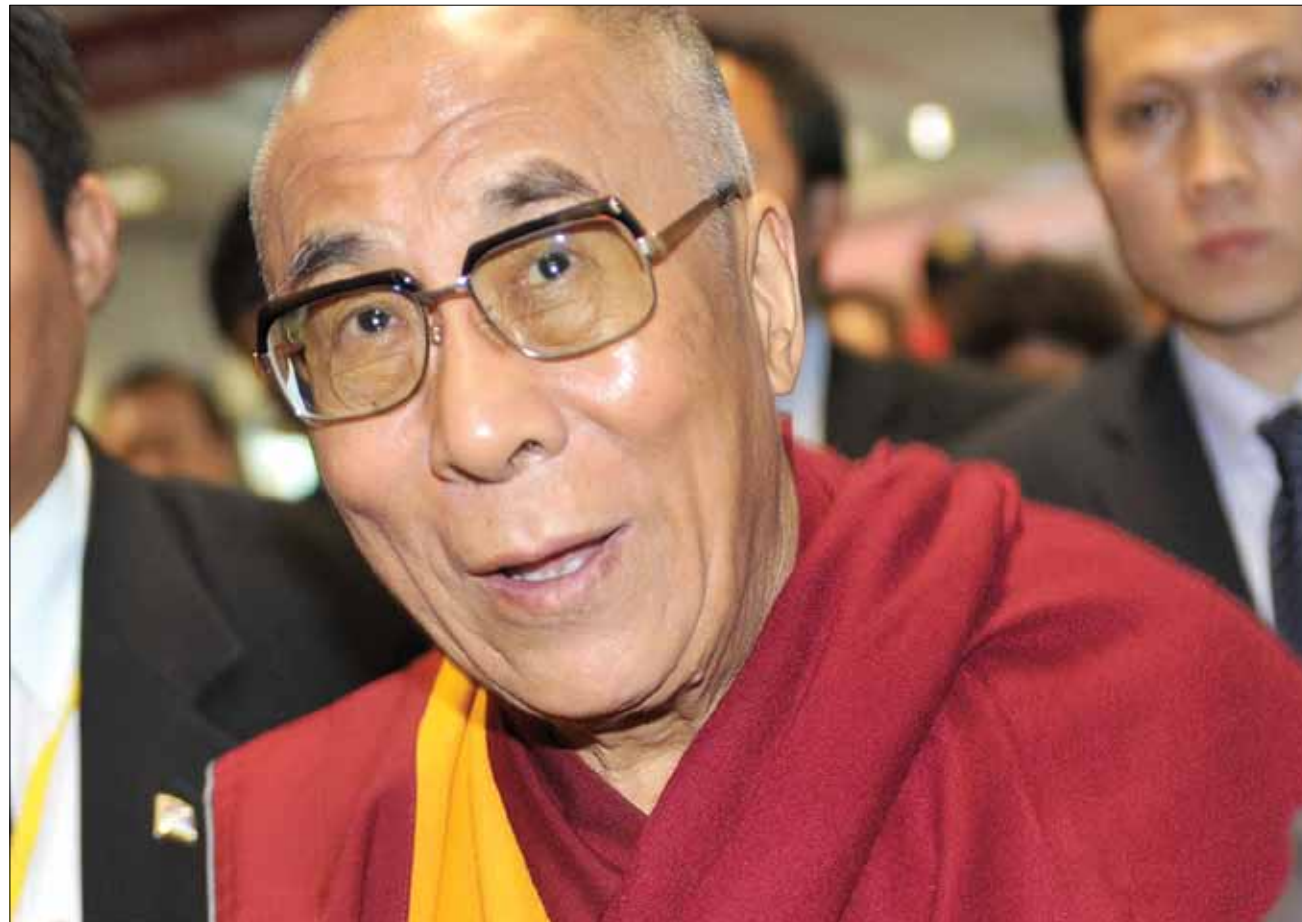
He was sentenced to five years in jail and issued a fine of Dh14 million (CA\$4.08 million) to recoup some of the money he allegedly embezzled while serving as CEO of submarine manufacturing subsidiary Exomos.

However, because of his escape, Dubai World has had to open a civil case against him in the federal court of Southern Florida.

"Dubai World is fully confident that the U.S. court will come to the same conclusion as a Dubai court did," said a spokesman for Dubai World.

"Mr. Jaubert misrepresented his ability to design and build submarines to obtain his position as CEO of Exomos and then used that position to steal millions of dollars from Dubai World."

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The Dalai Lama, the exiled leader of Tibet, is among the luminaries attending the Vancouver Peace Summit next weekend. SAM YEH/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

## Change-makers to attend Vancouver Peace Summit

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VICTORIA—A line up of big names from the realms of education, the arts, politics, philanthropy, business, and community activism will join the Dalai Lama in Vancouver next weekend for a three-day peace summit.

The Vancouver Peace Summit: Nobel Laureates in Dialogue, will include a series of dialogues focussing on the themes of peace, education, creativity and well-being, and women and peace-building.

Joining the Dalai Lama will be six Nobel laureates including Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Jody Williams, and Mairead Maguire. Other luminaries include former President of Ireland Mary Robinson, musician and activist Sir Bob Geldoff, and Kim Campbell, former Prime Minister of Canada.

"We have a very historic gathering of very interesting people. I don't think Canada has ever seen six Nobel laureates together in one place," says Victor Chan who, along with the Dalai Lama, co-founded the Dalai Lama Center for Peace and Education, the host of the summit.

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A man touches one of the hand-carved caskets at the African Burial Ground in New York City. STEPHEN CHERNIN/GETTY IMAGES

## African burial grounds beneath Manhattan towers

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NEW YORK—Just two blocks north of New York City Hall lies a large artistic memorial, soothing streams, and waterfalls. Few people would guess that the site commemorates the estimated 15,000 to 20,000 African-Americans buried in the area—many now under modern skyscrapers.

Men, women, and children of African ancestry—both enslaved and free—were denied church burials during the colonial era. They then chose the outskirt area north of Chamber Street—known as "Land of the Blacks"—as their large-scale interment.

These 17th and 18th century bodies buried 20 to 24 feet below the ground were overlooked when modern

developers set their eyes on the area. Countless buildings rose just a few feet above, covering this unmarked 6.6 acre cemetery.

"The African Burial Ground is a cemetery, however it does not look like a cemetery," said Douglas Massenburg, park ranger with the National Park Service (NPS). "Here, you don't see those headstones and tombstones. We don't know who's buried... Instead, there are sidewalks, there are streets, there are cars, and there are tall buildings—all are on top of the cemetery."

One exception occurred in 1991, when workers were building a new federal office building on Broadway. They excavated the skeletal remains of 419 African-Americans—which were later studied and reburied.

"We found this country's oldest and largest known African cemetery," said

Massenburg, who guides free tours at the burial ground. "Captive and free African women and children, in most instances, were wrapped in newspaper. All were placed in cardboard boxes and then just stored like books... More importantly, over 90 percent were laid in the ground in a position—a particular position—where their heads point west, their feet point east—Africa, thus leading the souls back home."

Due to the great elapse of time, researchers were unable to name the people who had been excavated. Nevertheless, they could identify the age, gender, cause of death, and more.

General Services Administration (GSA), which controlled the project, decided to preserve the remains, redesigning the building to provide adequate room for a memorial.

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## Officials blame mothers-in-law for China's skyrocketing housing prices

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Chinese officials have been putting forward bizarre explanations for China's rising real estate prices recently, with Secretary-General of the China Academy of Real Estate, Gu Yunchang, blaming the ever-rising housing prices on mothers-in-law.

Gu said a mother-in-law will tend to pressure her son-in-law, regardless of his financial situation, into buying apartments—so as to benefit her daughter.

He made the remarks at the China Real Estate & Finance Annual Forum on Sept. 3. The comments were picked up and ridiculed widely by bloggers and online media who were skeptical of the claims, given that mothers-in-law have always been around, whereas housing prices soared only recently.

Peculiar statements from real estate experts didn't end there, however.

Real estate developer Feng Lun said that unmarried young women were the cause of the recent rise in housing prices. He then suggested limiting buyers to people

over 35 years old.

Professor Dong Fan from Beijing Normal University thinks that couples, living together out of wedlock, have stimulated apartment buying.

However, the actual causes of housing price inflation in China are embedded in the political system and are widely known, according to the Sing Tao Global Network.

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Local governments have been using real estate markets to generate revenue and thereby claim "political achievements," said Sing Tao. Real estate developers, in turn, take advantage of loose

policies to hoard property and raise prices. Property speculators have also been driving up prices.

The Sing Tao Global Network also said the reason public figures have not been talking about the core problem of the real estate market is two-fold. First of all, they are benefiting from the high housing prices and do not want to acknowledge there is a problem; secondly, they want to shirk responsibility for their poor management of the housing market, according to the network.

In comparison to common people, who have no way to lobby for or safeguard their interests, the economic, political and cultural elite do.

At the end of last month, China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) bought eight apartment buildings in Beijing Taiyang Star City at one-third the market price.

CNPC's Northern China Sales Company also bought the Baoshihuahuan Community in Beijing. After the purchase it was reported that every official ranked above Associate Section Chief got a free apartment.

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