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## BRIEF

## Watt a lot of heroin

**DUBAI:** Bags of heroin were found hidden inside a man's stereo speakers, Dubai Court of First Instance has been told. Police said they received a tip-off in March that a 32-year-old Nigerian businessman was in possession of the drugs so they stopped him while he was in a taxi in Al Qusais. "He had five sound system speakers with him and we found heroin inside plastic bags hidden in the speakers," an Emirati police officer said in a statement. "We went with him to his house in Ajman and found three scales used to measure drugs and 91 capsules of heroin." The defendant has pleaded not guilty to possessing and dealing in 1.7kg heroin. Police said the defendant claimed in interview the drugs belonged to a friend. The trial has been adjourned until next month.

Husband and wife draw up plans for energy-producing artwork

# Art reflects energy

By Sean O'Driscoll

Works of art could provide clean energy to thousands of UAE homes under new proposals being pitched to Dubai Municipality.

The UAE Land Art Generator Initiative, the first of its kind in the world, hopes to build sculptures that could be both tourist attractions and renewable energy generators.

Husband and wife team, Robert Ferry and Elizabeth Monian, have released computer generated images of some of the proposed artwork, including a giant necklace dangling across a Sharjah bay that would generate electricity from wave movement.

Another installation for Dubai's Sheikh Zayed Road would have a live, 24-hour webcam image of an Alaska national park while also generating solar energy for Dubai streetlamps.

Ferry, a Dubai-based architect, said he is hopeful that

Dubai Municipality will approve of the Sheikh Zayed Road project.

"We are very, very optimistic after the meetings we've had. We are also calling for the cooperation of the other areas of the UAE. There could be an artwork in every emirate," he said.

Ferry and Monian, both architecture experts, want to hold a competition for the best renewable energy art works.

Their own proposals include the Khor Fakkan Necklace, which would provide power for 15,000 homes.

The project would include 832 wave power generators strung across a bay in Khor Fakkan, Sharjah.

Ferry said he has not yet worked out the cost of the project, but said that each of the wave energy generators could cost tens of thousands of dollars.

Another project would put giant glass spheres in the eastern village of Shwaib. Each sphere would heat up in the



**RENEWABLE:** An impression of the Khor Fakkan project

desert sun, generating electricity in underground generators.

The Sheikh Zayed Road Alaska project could include dozens of solar panels and would generate electricity for

street lamps and nearby petrol stations.

Dubai Municipality said the relevant official was on leave but would be able to discuss the project when he returns.

DUBAI

## Birthday blues turn gold

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Fayyaz (pictured), who is Pakistani, said he plans to donate part of the money to charity and also build his dream home in Karachi.

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## Tower's last panel ready

The last piece of glass cladding for the exterior of the Burj Dubai, the world's tallest building, is ready and waiting to be installed. Arabian Aluminium Company - a member of Al Ghurair Construction Industries LLC, started work on the exterior cladding of Burj Dubai in April 2007. The 6m-long panel will be taken to the site and installed in the coming weeks. The tower currently stands at more than 800m tall.

## Opening on right track

Preparations are in full swing for the launch of the Dubai Metro, officials have said. The project will open on September 9 with the launch of the red line connecting Jebel Ali and Rashidiya. And pre-paid Nol cards for travelling on the metro will be ready before the service starts next month, the Roads & Transport Authority said at a news conference yesterday. But some cards for senior citizens and students will be introduced at a later stage. Officials added construction work was in full swing for the completion of the project.



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