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## A Look Back

**F**irst of all Thank You for reading and allowing Danielle and I the opportunity to work with you in creating financial security through Alberta real estate.

I feel like I just wrote December's newsletter to you last week, instead of last year. Are you sitting cozily around the fireplace preparing your Christmas list while you read, do you have your feet tucked under the kotatsu, or are you putting on another layer of coconut suntan lotion to perfect your tan? Wherever this message finds you, I trust that you've had a successful year.

I always write about business, I should as I am writing a business newsletter, however, this time I wanted to finish up the year on a more personal note ...

**At around this time last year** I was celebrating New Year's with my family in South Africa. My Granny had become a centurion that summer (no, not like in ancient Rome) and we all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season together. I spoke to her on the phone in August and we enjoyed a good, jovial chat.

**It meant a lot to be able to go and see her last year.** Shortly after her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday, she passed away peacefully surrounded by our family. I think she felt it was time to say goodbye.

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My cousin Caroline, who is an illustrator, drew up a really cool caricature of Granny playing piano in heaven with a big golden halo above her head. I imagine that's what it must be like for her; as a life long music teacher, playing the piano and violin were her passions.

I spent time in Edmonton on a fantastic investment tour and enjoyed sharing the beauty of our province with partners from around the world and other parts of Canada. At the same time I was able to be part of my close friend's wedding in Golden, B.C. and then flew over to Victoria to spend time with my childhood friend who is battling cancer. **My definition of battling means to fight and win over a challenge.**

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## A Look Back

Article by Glenn Simon Inc.

**Sometimes there are things in life that take precedence and it's important to recognize what they are.** It's easy enough to get off track and lose focus, but that is where life's balance lies isn't it? That is the trick in finding life's equilibrium.

Yes, I could tell you how much real estate has helped me create the freedom to travel and spend time with those important in my life and that would be true. But, with all the joy, fun and security it creates, it still doesn't buy back life or cure cancer. Then again, maybe it does in some small way. The way that, like it or not, money gives you the freedom/ability to spend time with those that are dear to you.

*"Expect the best, plan for the worst and be pleased (and prepared for) the surprises along the way."*

**Are you wondering about the Real Estate results partners achieved over the last 12 months?** On the combined acquisitions from 1/06 to 12/06 our partners have grossed an **average profit of 57% on their investments.**

**What does my crystal ball foretell for 2007?** Hopefully a slow down in the market! (Read last month's newsletter)

Next year will bring excellent opportunities to continue purchasing before the next big increase. Expect slow (for Alberta) and steady for the next while. Add to your portfolio now or you'll be sorry! ;)

Next year you will see our new blog, audio and launch of our new name as Alberta Oil Sands Real Estate Investments®

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**'More Good News!'**

## Today is Yesterday's Tomorrow

By Jim Rohn

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**The problem with waiting until tomorrow is that when it finally arrives, it is called today. Today is yesterday's tomorrow. The question is what did we do with its opportunity?**

**All too often** we will waste tomorrow as we wasted yesterday, and as we are wasting today. All that could have been accomplished can easily elude us, despite our intentions, until we inevitably discover that the things that might have been have slipped from our embrace a single, unused day at a time.

**Each of us must pause** frequently to remind ourselves that the clock is ticking. The same clock that began to tick from the moment we drew our first breath will also someday cease.

**Time is the great equalizer of all mankind.** It has taken away the best and the worst of us without regard for either. Time offers opportunity but demands a sense of urgency.

**When the game of life is finally over,** there is no second chance to correct our errors. The clock that is ticking away the moments of our lives does not care about winners and losers. It does not care about who succeeds or who fails. It does not care about excuses, fairness or equality. The only essential issue is how we played the game.

**Regardless of a person's current age,** there is a sense of urgency that should drive them into action now - this very moment. We should be constantly aware of the value of each and every moment of our lives - moments that seem so insignificant that their loss often goes unnoticed.

**We still have all the time we need.** We still have lots of chances - lots of opportunities - lots of years to show what we can do. For most of us, there will be a tomorrow, a next week, a next month, and a next year. But unless we develop a sense of urgency, those brief windows of time will be sadly wasted, as were the weeks and months and years before them. There isn't an endless supply!

**So as you think of your dreams and goals of your future tomorrow, begin today to take those very important first steps to making them all come to life.**

To Your Success,

Jim Rohn

# Small Science May Mean Big Boom to City of Edmonton

**By: Jennifer Huygen, The Gateway**

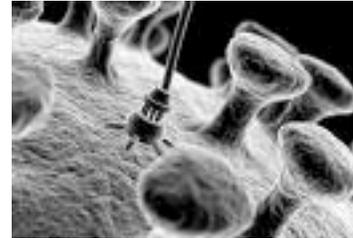
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**Research into nanotechnology at the U of A is making the city one of the nation's foremost centres for the industry, and companies are taking notice**

Edmonton has recently staked its place as a focus of international attention in the growing field of nanotechnology, with the University of Alberta at the forefront since the new National Institute of Nanotechnology (NINT), a partnership between the National Research Council and the U of A, officially opened their new facility in June 2006.

"Canada has at least on a national level put its eggs into one basket, and that basket is here," remarked Dr Jillian Buriak, the Chair of Inorganic and Nanoscale Materials at NINT, who pointed to the increased investment in this type of research at the U of A.

Dr Hicham Fenniri, Group Leader for the Supramolecular Nanoscale Assembly Group at NINT echoed this sentiment. According to Fenniri, with high-tech sectors like biotechnology and genetic engineering already established in places like Silicon Valley, Massachusetts and Toronto, Edmonton is ready to be recognized for its contribution to nanotechnology.



***Take a walk down Nano Way;  
Diversity, cutting edge technology  
lead the way.***

***"Part of NINT's mandate is an economic one," explained Buriak, who said that many believe that "nano is the new oil."***

"In terms of nanotechnology, it's still an open field," Fenniri said. "We'd like to have a piece of the pie in this particular area."

**Fenniri believes that nanotechnology can thrive in Alberta because of our province's wealth, energy resources and desire to diversify the economy.**

Construction of NINT, the new 15 000 square metre facility on the U of A campus, cost approximately \$40 million. The building can accommodate 120 staff and 45 guest workers from industries and universities. It also provides training opportunities for up to 275 graduate students and post-doctoral researchers.

"The challenge with doing research in this area is that in order to visualize, see and characterize really small things, you need a lot of instrumentation to do it and it tends to be very expensive. Its not the sort of thing one researcher can get with a couple of grants. It's very much a joint enterprise," Buriak said.

## Small Science May Mean Big Boom To City of Edmonton

And the effects of this enterprise can be felt all around campus, Buriak asserted.

“[It] exposes our students—graduate students, undergraduates, post-doctoral associates, and faculty all over campus to this area of research that is at the center of attention,” she said.

Apart from the U of A, nanotechnology companies have been making Edmonton’s 99 Street their home base. The newly dubbed “**Nano Way**” facilitates the economic approach to nanotech applications.

“[We need to] create a bridge between university and industry, and I think in a sense NINT is that bridge,” Fenniri said. He added that the institute allows products developed or improved on a fundamental university level to be accessible to business for product marketing.

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Nanotechnology has a multidisciplinary effect on the fields of medicine, science and engineering. Projects currently being developed range from improving the efficiency of the oil sands industry to targeting diseases

***"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."***

***-Anatole France***

in more effective and less invasive ways for patients. All done with particles 50 000 times smaller than the width of a human hair.

**“There’s a quiet revolution going on in science and engineering that is being catalyzed by nanotechnology,” Buriak said.**

### **Boiling It Down:**

*I’m grateful that I have the knowledge and the means to invest into such a vibrant city at such an opportune time and that I can help you reach your financial goals as well. There is no doubt that Alberta’s economy and ingenuity will continue to set us up for years of prosperity.*

*Once again Alberta is leading the field and this time it is in nanotechnology. It’s exciting stuff. Get excited! Have a safe, happy and wonderful holiday season. Wishing you and your family the best in the New Year!*

**-Todd and Danielle Millar**

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