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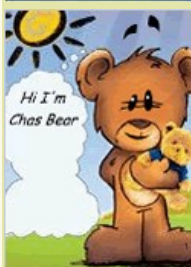
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FROM BERRY EVERITT

So there is France, one of the richest and safest countries in the world - and are its people happy? Definitely not, going by the fact that the country is Europe's biggest consumer of anti-depressants.

In fact, according to a just-released international Gallup poll, they are the most pessimistic people in the world, with 61% believing 2011 will bring them economic woe, compared to an average of 28% who think this in the 53 countries surveyed.

In Brazil, India and China, on the other hand, 49% of people believe 2011 will be economically prosperous, and in Vietnam, the most optimistic country, 70% are confident of a good year financially. And while Gallup did not give figures for SA, we are apparently also relatively optimistic despite job insecurities. According to a December survey by Deloitte, 45% of South Africans believe that the economy will improve in 2011.

Indeed, our country appears to be gaining increasing renown for our positive, "can-do" attitude, and nowhere was this hopeful outlook more evident this past week than on the shining faces of the 2010 matriculants, who had just pulled off our second World Cup miracle by doing so well.

They made me feel so proud of living here, and their determination to find opportunities rather than give in to obstacles has really reinforced my own confidence that together South Africans will bring about more economic recovery this year - and that we will see a steady improvement in the property market.

Indeed, as 2010 came to a close we were already seeing an increase in sales that exceeded expectations. And there are promising signs as we begin 2011 that the business start to the year could be earlier and more active than we have seen for a number of years. So it is with great optimism that I am reviving that old greeting, and wishing everyone not only a happy New Year but a prosperous one as well.



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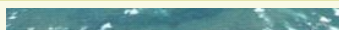
Constantia - R 27,000,000



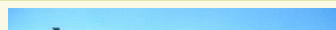
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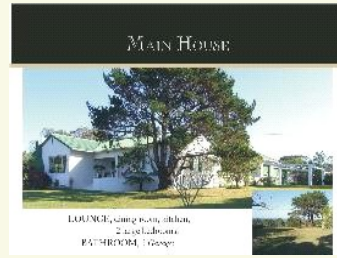
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