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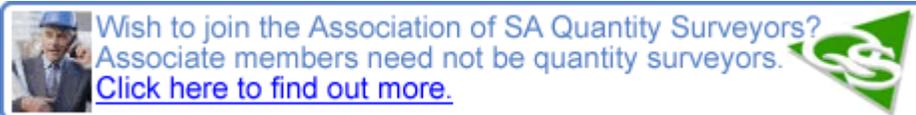
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### [Sapoa unhappy with Cuban imports](#)

THE South African Property Owners' Association (Sapoa) has added its voice to the growing discontent over the housing department bringing 38 Cuban architects and engineers to SA to train local people to build their own homes in townships and rural areas. Brian Kirchmann, CEO of Sapoa and manager at the Property Council of SA, has questioned why professionals were being brought to SA when the country already had enough professionals prepared to do the work.  
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### [Cape port to expand repair facility](#)

THE Port of Cape Town is set to expand its ship repair capability to meet current and future demand. The new repair facility to be built is expected to increase the competitiveness of the port by attracting private investment.  
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### [Sea park targets 1.5-million visits](#)

DURBAN The R735m marine theme park being built as a catalyst for the development of the Durban waterfront is expected to attract 1,5million tourists in its opening year.  
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### [R71m for Free State temporary casino](#)

A R71-million temporary casino and entertainment centre in Welkom, in the Free State Province, is set to be completed by early December.  
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### [Rainprop in on R500m DTI deal](#)

A PUBLIC-private partnership agreement to design, build, finance and operate a new R500m head office campus of the trade and industry department (DTI) in Pretoria has been signed between the DTI, finance department, the City of Tshwane and an empowerment consortium, Rainprop.

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### [Majuba adds spark to Eskom capacity](#)

Amersfoort, Mpumalanga - South Africa's second-biggest power station, Majuba, was officially opened yesterday, more than two years after it started producing at full capacity.

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### [Sasol weighs new R10bn liquid-fuel plant](#)

PETROCHEMICALS and synthetic fuels group Sasol was considering the construction of a gas-to-liquid fuel plant in Secunda, CE Pieter Cox said yesterday.

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### [Four-step roll out for gas pipelines](#)

Minerals and Energy Minister Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka has spelt out the phases in which government's gas infrastructure plan will be rolled out.

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### [Moosa scuppers plan for Wild Coast mining](#)

DURBAN Environmental Affairs and Tourism Minister Valli Moosa has scuppered plans for a multimillion-dollar Australian mining development on the pristine Wild Coast, announcing that he will proclaim a national park in the region later this year.

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### [Contractor seeks to integrate design and building](#)

Construction and engineering group Murray & Roberts' order book stood at R4,8-billion – or 96% of turnover.

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### [Council promises to support construction start-ups](#)

The Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality's local economic development department (LED) has pledged its support to help give start-up construction businesses within its boundaries a push towards sustainable growth.

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### [Coega's construction villages lauded as workers move in](#)

The first tenants have begun moving into the construction villages that have been constructed at the emerging industrial development zone (IDZ) at Coega, in the Eastern Cape - the zone's administrators claim that the accomodation is equivalent of a three-star hotel.

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### [Lontoh seals Ivorian property deal](#)

JOHANNESBURG-based project finance firm Lontoh South Africa has signed a memorandum of agreement with Yamoussoukro, the capital city of Côte d'Ivoire, for a 500m residential project.

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### [IST says nuclear project has support](#)

IN SPITE of losing one international investor and having another facing serious financial problems, a key South African player in this country's nuclear reactor project says these problems will not slow down the project.

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The International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC) was founded with the objective of promoting co-operation

### [Rugby players score big in Ballito deal](#)

DURBAN Sharks players John Smit, Shaun Sowerby and Butch James have added property to their many interests, entering a R70m development deal with London-based associate Trevor Boynton and Durban developer Mark Taylor.

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### [Delays in valuations likely to cause problems for Sars](#)

Numerous commercial and industrial properties are likely to remain unvalued for capital gains tax (CGT) purposes by the September 30 deadline.

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### [The rush is on to reduce asbestos use](#)

The industrial and manufacturing sectors are being pressured to reduce the use of asbestos-based products for the sealing of their process equipment and in the construction of their facilities.

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### [Petroleum firm increases spending as clean fuels deadline closes in](#)

Petroleum company Engen expects to spend between R100-million and R200-million before 2006, in preparation for the legislation enforcing the production of unleaded petrol and low-sulphur diesel.

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### [Steel maker reviews its auto strategy](#)

South Africa's largest steel producer, Iscor, together with its largest shareholder, LNM, is in the midst of a far-reaching review of its automotive-steel strategy in a bid to ensure its continued presence in the sector beyond 2005.

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### [SA is set to become a biomass-pellet exporter](#)

Two South African companies are investing tens of millions of rands in projects to make biomass pellets for export to electricity producers in Europe, especially those in the Scandinavian region, where restrictions on greenhouse-gas emissions from power-generating plants are becoming increasingly stringent.

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### [Hoedspruit farmers mull sugar entry](#)

Shareholding in a sugar project in Hoedspruit, Limpopo Province, is being discussed at present, following a successful preliminary feasibility study which found that it was economically viable to grow sugar cane and mill it at a proposed sugar mill in the area.

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### [Ballet coup for Civic Theatre](#)

THE South African Ballet Theatre will be moving its headquarters to the Johannesburg Civic Theatre from Pretoria in what is seen as a cultural coup for the city. Bernard Jay, CEO of the Johannesburg Civic Theatre, says it is building two dance studios, one above the other.

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between national and multi-national quantity surveying, cost engineering and project management organisations worldwide. ICEC has access to more than 40 000 professionals in over 30 countries. Following the established pattern of biennial World Congresses, ICEC has granted South Africa the privilege of hosting their 4th World Congress.

The ICEC World Congress 2004 will be held in Cape Town from the 17th to 21st April 2004. The congress is proudly co-hosted by the Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS) and the Cost Engineering Association of Southern Africa (CEASA). For further details [click here](#).

## RETAIL ROUNDUP

### [Retail centre on track to achieve record turnover](#)

Canal Walk, Century City's retail centre, is on track to achieve turnover of R1.7 billion for its third year of trading - up from R1.35bn the previous year and 70% or R700 million ahead of its maiden trading year.

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### [Summit to probe failure of petrol stations](#)

Senior Business Correspondent A RETAIL sector summit for the liquid fuels industry is being mooted as a response to the increase in the financial failure of many retail service stations.

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### [SA's top brands are on the move in Africa](#)

Experts spell out the necessity for a differentiated marketing approach MORE and more of SA's favourite brands are finding their way into the African marketplace as retailers such as Shoprite and Metro Cash & Carry expand their businesses northwards.

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### [Spur doubles its cash on hand](#)

Cape Town - Spur Corporation, the family restaurant group, yesterday reported lower headline earnings, which were affected by a strengthening rand, but a 21.5 percent increase in operating profit from R37.7 million to R45.8 million for the year to June.

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**LAST CALL >>>> INVITATION TO ATTEND A LECTURE - CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

The Architecture Department of the Pretoria Technikon invites all members and other interested parties to attend a professional practice lecture on Friday 12 September 2003 starting at 14:00. The programme of events is as follows:

14:00 - 16:00 Eyvind Finsen will be dealing with Conflict Resolution :-

- Avoiding disputes
- Dispute and conflict resolution
- Mediation
- Arbitration
- Adjudication
- Litigation.

16:00 - 17:00 Ian Alexander will be dealing with the Pleasure of Practice:

- Pleasure
- Pitfalls
- Fun or Profit
- What do I do for my money

Refreshments will be served and the cost is R 50.00 for members of the PIA and R 80.00 for non-members. Bookings are essential and must be made by calling the PIA office (012 341 3204) before 12:00 on 11 September 2003.

#### **BECOME INVOLVED ----- SUPPLEMENT ON ARCHITECTS AND ARCHITECTURE**

Pretoria News is planning to put together their annual 8-page supplement on architecture into the Pretoria News on either the 22nd or 23rd of September in line with Heritage Day on the 24th September. A further meeting is proposed with the newspapers' team in order to define the contents. A list of members' names and contact numbers will form part of the paper, together with advertisements. The latest committee photograph will be published with a mention of each member's portfolio - their vision and progression. For the rest, we are asking you as members to please give us some feedback as to what you would like to see covered in this tabloid as it is an opportunity for us, as a profession, to communicate with the public. It was thought that the latest article "Demystifying the Architect", which has been released recently (by the PIA for members / clients use), could become part of this tabloid - depending on the light in which we are to present the paper.

Your comments and input will be valuable to us. Please reply at your earliest convenience.

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### MEMBER COMMUNICATION 7

On 11 September 2003 SAFCEC made a settlement proposal to the unions. At the request of the NUM a meeting was held to discuss the settlement proposal. BCAWU indicated that with a few editorial amendments the settlement proposal is acceptable to them and they may consider withdrawing their dispute declared with SAFCEC.

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### SAFCEC CONVENTION 2003

As announced in last week's Newsletter, the SAFCEC Convention 2003 will take place at the Golden Horse Casino, Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal on 20th October 2003. [Click here](#) for more details and an invitation. [Click here](#) to book for accomodation.

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### SAFCEC PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

We would like are reminded that each year the President of SAFCEC makes an award for some outstanding achievement by a Member company during the year. The award is made on the personal recommendation of the President but the conditions for consideration are fairly open.

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### CONTRACT LAW COURSE FOR CONTRACTORS

#### JOHANNESBURG

SAFCEC is presenting a Course on Contract Law for Contractors IN Johannesburg, prepared mainly for the benefit of Contract Managers and Site Agents.

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### VISIT SAFCEC

Sixty three years constitute two generations. [The South African Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors](#) has celebrated over sixty years of being the "midwife" of the development of South Africa. Its members were intimately involved in the creation of the infrastructure that became the envy of our continent. In the same spirit, SAFCEC has prepared itself for the challenges awaiting us in the new millennium.

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### NEWS FROM AFRICA

#### [Egypt seeks \\$450m infrastructure finance](#)

Egypt is seeking about \$450m in loans from the World Bank to finance airport and irrigation projects.

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#### [Nigeria unveils development strategy](#)

President Olusegun Obasanjo and his advisers have unveiled a new \$8bn a annum development plan.

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#### [African indaba agrees on better use of river waters](#)

Water ministers from 19 riparian countries have agreed on the need for the equitable use of water resources in Africa's three river basins.

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### PC Assistant

#### VIRUS OR HOAX?

In case you ever receive an e-mail containing a virus warning please check carefully whether it refers to a real virus or a hoax. Usually e-mail warnings encouraging you to forward the information to all and sundry are hoaxes. You can make sure by visiting the [Virus or Hoax?](#) web site or by visiting the hoax list on [Symantec](#)

Be an informed Internet user and check the facts before forwarding an e-mail hoax to others!

If you suspect that you have opened an e-mail containing a virus visit the virus information section on [Virus or Hoax?](#) The site also links to free virus-removal programs.

### [Huge Lagos project to start soon, with expertise from SA](#)

Plans to develop a waterfront at Victoria Island in Nigeria are about to be realised. THE main drivers behind the Bar Beach Waterfront and Tourism Gateway, planned for Victoria Island off Lagos, hope to start construction of the complex in March next year.

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### [Stability in Botswana at risk, says institute](#)

BOTSWANA could face a "deeply disturbing" future because of the increasing inequality among its citizens and its failure to achieve broad-based economic development.

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### [US agrees to reschedule Nigeria's debt](#)

The US government has agreed to reschedule the \$924m Nigeria owes some American companies and agencies

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## **MINING NEWS**

### [Forget the crisis, hope for the best](#)

The new mining legislation is still vague on certain key issues, and some outcomes are likely to be taken on goodwill and trust.

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### [Future of Avmin may lie in the hands of Harmony](#)

Anglovaal Mining, one of SA's oldest mining companies, is hoping to remain intact as it works on a strategy to turn its fortunes around.

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### [AECI: Moving on Chemserve](#)

Minorities in specialty chemicals group Chemical Services are likely to view AECI's proposed buyout and delisting of the group with some sadness.

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### [Investec buys another slice of DRD stock](#)

Johannesburg - Investment banking group Investec yesterday surprised the market for a second time this week by taking up another 9 million shares in Durban Roodepoort Deep (DRD), bringing its investment in the gold producer to almost R0.5 billion.

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### [Consortium to be set up to pursue Waterberg coal](#)

Coal producer Kumba Coal will be forming a consortium to drive the development of the Waterberg coal deposits and associated industries, Kumba Coal GM Ernst Venter reported at an international investors' conference in Limpopo Province last month.

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### [New plant may engage in third-party tailings treatment](#)

Last week saw the official opening of Chemwes, the wholly-owned subsidiary of environmental remediation company Mine Waste Solutions

(MWS). The R104-million Chemwes project, in Stilfontein, in the North West Province, is the maiden project of MWS, which was established in 1999 to effect sustainable environmental remediation while, at the same time, reclaiming and reprocessing mine tailings and other waste materials.

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### **NEWS FOR ESTATE AGENTS AND HOME OWNERS**

#### **[Infrastructure group builds 700 rental units in booming Rustenburg](#)**

The housing construction arm of infrastructural company Group Five, Group Five Housing, has been actively involved in housing construction, from mass low-cost to upmarket housing developments, for over 25 years, throughout South Africa and neighbouring African countries.

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#### **[Another 450 apartments for popular Cape Town](#)**

The construction of the first phase of 450 residential apartments in Century City, Cape Town, called The Island Club, began at the end of last month.

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#### **[This rate cut could break logjam](#)**

This week's cut in interest rates, the third since June, will bring further relief to existing homeowners, and could help uncork the bottleneck that has been building up at the lower end of the residential property market.

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#### **[Foreign interest boosts E Cape farm prices](#)**

Game farms in the Eastern Cape hinterland around Grahamstown are still in strong demand among foreign buyers wishing to secure their own bit of Africa.

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#### **[Protection on the way for landlords](#)**

Landlords who have been struggling to evict non-paying tenants under the Prevention of Illegal Eviction (PIE) Act will be pleased to learn that the legislation is to be amended to deprive defaulting tenants of its protection.

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#### ***Tip of the week***

*Regression is the decrease in value when surrounded by smaller homes. Progression is the increase when surrounded by larger homes.*

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## SPECIAL REPORTS

### [Smart time to invest](#)

Certain types of industrial property offer the best investment opportunities, according to a property cycle study by economists Viruly Consulting. Offices, though languishing, are also worth a punt. The property market has followed a consistent cycle of oversupply and undersupply, expansion and contraction, recession and boom, says Viruly partner Pauline Larsen. But the different subsectors follow it at different times and speeds ([see graphic](#)).

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### [Corporate Facilities Spent 13 Percent More on Security in 2002](#)

The commercial real estate industry has always had comprehensive emergency preparedness plans in place even prior to the events of September 11.

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## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The indicators as on

[Downturn in mining sets Mintek back R6m](#)

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	This week	6/09/03
Rand/\$	7.4050	7.3350
Rand/£	11.8102	11.5882
Rand/€	8.2798	8.0789
R150	8.98%	8.98%
Gold/oz	\$381.10	\$375.80
Gold Mining	2650.80	2474.03
JSE All Share	9391.70	9190.66

### [JSE drifts weaker in dull trade](#)

The JSE was drifting in the red just before noon on Friday in a dull, featureless market  
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STATE minerals technology group Mintek has blamed much of its R6m shortfall for the year to March on the downturn in the domestic mining industry.

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### [Netcare in R1.4bn UK bid](#)

Network Healthcare Holdings has been selected as the likely preferred bidder for two new treatment centres in the UK.

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### [Good credit still counts](#)

Even with the dramatic decline in interest rates, there's more to a successful home loan application than the "right" month-end salary.

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### [Unionists condemn salaries of Seta bosses](#)

Johannesburg - Union leaders and analysts have roundly condemned the huge salaries being earned by bosses of sector education and training authorities (Setas) and have called for measures to control such payments

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## ASAQS NEWS

### Promotion of Access to Information Act - 2 Year reprieve

On 29 August 2003, the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development exempted all private bodies, except any company not being a private company, from compiling the manual contemplated in section 51(1) of the Act for a period of two years. Manuals now only need to be submitted by 31 August 2005. We will retain our [guide in the GUG](#) to assist you to prepare a manual for your practice.

### New Regulations - are clients liable?

Frans van der Walt writes:

*"I attended the local KZN MBA members' meeting on Thursday-evening last week, and was stunned by a presentation given by the Health & Safety manager, Mr Neels Nortjé, from the KZN MBA on new legislation regarding Construction Safety.*

*The implications of the new legislation is far-reaching and would have a major impact on the Risk of our clients, consultants (especially designers !), and is something which I believe our members should hear more about.*

*Our clients, as of the end of July 2003 on all projects new and less than 50% complete on the date, are*

## Did you hear?

### Catching Cows

More than anything, Bob wanted to be a cowpoke. Taking pity on him, a rancher decided to hire the lad and give him a chance.

"This," he said, showing him a rope, "is a lariat. We use it to catch cows."

"I see," said Bob, trying to seem knowledgeable as he examined the lariat.

"And what do you use for bait?"

### Find the Rabbit

*RESPONSIBLE for safety on site !"*

Frans is referring to the [Occupational Health and Safety Act of 1993](#) that also governs safety on construction sites. I could not obtain reference to any new regulations that make the client responsible for safety on site but Frans assures me that this is so. The new legislation also places an added burden on designers and apparently also places an onus on the consultants to take a contractor's safety record into account when adjudicating tenders!

Frans is organising a talk for our Zululand members on 1 October in Empangeni. Subscribers, who are interested, should contact Frans on Tel. 035 – 7880088. We wish to thank Frans for bringing this matter to our attention and also for undertaking to keep us informed about legislation that could have far-reaching implications for the construction industry.

Editor

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### Closed User Group enlarged

We have this week, with the assistance of MWeb, been able to increase the limit of membership to the closed user group on the ASAQS website to 2500 members. We were previously limited to 1000 user id's.

When we launched our website in 1997 there were only about 100 members who had access to the Internet and we did not think that we would ever run out of user accounts for the CUG!

We apologise again to members who were placed on a waiting list while we tried to resolve the matter.

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Seen on [Classifieds](#)

QS position in Centurion

Established firm in Centurion requires QS with minimum 4 years post graduate experience. One post available for permanent position and one post for 18 months contract.

Junior QS (PQS)

Large PQS company in Johannesburg is looking for a Junior QS who has worked in a PQS company for min 2 yrs. Must have Bsc QS or ND QS. Must have worked on Commercial exp (Hotels, shop centres etc)

Senior QS

PQS company looking for Senior QS to work on own projects (Commercial) Must have relevant exp and PQS background!

Partner PQS

Large PQS Concern in Johannesburg is looking for another Partner to join their firm. Must be able to bring clients with into Partnership!

QUANTITY SURVEYOR

The Scorpions, The SAPS, and Mapogo are all trying to prove that they are the best at apprehending criminals. The President decides to give them a test. He releases a rabbit into a forest and has each of them try to catch it.

The Scorpions go in. They place animal informants throughout the forest. They question all plant and mineral witnesses. After three months of extensive investigations they conclude that rabbits do not exist.

Then the SAPS go in. After two weeks with no leads they burn the forest, killing everything in it, including the rabbit, and they make no apologies. The rabbit had it coming.

Then Mapogo go in. They come out two hours later with a badly beaten raccoon. The raccoon is yelling: "Okay! Okay! I'm a rabbit! I'm a rabbit!"

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### Texas Congressman

Nominated for Quote of the Year is the statement made by Texas Congressman Dick Armey when asked, "If you had been in President Clinton's place would you have resigned?"

Armey's reply:

"If I had been in the president's place I would not have gotten the chance to resign. I would have been lying in a pool of my own blood, looking up, and listening to my wife ask, 'How do you reload this son of

BSc / ND plus 5-8 yrs exp in building contracting office

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### **JBCC SEMINARS**

JBCC have advised us of the following seminars being presented. Further enquiries and registrations please contact JBCC direct on (011) 646-0174 or [jbcc@mweb.co.za](mailto:jbcc@mweb.co.za)

7 October 2003 - ½ day Johannesburg Country Club Auckland Park Minor Works Agreement

8 October 2003 - one day Johannesburg Country Club Auckland Park Principal Building Agreement

### **[Seen on the Calendar](#)**

#### **Date : 17- 18 September 2003 Centurion**

Event: Project Management Demystified - NQF Level 4

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Information: This course will be held on the 17 to 18 September 2003 at the Centurion Lake Hotel, Centurion. For more info contact Terry Deacon at 082 557 3119

Contact: Antoinette Monama [training@projectpro.co.za](mailto:training@projectpro.co.za)

#### **Date : 28 - 30 September 2003**

Event: D E E COST ENG AND ESTIMATING

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:00 AM

Information: Focused on Detailed estimating and escalation. Contact: Marié Voogt 011 766 2805 or [secretary@ceasa.org.za](mailto:secretary@ceasa.org.za)

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**Remember:** Visit the [ASAQS website](#) for new updates!

We wish to welcome the following new members to the ASAQS Closed User Group:

*Lesego Mogoatlhe - DRPS Gauteng*

*Khulani Zulu - Umgeni Water*

*Ingrid Keevy - Keevy and Keevy QS*

*Gideon Keevy - P.A.Venter Shopfitters*

*Chris Aucamp - J.C. Aucamp Quantity Surveyor*

*Mauritz Kachelhoffer - MK Quantity Surveyors*

*Merlyn Webb - Merlyn C Webb*

*Ashley Ruiters - Letchmiah Daya Varachhia*

*Chris Reyneke - Currently in UK for Medlockgroup Ltd.*

*Alistair Hobden - McIntosh Latilla Carrier & Laing*

*Brian van der Merwe - Horwood van der Merwe Associates*

*Terence Wheeler - Terence Wheeler*

*Mark Seymour - Crawford loss Adjusters*

*Peter Boyes - Barratt & Boyes*

**Please note** : Only paid-up members of the Association of South African Quantity Surveyors are

a bitch'?"

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### **Profound Statements**

Santa Claus has the right idea -- visit people only once a year.  
(Victor Borge)

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.  
(Mark Twain)

Whatever women do they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily, this is not difficult.  
(Charlotte Whitton)

I never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back.  
(Zsa Zsa Gabor)

Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: Alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat.  
(Alex Levine)

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allowed entrance to the CUG. We still receive a number of applications every month from non-members. If you have any questions regarding membership contact Mrs Barbara Morgan on 011-3154140

**Also note** that your registration to the CUG will remain in force as long as you remain a member of ASAQS and there is no need to register every year. If you have not received an e-mail confirming your registration contact [ASAQS](#).

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