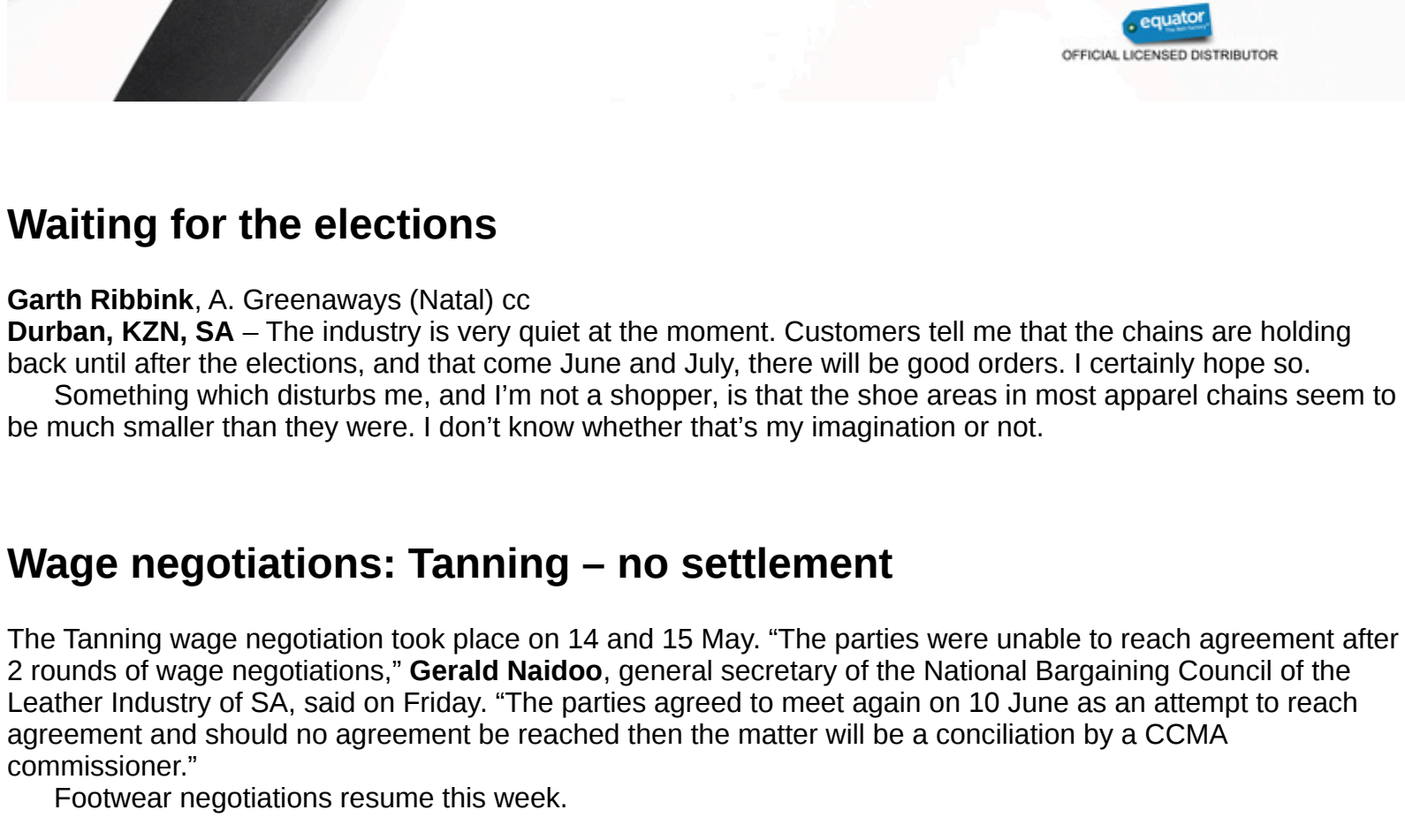


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Waiting for the elections

Garth Ribbink, A. Greenways (Natal) cc
Durban, KZN, SA – The industry is very quiet at the moment. Customers tell me that the chains are holding back until after the elections, and that come June and July, there will be good orders. I certainly hope so. Something which disturbs me, and I'm not a shopper, is that the shoe areas in most apparel chains seem to be much smaller than they were. I don't know whether that's my imagination or not.

Wage negotiations: Tanning – no settlement

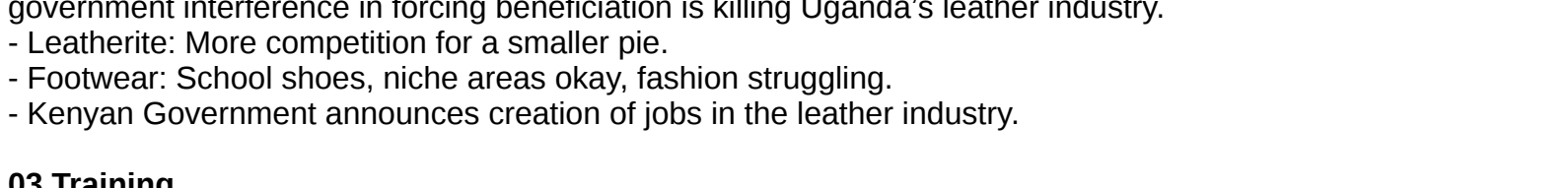
The Tanning wage negotiation took place on 14 and 15 May. "The parties were unable to reach agreement after 2 rounds of wage negotiations." **Gerald Naidoo**, general secretary of the National Bargaining Council of the Leather Industry of SA, said on Friday. "The parties agreed to meet again on 10 June as an attempt to reach agreement and should no agreement be reached then the matter will be a conciliation by a CCMA commissioner."
Footwear negotiations resume this week.

Death notices

East London, E. Cape, SA – **Glen Putterfick**, formerly of Glen's Shoes, died on 01 March 2024, aged 79. An obituary will follow in the May issue of *S&V Footwear & Leather Goods*.
Pinetown, KZN, SA – **Leo Vandenheede**, formerly of last maker Fanci-Form, died last Wednesday, 15 May, aged 55, of multiple organ failure, after a long illness. An obituary will follow.

In case you missed it!

The May issue of S&V African Leather Magazine



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S&V AFRICAN LEATHER MAGAZINE VOL18 No5 May 2024

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- 02 Sam Setter's 'Pills'**
- A new quip from **Sam Setter** in each issue.
- 03 Upront**
- Why leather factories in Jinja have closed: Report from Ugandan publication The Monitor shows how government interference in forcing beneficiation is killing Uganda's leather industry.
- Leatherite: More competition for a smaller pie.
- Footwear: School shoes, niche areas okay, fashion struggling.
- Kenyan Government announces creation of jobs in the leather industry.
- 03 Training**
- The debate – and heat – over the closure of ICL needs to end, and there are ways forward: A 3-way conversation between **Dr Christine Anscombe**, **Dr Clive Jackson-Moss** and **Karl Flowers**.
- 03 An Eclectic View**
- Carbon Neutral: Correspondent **H. Procter** reports on changes to stop the corruption caused by carbon off-setting.
- 08 Leather, its Image & Its Place In The World**
- Africa continues to call, writes the Sustainable Leather Foundation's **Deborah Taylor**, following a busy programme of auditing tanneries in Madagascar, Malawi, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe, with preliminary visits to others.
- ALLPI joins the SLF.
- **Deborah Taylor** elected as new vice-president of the SLTC.
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- Obituary: **Ken Moakes**, bon vivant, reactory and fine leather technician.
- Recognition for long-serving SLTC secretary **Pat Potter**.

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All China Leather Exhibition (ACLE) (07), Authenticae (05), International School of Tanning Technology (ISTT) (09), Mimosa (12), Rolles Leather Division (16), S&V Calendar (01), S&V Directory (04), Southern African Footwear & Leather Export Council (SAFLEC) (19), Stahl (OFC), Sustainable Leather Foundation (02).

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They Said It

"**Hey! Sounds like you're preparing my obituary!**" - **Len Crozier**, retired, formerly with Clariant and TST Agencies, Bronkhorstspuit, Mpumalanga, SA. No, honestly, just trying to get my facts straight.

Got anything you'd like to share?

Do you have any suggestions, comments or experiences about the industry that you'd like to share with the industry? - tony@svmag.co.za

New subscribers last week

Chris Armstrong, Category Manager, Jilemnice, Czech Republic
Silvia, Export Director, Rogar SA, Portugal
Anu, Entrepreneur, Zapfly, Durban, KZN, South Africa

Birthdays this week

20/05/1934: **Diana Beckley**, retired, formerly agent, Durban, KZN, SA.
20/05/1951: **Sam Ferreira**, Samfer Equipment Technologies, Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.
21/05/1949: **Donald Blanshard**, Foot Fashion, Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA.
21/05/1949: **Norman Norris**, retired, formerly Urban Zone, Randburg, Gauteng, SA, now South Coast, KZN.
21/05/1949: **Diana Tepitsky-Keffler**, Teplov Shoes & Dancewear, Somerset West, W. Cape, SA.
21/05/1976: **Sandeep Chhunial**, Speri, Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA.
21/05/1987: **Matthew Dunning**, Trumpler Leather Chemicals, Worms, Germany, formerly NTE, Pietermaritzburg, KZN, SA.
22/05/1958: **Craig Wells**, Sidison Footwear Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.
22/05/1972: **Cindy Dumba**, Naked Feet, Durban, KZN, SA.
22/05/1977: **Dr Willem Burger**, SAABC Ostrich Research, Oudtshoorn, W. Cape, SA.
22/05/1973: **Farai Musungwa**, Safety-Qip Botswana, Francistown, Botswana.
23/05/1950: **Dean Padayachee**, retired, formerly Daylan Footwear (closed), Durban, KZN, SA.
23/05/1952: **Martin Cohen**, L. Cohen Outfitters, Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.
23/05/1965: **Craig Harper**, left the industry, formerly Wayne Rubber, Palmer Rubber and Egoli Gumboots (all closed), Amanzimtoti, KZN, SA.
24/05/1965: **Wayne Stanford**, emigrated, formerly agent, East London, E. Cape, SA.
24/05/1970: **Terry Maritz**, Mott! Shu's, Pretoria, Gauteng, SA.
24/05/1972: **Carla Fowler**, BBF Safety Group, Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.
25/05/1950: **David Boulanger**, Little Leather Shop, Margate, KZN, SA.
25/05/1951: **Gerald Naidoo**, National Bargaining Council, Durban, KZN, SA.
23/05/1952: **Chris vander Merwe**, formerly Cedar Shoes & Accessories (closed), Bloemfontein, Free State, SA.
26/05/1955: **Dr Elibariki Mnarri**, JAE(T) Ltd, Mwanza, Tanzania.
26/05/1966: **Manoj Morar**, Impressions, Vryheid, KZN, SA.

In memoriam this week

21/05/2019: **Theo Heffer** (b. 06/12/1934), Association of SA Manufacturers of Luggage, Handbags & General Goods, Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA.
23/05/2012: **Chris van der Merwe**, Oasis Tanning, Krugersdorp, Gauteng, SA.
23/05/2020: **Cyril Saxe** (b. 02/10/1936), Lonshoe Holdings, Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.
24/05/2013: **Casper Louw** (b. 11/04/1944), Busy Bag (closed), Stanger, KZN, SA.

Have you let us know about your birthday, or the birthdays of your colleagues? Our readers love this section, so please become part of it. This also applies to the In Memoriam section. Help us remember former colleagues.

Directory entries updated this week

Strand Outfitters [F. Hunter & Sons cc], East London, E. Cape, SA.
Super Star Fashions (Pty) Ltd, Vereeniging, Gauteng, SA.

MAY 2024

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Exchange rates

Note: For previous rates, see [HERE](#)

1. SA Rand (ZAR)/Lesotho Loti (LSL)/Namibian Dollar (NAD)/Swazi Lilangeni (SZL)

Source: <http://www.x-rates.com/calculator/>

	Euro €	GBP £	US \$	CNY ¥
02/01/2024	R20.30	R23.42	R18.54	R2.61
06/01/2024	R20.45	R23.77	R18.68	R2.61
13/01/2024	R20.44	R23.79	R18.65	R2.62
20/01/2024	R20.71	R24.14	R19.01	R2.67
27/01/2024	R20.39	R23.85	R18.78	R2.64
05/02/2024	R20.41	R23.89	R18.98	R2.64
10/02/2024	R20.52	R24.03	R19.03	R2.64
17/02/2024	R20.35	R23.80	R18.89	R2.62
24/02/2024	R20.91	R24.40	R19.30	R2.68
02/03/2024	R20.71	R24.17	R19.11	R2.65
09/03/2024	R20.48	R24.07	R18.72	R2.60
16/03/2024	R20.43	R23.89	R18.75	R2.60
23/03/2024	R20.59	R23.93	R18.99	R2.62
01/04/2024	R20.37	R23.83	R18.96	R2.62
06/04/2024	R20.24	R23.60	R18.67	R2.58
13/04/2024	R20.08	R23.48	R18.85	R2.60
20/04/2024	R20.35	R23.67	R19.12	R2.64
27/04/2024	R20.13	R23.51	R18.82	R2.59
04/05/2024	R19.92	R23.21	R18.50	R2.55
11/05/2024	R19.88	R23.10	R18.45	R2.55
18/05/2024	R19.74	R23.06	R18.16	R2.51

2. Botswana Pula

Source: <https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>

	Euro €	GBP £	US \$	CNY ¥
02/01/2024	14.66	16.91	13.39	1.88
06/01/2024	14.78	17.19	13.51	1.89
13/01/2024	18.81	17.24	13.52	1.89
20/01/2024	14.86	17.33	13.64	1.91
27/01/2024	14.77	17.28	13.61	1.91
05/02/2024	14.73	17.24	13.70	1.90
10/02/2024	14.77	17.29	13.70	1.90
17/02/2024	14.77	17.28	13.71	1.90
24/02/2024	14.92	17.41	13.77	1.91
02/03/2024	14.90	17.39	13.74	1.91
09/03/2024	15.01	17.64	13.72	1.90
16/03/2024	14.80	17.30	13.58	1.88
23/03/2024	14.79	17.19	13.64	1.88
01/04/2024	14.77	17.28	13.75	1.89
06/04/2024	14.86	17.34	13.71	1.89
13/04/2024	14.55	17.01	13.66	1.88
20/04/2024	14.67	17.07	13.78	1.90
27/04/2024	14.75	17.23	13.79	1.90
04/05/2024	14.84	17.30	13.79	1.90
11/05/2024	14.67	17.05	13.62	1.88
18/05/2024	14.74	17.22	13.56	1.87

3. Malawian Kwacha (MWK) (buying)

Source: <https://www.rbm.mw/>

	Euro €	GBP £	US \$	ZAR
10/02/2024	1849.26	2165.66	1666.73	90.57
17/02/2024	1847.37	2160.68	1666.73	90.73
24/02/2024	1850.36	2173.21	1666.73	91.40
02/03/2024	1855.79	2167.03	1666.73	91.32
09/03/2024	1878.96	2198.79	1666.73	91.92
23/03/2024	NA	NA	NA	NA
16/04/2024	1916.05	2234.16	1716.73	93.54
01/04/2024	1913.05	2232.75	1716.73	93.36
06/04/2024	1914.11	2232.22	1716.73	94.51
13/04/2024	1889.00	2213.30	1716.73	94.21
20/04/2024	1880.34	2194.91	1716.73	92.06
27/04/2024	1896.43	2211.17	1716.73	93.03
04/05/2024	NA	NA	NA	NA
11/05/2024	1906.15	2217.01	1716.73	95.80
18/05/2024	1921.00	2238.58	1716.73	97.24

4. Zambian Kwacha (ZMW) (buying)

Source: <https://www.boz.zm/>

	Euro €	GBP £	US \$	ZAR
10/02/2024	29.04	33.99	26.96	1.41
17/02/2024	27.36	31.96	25.40	1.34
24/02/2024	25.41	29.19	22.99	1.19
02/03/2024	25.48	29.77	23.56	1.22
09/03/2024	26.25	30.78	24.14	1.28
16/03/2024	27.33	32.00	25.09	1.34
23/03/2024	28.52	33.25	26.36	1.38
01/04/2024	26.90	31.45	24.88	1.31
06/04/2024	26.66	31.06	24.69	1.32
13/04/2024	26.52	31.05	24.94	1.32
20/04/2024	27.31	31.88	25.61	1.33
27/04/2024	28.38	33.12	26.49	1.40
04/05/2024	29.12	33.99	26.98	1.46
11/05/2024	29.44	34.22	27.34	1.48
18/05/2024	27.64	32.28	25.49	1.39

5. Zimbabwe Dollar (ZWLS) (average) / Zimbabwe Gold (ZiG)

Source: [Source: https://www.rbz.co.zw/](https://www.rbz.co.zw/)

	Euro €	GBP £	US\$	ZAR
10/02/2024	12335.25	1448.09	11450.66	40.42
17/02/2024	13556.28	15850.40	12597.58	
24/02/2024	14868.38	17396.60	13736.36	
02/03/2024	16324.79	19062.07	15098.03	
09/03/2024	17235.24	20160.26	15742.82	
16/03/2024	19794.68	23183.11	18201.92	
23/03/2024	NA	NA	NA	NA
01/04/2024	23536.57	26305.85	20824.77	
06/04/2024	31099.56	36262.23	28729.38	
13/04/2024	ZiG 14.01	ZiG 16.40.23	ZiG 13.08	ZiG 1.36
20/04/2024	ZiG 14.15	ZiG 16.53	ZiG 13.31	ZiG 1.44
27/04/2024	ZiG 14.39	ZiG 16.78	ZiG 13.42	ZiG 1.41
04/05/2024	ZiG 14.55	ZiG 17.01	ZiG 13.55	ZiG 1.36
11/05/2024	ZiG 14.56	ZiG 16.92	ZiG 13.51	ZiG 1.36
18/05/2024	ZiG 14.54	ZiG 16.95	ZiG 13.39	ZiG 1.35

Note: For previous rates, see [HERE](#)

ABSA Agri Trends: Hides & skins prices

Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA (17 May 2024) - The average hide price decreased by 0.67% to 3.19/kg from R3.21/kg a week ago. The current price is 6.6% lower than the average price a month ago and 13.1% lower than the average price a year ago. The range of prices reported was as follows: Minimum price: R2.83 Maximum price: R3.25. Price movements will be highly influenced by developments in the status of our animal diseases. Please note: Our methodology weighs the prices we collect according to the number of hides they sell in a month. This is done to make it more representative of the prevailing market price. NB* Hide prices are determined by the average of the RMAA (Red Meat Abattoir Association) and independent companies. - **Marlene Louw**, senior agricultural economist, and **Nkhensani Mashimbyi**, agricultural economist, and **Zama Sangweni**, agricultural economist, ABSA group.
Note: For previous prices, see [HERE](#)

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We invite businesses to send us links to websites, Facebook pages and the like which they feel would be of interest to others. The links below are from our database:
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[Superbalist.Com](#), Cape Town, W. Cape, SA. Online retailer.

THIS WEEK LAST YEAR!

Retailers reported that load shedding despondency was affecting shops.
No deal had been reached in Footwear Sector wage negotiations.
The programme for Micam trends presentations in Johannesburg was published.
READ IT HERE - [S&V WEEKLY NEWSLETTER VOL.9 NO.21, MAY 22 2023](#)

THIS WEEK FIVE YEARS AGO!!

Dangee Carken advertised that its Butterfly Feet brand had reached 200 000 Facebook fans.
5 Retailers provided mixed feedback for the previous weeks trading, some good some bad.
In wage talks the Footwear sector signed a 3-year agreement.
SLTC announced growth in Convention delegate numbers.
Pepkor reported a steep rise in earnings.
Hayley Roberts, former brand merchant for ladies and girls footwear at Mr Price, resigned.
Two former SARS customs auditor's were jailed for corruption.
There was more response to the request for suppliers of shoe horns.
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