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We only received a couple of responses to request for comment on trading last week, so we've decided to hold them over for next week, when we will be looking particularly at back-to-school trade.

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**How our parallel institutions keep SA functioning**

New Year's eve was pretty catastrophic in the Dickson household. At around 1 am, after the fireworks were over (more about them in a moment), some of our frazzled dogs got into a slugfest - well bitefest, really.

One of them, who arrived on our road 5 years ago weighing not much more than the legion of fleas on her back, was quite badly hurt, and I had a bite on each hand.

Much of yesterday was spent on her operation and my tetanus shot, and I felt it really wasn't such a great start to a new year.

But while the incident was very unpleasant, the response was actually remarkable testimony to the efficiency of the private sector. My treatment at Entabeni Hospital was very efficient, thorough and polite, and because I have medical aid, free.

Millie's treatment at Westville Veterinary Hospital - on a public holiday - was equally efficient, thorough and polite. No medical aid, so it was an expense I hadn't budgeted for, but that's a lesson.

The important point is that I doubt a visit to a state hospital would have been comparable. And yet, not that many years ago, before private hospitals became such a big industry in SA, it would have been. I did vac jobs at Frere Hospital in East London, and I can speak from experience.

We need more privatisation, not less.

Oh, and those fireworks. In our neighbourhood, in previous years, the volume and duration have been terrible. This year, not so much. Perhaps we have less disposable income to thank for that.

**A quote for 2023**

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again." - William Hickson (1803-1870), British writer.

**Directory entries updated last week**

City Outfitters, Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA.  
 Goraz Footwear Manufacturing Co., Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA.  
 Knight's Shoes, Grahamstown, E. Cape, SA.

**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](mailto:tony@svmag.co.za)

- 03/01/1946: **Johannes Kruger**, Perfect Shoes, Keetmanshoop, Namibia.
- 03/01/1948: **Dave Lloyd**, retired, formerly Bata SA, Pinetown, KZN, SA.
- 04/01/1945: **Mike Lambrakis**, retired, formerly various shoe factories in Pinetown, KZN, now in Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA.
- 04/01/1956: **Allison Gans**, GW Cowie & Co., Pinetown, KZN, SA.
- 05/01/1950: **Roger Durrbaum**, retired, Barker Footwear (now part of Bolton Footwear), Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.
- 05/01/1952: **Charles Poole**, Design Unique Belts, East London, E. Cape, SA.
- 05/01/1957: **Herman Alheit**, Dick Whittington Shoes, Pietermaritzburg, KZN, SA.
- 05/01/1965: **Jay Laloo**, Decofurn, Durban, KZN, SA.
- 05/01/1983: **Andreas Lambrakis**, Europa Art Group, Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA.
- 05/01/1963: **Hugo Zuanni**, Leather Link, Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.
- 05/01/1977: **Peter Lin**, C.Y. Lin, Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.
- 06/01/1947: **Allan Harris**, Woodheads, Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.
- 06/01/1968: **Gavin Kisten Pillay**, Topline Manufacturers, Durban, KZN, SA.
- 06/01/1970: **Neville Walters**, ACA Thread, Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.
- 06/01/1976: **Michael Gounden**, Michelle Footwear, Durban, KZN, SA.
- 07/01/1941: **Dieter Zettler**, retired, formerly PMC group, Pinetown, KZN, SA.
- 07/01/1977: **Hannelie Scholtz**, Fabulous Fashions, Vryburg, N.W. Province, SA.
- 07/01/1970: **Ingo Fleischer**, Johnson Controls SA, Uitenhage, E. Cape, SA.
- 08/01/1944: **Kishor Mistry**, Shoe Junxion, Sasolburg, Free State, SA.
- 08/01/1972: **Intiaz Butler**, agent, Durban, KZN, SA.

- 04/01/2004: **Rob Gowie** (b. 01/07/1938), GW Reynolds/Rob Gowie Components/ Fashion Components/ Plasticone [all closed], Pinetown, KZN, SA.
- 05/01/1996: **Henry Ogus** (b. 09/02/1944), Bata SA, Shoes for Africa, Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA.
- 06/01/2000: **Alan Palmer** (b. 02/09/1946), Medicus, Port Elizabeth, E. Cape, SA.
- 06/01/2010: **Minty Kock** (b. 15/06/1950), Meroda Footwear [closed], Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.
- 07/01/2010: **Danie Du Toit** (b. 22/02/1948), Carca Footwear [closed], Lesotho.
- 07/01/2015: **Rob Thompson** (b. 06/08/1948), agent, Johannesburg, Gauteng, 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.

JAN 2023						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15 Exporiva...	16 Couromo...	17 Intersec ...	18 Intersec ...	19 Intersec ...	20	21 Whos Ne...
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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 ¥
02/01/2023	R18.12	R20.49	R17.00	R2.46

2. Botswana Pula (BWP)

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

	Euro €	GBP £	US \$	CNY ¥
02/01/2023	13.58	15.35	12.74	1.84

3. Malawian Kwacha (MWK)

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

	Euro €	GBP £	US \$	CNY ¥
02/01/2023	1091.10	1233.25	1023.76	148.37

4. Zambian Kwacha (ZMW)

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

	Euro €	GBP £	US \$	CNY ¥
02/01/2023	19.27	21.78	18.08	2.62

5. Zimbabwean Dollar (ZWL\$)

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

	Euro €	GBP £	CNY ¥	Official US\$
02/01/2023	385.83	435.99	52.45	671.44

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

**Have a look at these links**

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:

- [Jack's Footwear](#), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Men's leather footwear manufacturer.
- [Jade Safety](#), Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA. PPE reseller.

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