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Can President Jacob Zuma fulfil his promise to root out corruption?
- **Love of Designer Clothes Adds Flair to Police Corruption Trial in South Africa**  
By BARRY BEARAK, The New York Times, October 19, 2009  
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This is one of those trials that promise to offer up juicy tales of the high and mighty involved in things down and dirty -- and it has begun as the disconnect between the country's pampered political elite and its impoverished masses seems particularly extreme.
- **Have Faith in an AIDS Vaccine [Editorial]**  
By Seth Berkley, New York Times, October 19, 2009  
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Vaccine researchers don't often find themselves at the center of public controversies. But a storm has erupted over the announcement last month that an experimental AIDS vaccine tested in Thailand proved modestly effective. It was billed as a major scientific advance - the long-awaited hard evidence that it is possible to inoculate people against AIDS.
- **Ex-leader to get \$5m Africa prize**  
BBC News, October 19, 2009  
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/8313929.stm>  
South Africa's Thabo Mbeki and Ghana's John Kufuor are among this year's potential winners.
- **'Darwinian medicine' in focus at World Health Summit**  
By Patrick Rahir, AFP, October 19, 2009  
<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5j7-R292NQJTL0tP4o4hCwjXjNHTw>  
In focus at a World Health Summit, which finished Sunday in Berlin, was evolutionary or Darwinian medicine, which aims to help doctors and medical researchers recognise that humans have evolved down the ages..... Dan Stein from the University

of Cape Town in South Africa summarized research on anxiety and depression, and said it was important to make a difference between illness and normal defence mechanisms.

- **World economies hold climate talks in London**  
AFP, October 18, 2009  
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"What we need to have happen is for China and India and Brazil and South Africa and others to be willing to take what they're doing, boost it up some, and then be willing to put it into an international agreement," he said.
- **Party Rift Grows Wider In Zimbabwe**  
By Celia W. Dugger, New York Times, October 19, 2009  
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The spokesman for President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe dismissed the decision made by Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai's party to boycott cabinet meetings as "a non-event" and declared that the cabinet would meet Tuesday as scheduled, the state-owned Sunday Mail newspaper reported.
- **Zimbabwe Power Struggle Flares**  
By Farai Mutsaka, Wall Street Journal, October 17, 2009  
[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB125569146514789737.html#mod=todays\\_us\\_opinion](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB125569146514789737.html#mod=todays_us_opinion)  
Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai said his party had cut off contact with President Robert Mugabe and will boycott weekly cabinet meetings until the Zimbabwean president agrees to share power equally.
- **Mugabe Spokesman Dismisses Zimbabwe Unity Boycott**  
By Godfrey Marawanyika, AFP, October 19, 2009  
[http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20091018/wl\\_africa\\_afp/zimbabwepolitics](http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20091018/wl_africa_afp/zimbabwepolitics)  
The unity rule has placed Zimbabwe on the return to stability, easing ties with international donors, but has been plagued by unresolved problems with calls for greater signs of reform from Mugabe.
- **Zimbabwe Opposition Boycotts Unity Government**  
By Celia W. Dugger, Caiphaz Chimhete, New York Times, October 17, 2009  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/17/world/africa/17zimbabwe.html?ref=world>  
"This is the time for us to say enough is enough," said Thabitha Khumalo, a spokeswoman for the M.D.C.
- **Zimbabwe's Efforts to Prevent New Cholera Outbreak**  
By Griffin Shea, AFP, October 18, 2009  
[http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20091018/lf\\_afp/zimbabwehealthcholera](http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20091018/lf_afp/zimbabwehealthcholera)  
Zimbabwe declared an end to the cholera epidemic at the end of July, and only five cases have been reported since then, in a rural district where periodic outbreaks are common.
- **ZIMBABWE: No collateral, no inputs, then no food**  
IRIN NEWS, October 16, 2009  
<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=86618>  
The planting season in Zimbabwe is fast approaching, but farmers are struggling to access crucial agricultural inputs, bringing fears of yet another poor harvest.
- **Taking on poverty**

By Linda Leicht, Springfield News-Leader (Missouri), October 17, 2009

<http://www.news-leader.com/article/20091017/LIFE07/910170324/1004/RSS05>

When Eric Mayle saw the fenced-off compound filled with kids playing soccer, it was a shocking contrast to the surrounding poverty of the South African village of Nellmapius. The Missouri State University senior was on a mission trip with Campus Crusade for Christ in 2007 when he encountered the village and the couple who turned that fenced-off compound and its primitive building into a haven and a hope for the future.

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