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Unity doomed apartheid. Next up: climate change

By Desmond Tutu. USA Today. October 23, 2009

<http://blogs.usatoday.com/oped/2009/10/column-unity-doomed-apartheid-next-up-climate-change-.html>

[In South Africa, we showed that if we act on the side of justice, we have the power to turn tides. Worldwide, we have a chance to start turning the tide of climate change with just such a concerted effort today.]

PBS' 'Endgame' explores covert risks taken to end apartheid

By Robert Bianco. USA TODAY. October 23, 2009

http://www.usatoday.com/life/television/reviews/2009-10-22-endgame-masterpiece-contemporary_N.htm

[In Endgame ,a Masterpiece Contemporary movie from director Pete Travis (Vantage Point), the primary intentions belong to the South African men who risked ostracism, or even death, by engaging in secret talks to end apartheid. And the result was a peaceful resolution few inside or outside of South Africa would have predicted.]

'Endgame' and the fall of apartheid

David Wiegand. San Francisco Chronicle. October 22, 2009

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/10/22/DDRH1A491S.DTL>

[Truth is not only stranger than fiction, but, at times, edgier as well, as evidenced by the behind-the-scenes drama that led to the end of apartheid in South Africa.]

South Africa could bid to host 2020 Olympics

By RONALD BLUM. Associated Press. October 22, 2009

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/O/OLY_AFRICAN_BID?SITE=NHPOR&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT

[The head of South African organizers for next year's World Cup thinks a successful tournament could lead to the Olympics being hosted on that continent for the first time in 2020]

South Africa To Give Airbus Aircraft Decision Soon - I-Net

Wall Street Journal. October 22, 2009

<http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20091022-707964.html>

[South Africa's cabinet has taken a decision on whether to continue with a highly controversial purchase of eight military heavy lift A400M Airbus aircraft.]

South Africa: Officials Fired for Graft

By CELIA W. DUGGER. New York Times. October 22, 2009

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/23/world/africa/23briefs-Safrica.html?scp=1&sq=%22south%20africa%22&st=cse>

[The African National Congress party said Thursday that it had fired the mayor and other officials in the Lekwa municipality in Mpumalanga Province to show “zero tolerance” for mismanagement and corruption.]

Zimbabwe Power-Sharing Rivals Step Up Regional Lobbying Ahead of Crisis Talks

By Blessing Zulu. VOA. October 22, 2009

<http://www.voanews.com/english/Africa/Zimbabwe/2009-10-22-voa44.cfm>

[Zimbabwean Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai pursued a regional diplomatic initiative on Thursday, briefing Democratic Republic of Congo President Joseph Kabila, current chairman of the Southern African Development Community, seeking support in the runup to next week’s meeting in Harare of SADC's troika or committee on security and defense.]

Zimbabwe Media Crackdown Draws Fire from International Watchdog Group

By Howard Lesser. VOA. October 23, 2009

<http://www.voanews.com/english/Africa/2009-10-23-voa5.cfm>

[An international press freedom group has condemned the Zimbabwe government’s crackdown this week on two foreign journalists in the country.]