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Zuma Rallies South Africa To Fight AIDS.

By Celia W. Dugger, New York Times, November 1, 2009.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/01/world/africa/01zuma.html?_r=1&ref=world

[Almost 10 years to the day after President Thabo Mbeki first suggested that AIDS drugs could pose "a danger to health" in an Oct. 28, 1999, speech in Parliament, Mr. Zuma declared Thursday in the same chamber, "Knowledge will help us to confront denialism and the stigma attached to the disease."]

Lisa Robinson - About her upcoming trip to South Africa to help mothers and children with HIV/AIDS.

The Post and Courier, October 30, 2009.

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2009/oct/30/lisa-robinsonabout-her-upcoming-trip-to-south/>

[In July 2000, Nkosi, described as a slight child with the soulful eyes and full-blown AIDS, captured the hearts of millions of TV viewers, when his address at the 13th International AIDS Conference in Durban, South Africa, was televised worldwide. In a speech that he wrote himself, the 11-year Nkosi spoke frankly to delegates about his experiences with HIV and about the issues surrounding AIDS in South Africa.]

South Africa Posts Largest Trade Surplus Since 2003.

By Mike Cohen, Bloomberg, October 30, 2009.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=aA6ltov3zZaY#>

[South Africa unexpectedly posted a trade surplus last month, the largest since December 2003, as mineral exports surged and the first recession in 17 years curbed oil imports.]

Quinn's disputed appointment to Africa backs out.

By Monique Garcia, Chicago Tribune, November 1, 2009.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-quinn-aide-africa-01-bdognov01,0,1020035.story>

[A former chief of the state human services agency has decided not to accept a new job offered by Gov. Pat Quinn to head an expanded trade office in Africa. Carol Adams, a former Illinois Department of Human Services secretary, sent Quinn's office a letter Friday saying she could not accept the job, explaining, "Pressing family medical issues make my relocation to South Africa prohibitive.]

US Regrets Zimbabwe Expulsion of UN Investigator.

By David Gollust, Voice of America, October 31, 2009.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/2009-10-31-voa2.cfm>

[The United States Friday expressed regret over Zimbabwe's expulsion this week of a U.N. human rights investigator who had gone there to look into reports of government-inspired violence before last year's disputed elections. U.N. investigator Manfred Nowak was detained on arrival in Harare Wednesday and expelled to South Africa Thursday.]

Zimbabwe foreign minister: UN trip a 'provocation'.

By Angus Shaw, The Associated Press, October 30, 2009.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/10/30/AR2009103000887.html>

[HARARE, Zimbabwe -- Zimbabwe's foreign minister on Friday sharply criticized as "a provocation of the highest order" an attempt by the U.N. torture investigator to visit Zimbabwe and investigate alleged attacks by thugs linked to the ruling party on its opponents.]