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Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Neal S. Wolin

Remarks as Prepared for Delivery, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. (U.S. Department of Treasury, November 4, 2009.)

<http://ustreas.gov/press/releases/tg350.htm>

["Johannesburg is the final stop of a three-country visit that took me first to Rwanda and Tanzania. In both of those countries, and here in South Africa, I've had the opportunity to talk with senior government officials and also to talk extensively both with people in the private sector and in the development community. Taken altogether, it's been a visit that has made me hopeful for the future of Africa – and for the future of U.S.-Africa partnership."]

Full speech at <http://ustreas.gov/press/releases/tg350.htm>, or available upon request

South Africa, Equatorial Guinea eye tighter ties on Zuma trip.

Reuters, November 4, 2009.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/africaCrisis/idUSL4270728>

[South African President Jacob Zuma sought to strengthen economic and diplomatic ties with oil heavyweight Equatorial Guinea during a visit on Wednesday, his office said in a statement.]

Namibia urges EU to address worries on trade deal.

AFP, November 3, 2009.

http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20091103/wl_africa_afp/safricanamibiatradeeu

[Namibian President Hifikepunye Pohamba urged the European Union to listen to his country's concerns over a proposed trade pact that has already been signed by several other southern African nations. "Agreements should be reached between equals and they should be done after discussions. We believe that the EU does not discuss with us as equals," Pohamba said during a visit to South Africa.]

Tackling HIV/AIDS in Africa: From Knowledge to Behavior Change.

By Richard Joseph, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Global Economy and Development, The Brookings Institution, November 4, 2009.

http://www.brookings.edu/opinions/2009/1104_africa_aids_joseph.aspx

[There is greater frankness today about development policy failures in Africa. It was reflected in President Barack Obama's speech in Accra, Ghana on July 11 when he stated: "Development depends on good governance. That is the ingredient that has been missing in far too many places for far too long." And it is also seen in President Jacob Zuma's surprising declaration to the South African Parliament on October 29 for the need to "respond with urgency and resolve" to the "devastating impact of HIV and AIDS" on the nation.]

African kings, queens, chiefs to honor Mandela.

By Donna Bryson, Associated Press, November 3, 2009.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iotbA3W8B8kPDu4cc_bFdlr6HNMAD9BO6DG01

[Dancers clad in animal skins opened a royal ceremony Tuesday, a nod to tradition for the forward-thinking kings, queens and chiefs who jetted in to Johannesburg from across Africa to launch an institute they hope will expand their roles on the continent. The two dozen leaders from Morocco to Swaziland describe their new Institute of African Royalty as part think-tank on democracy and development, part lobby group to polish their image. They say their model is anti-apartheid icon and former President Nelson Mandela, and plan to honor the man referred to during Tuesday's proceedings as "Prince Mandela" at a gala ceremony in Pretoria, the capital, later this week.]

Intriguing racial saga better as a documentary.

By Ethan Alter, Reuters, November 4, 2009.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/reviewsNews/idUSTRE5A408L20091105>

[Some true-life tales are better suited to documentaries than fictionalized feature films. That's the case with "Skin," which chronicles the fascinating story of Sandra Laing, an apparent black woman born in '50s-era South Africa whose parents were, in fact, white Afrikaners. The film has just opened in limited release.]