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(Continued from Page 14) require the council to decide after 30 days whether these sanctions should be extended. U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell will meet Annan on Thursday to discuss what Danforth called the "monster" that the Sudanese government created. Both have made trips to Sudan to assess the plight of

the people in Darfur. Annan said the Security Council must decide on what to do. "The international community must insist and hold the government accountable, and hold it responsible for the commitments that it made, and insist they must perform," Annan said. "If they fail to do that, I

think the international community cannot sit back. "They have to take measures. What measures should they take? Should it be sanctions? Should it be sending in a force, and is that force available, and how quickly? These are issues that the council will have to take." The fighting began when two groups drawn from

Darfur's African tribes took up arms over what they regard as unjust treatment by the government in their struggle over land and resources with Arab countrymen. The Janjaweed began attacking Black Africans, and some human rights groups have accused them of ethnic cleansing and genocide.

Health

(Continued from Page 6) kill thousands of people," Annan said in an interview with the BBC. "Here we have an epidemic that is killing millions. What is the response?" The Bush administration says it has donated about twice the combined contributions of all other nations, enough to treat 2 million HIV-infected people, caring for 10 million HIV/AIDS victims and preventing another 7 million infections. Despite its giving, the United States was frequently and harshly criticized at the international AIDS conference. U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator Randall L. Tobias'

speech was cut short by booing protesters. When he spoke later, Tobias said, "...\$15 billion over five years is the largest financial commitment ever, by any nation, for any major international health initiative dedicated to a single disease." Critics say the U.S. can afford to do even more and that part of the \$15 billion is money that would have gone to the selected countries in other forms, such as direct grants. They have also accused the U.S. of sending the wrong signal to the international community by drastically cutting back on the number of scientists and policymakers allowed to attend this biennial interna-

tional conference. In 2002, the U.S. took 236 federal scientists to the conference in Barcelona, Spain, where Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson was shouted down. This year, the administration, citing financial limitations, brought a delegation of only 50. Judy D. Auerbach, vice president of public policy for the American Foundation for AIDS Research, says, "Limiting attendance (in Bangkok) for what seem to be political and ideological reasons, draws into question how seriously the USA does take the fight against the disease." There is also a question of how seriously Black leaders

take this fight. African-Americans are less likely to be tested than Whites. For people diagnosed with AIDS since 1994, according to the CDC, 55 percent of African-Americans survived after nine years, compared to 61 percent of Whites and 69 percent of Asian/Pacific Islanders. Some activists are pushing for greater HIV/AIDS awareness among African-Americans. Phill Wilson, current executive director of the Los Angeles-based Black AIDS Institute, says, "Black leaders across the board actually need to say, 'This thing is killing us.' It has to become a priority for us."

Kerry

(Continued from Page 4) yond reproach from Black leaders. They want more minorities on Kerry's staff and several members of the Congressional Black Caucus demanded changes in new TV ads geared toward Black voters. Black leaders, including some who advise Kerry's campaign, privately worry about perceptions that the four-term Massachusetts senator has shallow ties to their community compared to the last two Democratic nominees, Al Gore and Bill Clinton, who were both Southerners. While Kerry will likely match Gore's 9-to-1 advantage with Blacks on Nov. 2, they said, Republican tactics and Kerry failings could suppress turnout.

In Washington, Bush's education secretary, Rod Paige, criticized the NAACP. "You do not own, and you are not the arbiters of, African-American authenticity," said Paige, who is Black. Bush's campaign began airing ads on Black radio stations in urban centers, calling

Kerry's Senate record extreme and spotty. After leaving Pennsylvania, a state narrowly won by Democrat Al Gore in 2000, Kerry campaigned in West Virginia, a traditionally Democratic state that backed Bush in 2000. "I think it's time that we

have a president who doesn't just talk about family values, but values families," Kerry said in Charleston, W. Va. His advisers believe Gore lost the state because he did not appeal to social conservative Democrats who put a high premium on values such as faith, family and gun rights.

Fisk

(Continued from Page 4) during the first Clinton administration, she was praised for her fiscal management, revamping contracting systems and cut a budget that saved billions of dollars. She also promoted international trade agreements that brought billions of dollars to American corporations. Fisk may be an equal challenge, she jokes. "When first contacted I said, 'Have you lost your mind?'" she recalls. "It's a huge challenge; it's a job that needs doing... Somebody needed to do it. And I thought, 'Hey, I want to do that job.'"

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