

Africa gets attention at summit

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Burdened by debt, war, poverty and AIDS, Africa is getting special attention at the U.N. Millennium Summit with world leaders calling for a new commitment to bring the continent out of its misery and give its people hope.

“One more day of delayed action is a day too late for our people,” pleaded Botswana’s President Festus Mogae, whose country is among those hardest hit by AIDS. “Our people are crying out for help. Let us respond while there is time.”

Mogae appealed Thursday for “tan-

Pork vote procedures announced

Final procedures and dates for the upcoming referendum on the pork checkoff program have been announced by the U.S. Agricultural Marketing Service.

Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman announced in late February that he was authorizing a vote on continuation of the program.

The program is financed by assessments, known as a “check off,” collected from farmers when hogs are sold. The money is used for pork promotion, research and consumer information, but it cannot be used to affect the outcome of the referendum.

“We received 1,005 comments, and have worked hard to improve the rule based on what people have told us,” said Merrigan. “Our goal is to have a fair referendum.”

The final referendum rules provide for in-person voting Sept. 19-21 at Farm Service Agency county offices and absentee voting through Sept. 21. Absentee ballots will be available after Aug. 18. Importers can vote by mail Aug. 18-Sept. 21 and may request mail ballots from the agency’s headquarters in Washington after Aug. 18.

Producers who have owned and sold one or more pigs or hogs at any time from Aug. 18, 1999, through Aug. 17, 2000, are eligible to vote, as are those who have imported pigs, hogs, pork, or pork products during this period.

The final rule will be published in the *Federal Register* on July 13 and will be on the web at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/mpb/pork/pkrefrule.htm>.

gible and adequate resources” to educate his people about the virus, test and counsel them and provide them with the expensive drugs that are combating it. A third of Botswana’s adults are infected with HIV.

Mali’s President Alpha Oumar Konare called for world leaders to “assume the duty of our generation,” and combat ignorance about AIDS, the leading killer in sub-Saharan Africa.

Education of Africa’s young and women, he said, “must enlighten the new millennium.”

About 150 world leaders listened as British Prime Minister Tony Blair, President Clinton, Cuba’s Fidel Castro and a long line of others addressed the unprecedented session Wednesday.

Qatar’s emir, Sheik Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, opened the summit’s second day by urging the United Nations to get more involved in Mideast peace efforts — a call that came as leaders, including German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, planned meetings with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to try to persuade him to make decisions needed to conclude a peace agreement.

Blair, in an address focused entirely on Africa and U.N. peacekeeping, had called for world governments to enter into a new partnership with the continent to help it settle its conflicts and encourage its economies to develop.

“There is a dismal record of failure in Africa on the part of the developed world that shocks and shames our civilization,” Blair said. “We should use this unique summit for a concrete purpose: to start the process of agreeing a way forward for Africa.”

On Thursday, the heads of state of the 15 Security Council members scheduled a special open council meeting on peace and security in the next century. The wars in Sierra Leone, Congo, and Eritrea-Ethiopia are among the biggest challenges today to the United Nations.

The U.N. peacekeeping department has taken on enormous duties in recent months in Africa, but has found itself at a loss to carry them out effectively because of poorly trained and equipped troops spread over large areas.

In Sierra Leone, 500 U.N. peacekeepers were taken hostage last May by rebels of the Revolutionary United Front.

A recent U.N. report, commissioned by the secretary-general for the summit, recommended a complete overhaul of the peacekeeping department. It called for the equivalent of a minis-

try of defense to modernize and professionalize the peacekeepers, so troops can deploy rapidly and take action in clear cases of aggression.

The report by a panel of international experts has been widely applauded by world leaders at the summit, who say the U.N. failures that led to the 1994 genocide in Rwanda and the 1995 massacre of thousands of Bosnian Muslims in Srebrenica must never be repeated.

“The darkest pages were written in Rwanda where, under the indifferent eye of all of us, a genocide was committed,” said Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt, whose country lost 10 U.N. soldiers in the opening days of the massacres in central Africa.

He called for a new concept of operations for peacekeeping that would include rapid-reaction regional peacekeeping capabilities. Blair called for a similar radical change.

Beyond peacekeeping, several African speakers called for the United Nations and its members to address the root economic causes.

Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, the chairman of the Organization of African Unity, decried how the world’s wealthy countries continued to get richer while Africa’s poor suffered under crushing debt.

“Can we one day free ourselves of this crushing yoke and at last devote our resources to our development and the well-being of our populations?” he asked.

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The Guest List, by Fern Michaels; Dust to Dust, by Tami Hoag; Mr. Perfect, by Linda Howard; Stalker, by Faye Kellerman; Acorna’s World, by Anne McCaffrey; Move to Strike, by Perri O’Shaughnessy;

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Neck and neck



Timothy Kafka (left) of the Cowboy cross country team ran neck and neck with an Oberlin runner during the freshman and sophomore boys race last Thursday at Sugar Hills Country Club in Goodland. He came in 15th out of 44 runners.

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Nancy Taylor Rosenberg; Island of Dreams, by Katherine Stone; True Justice, by Robert Tannenbaum; Sigh-Talker, by James Thom.

ADULT NON-FICTION

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Rand McNally Road Atlas - 2000 edition; Duty, by Bob Greene; The Great American History Quiz - Americana; The Great American History Quiz - Modern Marvels;

Historical Moment - Sherman County historical facts researched, compiled, and edited by Evelyn Ward; Forever Lies!, by Charmian Carr (Large Print); Inventing Al Gore, by

Bill Turque (Large Print); All Things Possible, by Kurt Warner.

CHILDREN’S BOOKS

Arthur’s Lost Puppy, by Marc Brown; Arthur’s Teacher Moves In, by Marc Brown; Wemberly Worried, by Kevin Henkes; The Underground, by Jerry Jenkins (Left Behind - the Kids #6);

Mapping Penny’s World, by Loreen Leedy; Case of the Missing Gold, by David Lewman (Rugrats Files #1); The Graduation of Jake Moon, by Barbara Park; Scary Stories to Read When It’s Dark; Stargirl, by Jerry Spinelli;

Timothy Goes to School, by Rosemary Wells; World Almanac for Kids - 2001 edition; Dinosaurs, by Will Osborne (Magic Tree House Research Guide #1); On the Field With Derek Jeter, by Matt Christopher.

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The Tender Years, by Janette Oke; Move to Strike, by Perri O’Shaughnessy; Deadly Decisions, by Kathy Reichs; Kilo Class, by Patrick Robinson; True Justice, by Robert Tannenbaum;

Murder at Foggy Bottom, by Margaret Truman; The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, by Mark Twain; The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, by Mark Twain; As You Like It, by William Shakespeare;

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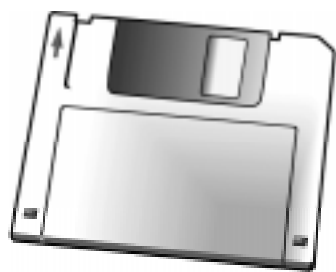
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