Bush's first attempt at Mideast shuttle diplomacy rattled

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JERUSALEM — A U.S.-mediated meeting of Israeli and Palestinian security chiefs ended without result and violence persisted today, rattling the Bush administration's first attempt at Mideast shuttle diplomacy.

Israeli troops and Palestinian militiamen fought gun battles in three locations today, and Palestinians fired mortars shells at Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip. There were

Israeli and Palestinian security officials from the Gaza Strip were to meet today in talks arranged by the new U.S. envoy, William Burns.

He shuttled between Israeli and Palestinian leaders earlier in the week to discuss how to implement the recommendations of an international panel on how to stop eight months of vio-

A meeting Tuesday between both sides' security officials from West Bank showed the deep divisions be-

During the session, Israel demanded that the Palestinians follow Israel's lead and observe a truce. The Palestinians refused, saying that ahead of a cease-fire, Israel must lift a blockade of Palestinian communities and freeze in settlement construc-

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Several thousand supporters of President Abdurrahman Wahid marched on the gates of Parliament today as legislators inside gave overwhelming support to impeachment of the Indone-

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would set the stage for Wahid's pos- approved in the last days of the Clinton sible removal by August, became a presidency to clean up hazy skies over certainty when the two largest parties national parks and wilderness areas. It in Parliament backed ordering im- would require older coal-fired utilities,

At the gates of the heavily-guarded legislature, about 3,000 Wahid supporters, many carrying sticks and knives, demanded Parliament be dissolved. Thousands of troops backed by armored vehicles and tanks kept them from entering the compound.

In Wahid's home province of East Java, paratroopers fired warning shots at crowds of Wahid supporers in the town of Pasuruan. A local hospital reported that one protester was killed and four wounded. Shots were also fired into air in the city of Malang.

Mobs have burned churches, lion. mosques and the offices of political East Java, where Wahid is revered as an Islamic holy man.

NATIONAL

SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, Calif. — President Bush, eager to tout anonymity. his commitment to protecting the environment, was touring the towering trees and stark granite peaks here today as he promoted initiatives to spruce up the national parks.

Bush was announcing a new directive calling for annual reviews of each national park by rangers, and renewing his call for a five-year, \$5 billion effort deal as a merger of equals, several to address a heavy maintenance back-

peachment. A vote was expected later among others, to be retrofitted with new pollution-control technology by

> NEW YORK — French telecommunications giant Alcatel SA and Lucent Technologies Inc. apparently failed to reach a merger agreement because Lucent officials didn't want Alcatel to have the upper hand in management of the combined company.

> In a short statement issued Tuesday, the companies did not disclose why intense negotiations over the long holiday weekend ended abruptly after financial terms were reached for a deal worth as much as \$32 bil-

While not ruling out attempting a opponents over the past three days in merger with another company, financially troubled Lucent plans to go it alone for now as it attempts a turnaround, said sources close to the negotiations who spoke on condition of

Issues of corporate governance and management of the combined company were the main roadblocks preventing one of the largest takeovers of a U.S. technology group by a European company.

Lucent officials balked because they did not believe Alcatel was treating the sources said.

The deal breaker was Lucent's insis-On Tuesday, the administration antence for equal representation among Passage of the measure, which nounced it will let stand a proposal the combined company's senior man-

agers and on its board. Alcatel appar-rested Tuesday in New York City and the Guadalupe Mountains, where a ently declined to agree to those terms.

MAYO, Fla. — Fire crews around Florida are battling 59 brush fires, including a blaze that has charred nearly 61,000 acres of commercial timberland and swampland between Tallahassee and Gainesville.

The Mallory Swamp fire has burned for 16 days and is one of 59 active fires in the state, a result of Florida's ongoing drought, state fire officials said. The Mallory Swamp fire is the state's largest this year.

Gov. Jeb Bush and state Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson will be in Mayo, a small town roughly 90 miles southeast of Tallahassee, today for a briefing on the wildfires, a Florida Division of Forestry state-

Hundreds of firefighters dropped water from aircraft, sprayed foam from trucks and bulldozed more fire lines Tuesday around the swamp fire. They said they had the blaze 45 percent contained, while a 1,000-acre fire three miles to the northwest — called the Koon Pond fire — was 35 percent con-

Crews and equipment were brought in from Arizona, Kentucky, North Carolina, and South Carolina and more bulldozers were coming in from Mis-

TOMS RIVER, N.J. — A New York nurse has been charged with killing two men whose remains were found stuffed in plastic trash bags along New Jersey highways in 1992 and

charged with two counts of murder. burning log and strong wind swept a Ocean County Prosecutor David Millard said Rogers "meticulously dismembered" the two victims with a knife and handsaw.

Millard also said police are actively investigating Rogers with regard to other dismemberment cases.

Thomas R. Mulcahy, 58, a Massachusetts computer executive, disapbusiness meeting in New York. Two days later, his head and other remains were found.

On May 10, 1993, the remains of Anthony E. Marrero, 44, of Manhattan, were found in a bag along a road-The prosecutor would not comment

on a motive but said Mulcahy was known to frequent gay bars and that Marrero worked as a gay prostitute in New York City.

weeks ago when fingerprints taken off the plastic bags were allegedly matched with Rogers' in Maine, where tually going to see," said Rear Adm. he had had some contact with authori-SUSANVILLE, Calif. — Flames

from a 4,100-acre wildfire crept to within 30 feet of homes and coated the town of Susanville with dark soot, givsissippi and Tennessee to help battle ing firefighters an unwelcome taste of what could be ahead for the western

Firefighters in northern California had the Susanville blaze about 50 percent contained early today. Elsewhere, firefighters battled a 6,500acre wildland near Nevada's Pyra- managerial trends that the Clinton mid Lake. And in New Mexico, rug-team had arrived at after eight labo-Richard W. Rogers Jr., 50, was arged terrain hampered firefighters in rious years."

2,000-acre fire across containment

Interior Secretary Gale Norton said Tuesday that the fire potential in the West was already shaping up as one of the worst in decades.

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — The big Pentagon shake-up some expected when peared July 8, 1992, after attending a President Bush took office — after campaigning on a pledge to modernize the military and repair morale — is looking less likely. Or at least it is slower in coming.

A spokesman for Defense Secretary

Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday that the policy reviews he undertook three months ago to fashion a new approach to defense are likely to produce less dramatic results than commonly be-"I think there was a widespread per-

The break in the case came three ception that there would be many more near-term announcements of dramatic change than what we're ac-Craig Quigley. Some private analysts who have

monitored Rumsfeld's reviews think the Bush administration's approach to defense will turn out more like the Clinton administration's than anyone might have believed even a few weeks

"The new Pentagon team has basically been reinventing the wheel," says Loren Thompson of the Lexington Institute, a think tank. "It is gradually backing into all the beliefs about geopolitical, technological and

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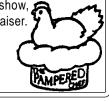
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