Ambassador asks Israel not to give up on peace with Palestinians

By the Associated Press INTERNATIONAL

TELAVIV. Israel — An Israeli was killed and 23 Palestinians wounded in renewed violence in the West Bank today, punctuating an appeal to Israel from outgoing U.S. ambassador Martin Indyk not to give up on peace with the Palestinians.

In Gaza, a Palestinian was shot and killed today by Israeli forces after he threw a grenade at soldiers defusing a bomb, the military said. In Hebron, a fierce gun battle lasted into the early hours today after one Israeli was killed and another wounded in a nighttime Palestinian attack there.

In Rome, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon warned that Israel's military response would escalate at the pace of the Palestinian attacks.

Meeting late Thursday, the Palestinian Cabinet charged Israel with aggression and said that the Palestinians are fully committed to a cease-fire plan worked out last month by CIA director George Tenet.

Speaking at Tel Aviv University Thursday, a day before his planned departure, Indyk said Arafat is not doing enough to stop violence, but he urged his audience not to listen to Israelis calling for Arafat's overthrow, warning that he would be replaced by radicals from the militant Islamic Hamas or the Iran-backed Hezbollah.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Furious after a day of Protestant marches across Northern Ireland, Roman Catholic protesters clashed with police into the early hours today, in some of the province's worst rioting in years. More than 100 police officers and many rioters were hurt.

The violence broke out hours after the Orange Order, Northern Ireland's biggest Protestant fraternal organization, staged hundreds of processions in villages, towns and cities to celebrate a Protestant military victory over Catholic forces in 1690. Some marches skirted close to Catholic areas; others featured virulent anti-Catholic rheto-

As night fell, frustrations boiled over. When Protestant marchers passed by a run-down Catholic neighborhood in north Belfast, residents

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in a pitched battle with riot police.

Police said at least 113 officers were hurt in fighting that erupted when 1,208.14. about 200 Catholic protesters confronted police on the edge of Ardoyne, a low-income neighborhood of redbrick terrace houses. Rioters hijacked cars and vans, and thick black smoke from half a dozen torched cars billowed into the sky. The streets were soon littered with broken glass and hunks of brick.

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NEW YORK — Technology stockholders enjoyed a nice bump up in their portfolios following triple-digit gains in the Nasdaq and Dow Jones industrials, but analysts are questioning whether the surge will sustain itself.

Market experts say the healthy gains were more attributable to bargain hunting and a couple of positive earnings reports — not any fundamental shift in the business environment.

The Thursday rally came after Motorola and Yahoo!, two closely watched technology companies, reported second-quarter earnings that were slightly better than analysts had been predicting. The problem: Wall Street's expectations had been low to in a street brawl outside a Brooklyn start with, so beating those numbers wasn't a maior achievement.

Also, both companies failed to say when their businesses would improve and, in the case of Motorola, warned that the next quarter would be disap-

The Dow Jones industrial average closed the day up 237.97 points, or 2.3 percent, to 10,478.99. The Nasdaq

tried to block their path and wound up composite rose 103.70, or 5.3 percent, to 2,075.74, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 27.96, or 2.4 percent, to

> It was the biggest rally since the Dow gained 343 points on May 16 and the Nasdaq rose 107 points five days later.

> NEW YORK — Abner Louima, the Haitian immigrant sodomized with a broomstick in a precinct house bathroom four years ago, said the record settlement that concluded his case should not signal the end of the fight against police brutality.

> "Mine is just one case," Louima said, "and so much more needs to be

After months of hard-fought negotiations, the city and its police union agreed Thursday to pay Louima and his lawyers \$8.7 million to settle the Louima's shocking story of torture

at the hands of police touched off street demonstrations accusing the New York Police Department of singling out minorities for abuse. The case also strained relations between blacks and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

His ordeal stemmed from his arrest nightclub on Aug. 9, 1997. Charges against him were later dropped.

Louima was handcuffed and taken to the police station. Officer Justin Volpe, mistakenly believing Louima had punched him, sought revenge by sodomizing Louima with a broken broomstick and threatening to kill him if he reported it. Louima suffered a ruptured bladder and colon in the attack and spent two months in the hos-

SPACE CENTER, Houston — The five astronauts aboard space shuttle Atlantis examined equipment today that they will be using to install a \$164 million entryway in the international space station.

shuttle's robot arm and their spacewalking gear, the crew reported to Mission Control that all were ready to be put to work.

The shuttle was expected to dock with the 230-mile-high outpost tonight. The first of three spacewalks is planned Saturday.

The crew will be installing a 6 1/2ton airlock that will allow U.S. astronauts to enter and leave the space station in U.S. spacesuits without the aid of the shuttle. Previously when the shuttle was gone, they had to use the Russian airlock, which isn't compatible with American spacesuits.

The installation of the airlock will conclude a major phase of construction on the space station and provide NASA better access for building the rest of it over the next five years.

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — After New Mexico surprised its fellow states by settling its antitrust suit against Microsoft, a legal expert who has followed the case suggested that the software maker is trying to chip away at its

"It is a very interesting strategic move by Microsoft to basically try to sort of break up the state coalition by offering to settle," Howard University law professor Andy Gavil said. "It suggests that Microsoft has got a strategy

afoot to try to placate the states by offering to pay attorney's fees."

In addition to the attorneys fees which in the case of New Mexico, was about \$100,000 over the life of the four-year case — New Mexico will share in whatever final remedies come at the case's conclusion.

New Mexico Attorney General After giving a once-over to the Patricia Madrid made the announcement Thursday, a day after Microsoft said it would change the way it licenses its Windows operating system to computer makers.

Microsoft spokesman Vivek Varma said the company "was pleased to have this matter resolved." Varma wouldn't comment on how the settlement came about, or whether the company is pursuing similar deals with the 17 other are suing the company.

WASHINGTON—The Pentagon is designing a missile defense test program that would allow some of its elements, such as ground-based interceptors or airborne lasers, to be used in combat within a few years.

Bush administration officials said this would be done only in a national emergency such as a threat of missile attack from North Korea.

Pentagon officials, explaining the approach Thursday in testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee, made clear that they intend to accelerate work on a deployable missile defense even at the cost of withdrawing from the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty banning national missile defenses.

against long-range ballistic missiles.

The officials encountered sharp questioning from some Democrats. including the committee's chairman. Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, who declared themselves unwilling to support the administration's request for \$8.3 billion for missile defense research and testing in 2002. That would be a 57 percent increase over this year's allo-

WASHINGTON — Federal officials have expanded their investigation into Chandra Levy's disappearance to determine whether Rep. Gary Condit obstructed justice.

The search for the 24-year-old former federal intern was moving forward on several fronts. Police were reinterviewing people at Levy's apartstates and the District of Columbia that ment building and continued a search of abandoned buildings in Washington. Police also were awaiting FBI laboratory tests to see if items removed from Condit's apartment contained

Police have said repeatedly they do not consider Condit a suspect in Levy's disappearance. A police source has said the congressman acknowledged a romantic relationship with the former Bureau of Prisons intern.

Federal prosecutors and the FBI were looking at a flight attendant's allegation that Condit urged her to sign a statement denying a 10-month affair she says they had. Anne Marie Smith also said Condit told her she did not have to cooperate with FBI agents who

Condit, 53 and married, has denied asking anyone to lie or not cooperate The administration has set no date with investigators trying to determine for deploying a defensive barrier what happened to Levy, last seen April



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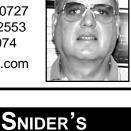
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