

# Party with Islamic roots says Turkey to remain U.S. ally

**By the Associated Press INTERNATIONAL**  
**ANKARA, Turkey** — After an overwhelming victory in Turkey's elections, a party with Islamic roots pledged to maintain the nation's pro-Western stance, quickly moving to soothe worries that this crucial U.S. ally would undergo a radical shift toward Islam.

The Justice and Development Party won a parliamentary majority in Sunday's elections — the first time in 15 years that any party has been in a position to govern alone — largely due to voter fury over a devastated economy.

The win could concern Turkey's powerful and firmly secular military, which in the past forced a pro-Islamic government from power. However, the victorious Justice party stressed it didn't want confrontation. Party leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan quickly laid out stances reassuring to the military: support for secularism and for Turkey's bid to join the European Union.

He even said that while he opposes military action against Iraq, Turkey could support it if it were approved by the United Nations, a position mirroring that of outgoing Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit.

"We will not spend our time dizzy with victory. We will build a Turkey where common sense prevails," Erdogan said at a huge celebration at party headquarters.

**JERUSALEM** — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon sought to keep his imperiled government afloat Sunday by bringing former premier Benjamin Netanyahu into the Cabinet, while Netanyahu set a tough condition for joining — early elections.

Israel's two leading right-wing politicians, Sharon and Netanyahu, are trying to work out an alliance while also battling each other to lead the Likud Party into the country's next general election.

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**ST. PAUL, Minn.** — President Bush

paid solemn tribute to Sen. Paul Wellstone, the Democrat killed last month in a plane crash, but fought to derail Walter Mondale's bid to succeed Wellstone, telling Minnesotans that Republican Norm Coleman is the state's future.

"Believe me when I say, we need fresh air in the United States Senate," Bush said, an apparent reference to the fact that Mondale already served in that body, from 1964-1976. "The future of Minnesota rests with Norm Coleman."

Bush's remarks came midway through a feverish swing through Midwestern battleground states, looking to deliver 11th-hour aid to Republicans in races that will determine control of Congress and statehouses.

**BOSTON** — Alleged victims of sexually abusive priests welcomed an acknowledgment from Cardinal Bernard Law that he made wrong decisions in dealing with abuse, but said there is still work to be done in restoring their trust in the church.

Law said at Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Sunday that he has a "far deeper awareness of this terrible evil" of clergy sexual abuse than he did 10 months ago, when the scandal first broke.

Victims' advocates praised the acknowledgment, but still expressed skepticism.

"I would say I am cautiously optimistic about his change of heart, but thus far, his actions have not seemed consistent," said Bill Gately, co-coordinator of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests New England chapter.

Law said Sunday that he never meant to assign priests to positions where they could endanger children, but "the fact of the matter remains that I did assign priests who had committed sexual abuse."

**BALTIMORE** — Authorities are investigating whether the sniper suspects may have shot a man in the town where the ex-wife of one of the suspects lives a month before the Washington-area attacks.

Paul LaRuffa was shot six times at close range after closing his restaurant in Clinton, where John Allen Muhammad's ex-wife, Mildred, lives. A Sony laptop computer was stolen with more than \$3,000 in receipts. A Sony laptop was found in Muhammad's car when he and John Lee Malvo were arrested Oct. 24 at a rest stop.

LaRuffa, 55, survived the shooting and was able to go back to work after two weeks in the hospital.

Capt. Andy Ellis, a Prince George's County police spokesman, said Sunday that the department is looking into whether the Sept. 5 shooting is related. Muhammad, 41, and Malvo, 17, also

face state and federal counts in the shootings in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., that left 10 people dead. The suspects also have been charged in the shooting of a woman in Louisiana.

**LONG BEACH, Calif.** — Authorities said drivers were going too fast for foggy conditions before a massive freeway pileup of nearly 200 cars and big-rig trucks that injured 41 people, nine critically.

California Highway Patrol Officer Joseph Pace said visibility was down to about 50 feet in heavy fog when the chain-reaction crashes began just before 7 a.m. Sunday on the Long Beach Freeway. There were 194 vehicles involved, including seven or eight big rigs. The freeway, about 25 miles south of Los Angeles, was shut down for nearly 11 hours before it was reopened.

## Library has new books and cassettes

Goodland Public Library has the following new books, cassettes and CD's as of Nov. 1:

Adult fiction — "The Crush," by Sandra Brown; "White Doves at Morning," by James Lee Burke; "Chasing the Dime," by Michael Connelly; "Q is for Quarry" by Sue Grafton; "Kill and Tell," by Linda Howard; "Christmas in Harmony," by Philip Gully; "No One to Trust," by Iris Johansen; "The Murder Book," by Jonathan Kellerman; "From a Buick 8," by Stephen King; "The Covenant," by Beverly Lewis; "Traps," by Paul Lindsay.

"The Janson Directive," by Robert Ludlum; "Violence of Action," by Richard Marcinko; "Kentucky Sunrise," by Fern Michaels; "Around the River's Bend," by Gilbert Morris; "The Beloved Land," by Janette Oke; "Death of a Stranger," by Anne Perry; "Shadows of the Canyon," by Trace Peterson; "December 6," by Martin Cruz Smith; and "Blood Orchid," by Stuart Woods.

Adult non-fiction — "Networking for Dummies," by Doug Lowe; "One Hundred Successful College Application Essays," "Underworld — the Mysterious Origins of Civilization," by Graham Hancock; "The PDR Family Guide to Prescription Drugs —

2003 edition;" "Digital Buying Guide — 2003 edition;" "The Everything Dog Training and Tricks Book," by Gerylin Bielakiewicz; "Caring for Your Dog," by Bruce Fogle; "What Color is Your Parachute?" — 2003 edition;" "Four Hundred Fifty One-Story Homes;" "Best American Short Stories — 2002 edition;" "Fodor's Great Britain — 2003 edition;" "An Army at Dawn — the War in North Africa, 1942-1943," by Rick Atkinson; "Let's Roll!" by Lisa Beamer; and "For Which It Stands — an Anecdotal Biography of the American Flag," by Mike Corcoran.

Children's books — "The Haunted Mansion," by Linda Aber (Barbie Mystery Files #1); "Double Fudge," by Judy Blume; "Summer of the Crow," by Eunice Boeve; "Who's that Knocking on Christmas Eve," by Jan Brett; "The Quiltmaker's Gift," by Jeff Brumbeau (in memory of Virginia Chatfield).

"Four Friends for Christmas," by Tomie DePaola; "AWizard Alone," by Diane Duane; "The Light of Christmas," by Richard Paul Evans; "Katie's Wish," by Barbara Shook Hazen; "Seasons of Promise," by Patricia Hermes (My America); "The Sands of Time," by Michael Hoeye; "Horace and Morris Join the Circus (but what

about Delores?), by James Howe; "Triss — a Tale from Redwall," by Brian Jacques; "Froggy Goes to the Doctor," by Jonathan London; "The Christmas Humbugs," by Colleen Monroe; "Blizzard's Wake," by Phyllis R. Naylor; "Junie B. Jones, First Grader — Toothless Wonder," by Barbara Peck; "Thomas Gets His Own Branch Line."

Audio cassettes: "The Big Dig," by Linda Barnes; "The Crush," by Sandra Brown (CD); "Killjoy," by Julie Garwood; "Q is for Quarry," by Sue Grafton (CD); "No One to Trust," by Iris Johansen (CD); "Revenge of the Mountain Man," by William Johnstone; "The Murder Book," by Jonathan Kellerman (CD); "The Covenant," by Beverly Lewis; "Traps," by Paul Lindsay; "The Janson Directive," by Robert Ludlum; "Sphere of Influence," by Kyle Mills (CD); "The Beloved Land," by Janette Oke; "Blessings," by Anna Quindlen (CD); "Death of a Stranger," by Anne Perry; "December 6," by Martin Cruz Smith (CD); "Nights in Rodanthe," by Nicholas Sparks (CD); "Blood Orchid," by Stuart Woods; "Cape May Court House," by Lawrence Schiller (CD); "Let's Roll," by Lisa Beamer (CD); and "Double Fudge," by Judy Blume (JF).

## County sets second collection day

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smoke detectors. She said the plan is to accept these like the computer monitors and when there is an opportunity, they will be hauled to Garden City. There is a small amount of hazardous material in smoke detectors which they would rather not have end up in the county landfill, she said.

The next big collection is planned for April 12 and Linsner said the man from Hays said there is no more grant

money available, and that the cost of the disposal would be entirely up to the county.

He said the county could delay the collection until the new fiscal year, but was not sure whether there would be any grant money available then either.

The commissioners decided not to wait, considering the current state financial system, and to go ahead with the April collection date.

"We are getting rid of a percentage of this material which we do not

want in our landfill," Commissioner Kevin Rasure said. "I think we need to go ahead with it because the people are interested and asking questions."

Tiede agreed, saying he felt it was better to keep the material out of the landfill and that since the date has already been advertised it would be better to keep that in place.

Linsner said the state has inspected the county facility and said everything was in good shape. She said people may call her at 899-4808 or 899-3081.

## Holiday Home Tour set in early December

The Goodland Arts Council will be hosting its second annual Holiday Home Tour from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. Carnegie Arts Center will be hosting an open house during the home tour with the arts council serving refreshments and the Christmas Gift

Gallery being open.

Homes featured on the tour are Camron and Lisa Paxton's, Lisa and Dennis Malsom's, Mike and Mary Ann Elliott's, Kevin and Christie Rasure's and the Four Sisters' Bed and Breakfast.

Tickets can be purchased at the Carnegie Arts Center, Klip-N-Kurl, The Total Look or from any member of the arts council board of directors. The council has a Christmas basket of gifts and goodies which will be given away on Dec. 8.

## Auction raises \$5,000 for Sherman County Hospice

The Hospice Harvest dinner and auction raised over \$5,000 last month to help the terminally ill in Sherman County to receive love, comfort and caring at the end of their lives.

Hospice care runs on a managed care system, giving Hospice Services a per day amount regardless of services provided.

Services covered by insurance reimbursement include hospice team, equipment, medical supplies, medications, laboratory and staff.

The idea is for the reimbursement to cover all costs when averaged across all patients. But, officials say, Sherman County Hospice Services cares for so

few patients compared to other hospices that the average cost comes out higher than the average reimbursement. The dinner and auction was started last year as a way county residents could support hospice services, and many have stepped up to the plate, offering time, talent and money.

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