

# Sharon easily wins re-election as party leader

**By the Associated Press INTERNATIONAL**  
JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon easily won re-election as the Likud Party leader, defeating his hawkish foreign minister by positioning himself as a centrist in a tactic that could help him in January elections against the Labor Party's dovish Amram Mitzna.

Sharon's victory on Thursday came amid violence at home and abroad. The violence overshadowed the polling but didn't alter the anticipated outcome: Surveys in the last week had predicted Sharon would beat Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu by about 20 percentage points.

Results from 50 percent of polling places showed Sharon had garnered 59 percent of the vote among Likud members, compared to 38 percent for Netanyahu. A lesser-known challenger, American-born Moshe Feiglin, had 3 percent.

Netanyahu told supporters late Thursday he had phoned Sharon to congratulate him on his victory and urged the party's members to work together.

Sharon will face the new Labor leader, Haifa mayor Mitzna, in Jan. 28 elections. Polls predict Sharon has good chances of keeping his job.

BOGOTA, Colombia — Colombia's largest right-wing paramilitary group will begin a unilateral cease-fire on Sunday in its long-running battle against leftist rebels, the group's leaders announced early today.

The United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia, or AUC, said it has faith that the government of President Alvaro Uribe is serious about cracking down on the rebels, its arch-enemies.

So beginning Sunday, it will stop all offensives against the rebels and suspected sympathizers, its leaders said in an official declaration posted on the group's web site.

"We have taken the historic decision to declare a unilateral cease-fire with national reach," stated an open letter to Uribe signed by AUC chief Carlos Castano, military commander Salvatore Mancuso and other top AUC leaders.

The 12-point document clarifies that, under the cease-fire, members of the militia group could still defend themselves against attacks by rebels.

Colombia's 38-year-old civil war

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pits leftist rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, and the smaller National Liberation Army, or ELN, against the government and paramilitary groups.

**NATIONAL**  
CHICAGO — United Airlines' financial recovery plan is in limbo as a result of its mechanics' refusal to sign onto a multibillion-dollar package of proposed labor cutbacks.

The labor setback was expected to put new pressure today on United's struggling stock, which sank to 40-year lows earlier this fall amid fears the nation's No. 2 carrier is headed to bankruptcy court.

Still hoping to carry out its restructuring without resorting to Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection from its debtors, United on Thursday pledged to still achieve \$5.2 billion in labor cutbacks despite the mechanics' vote rejection a day earlier. It said it was immediately reopening negotiations with union leaders in an urgent new attempt to get concessions from its mechanics.

But the airline acknowledged the fate of its effort rides on whether it can secure givebacks from its 13,000 mechanics, the only group holding out on pay cuts.

NEW YORK — The nation's retailers, their expectations modest for the holiday season, are resorting to deep discounts and some unusual marketing gimmicks to get shoppers into stores and in a mood to buy.

Teen retailer Abercrombie & Fitch will have male models, clad only in underwear, greet shoppers at stores in major cities today.

No one wants to take any chances amid so much uncertainty about the economy.

"Sales will be intense. Consumers will turn out in full force to the mall, but there is a general feeling that consumers are going to be reticent," said Kurt Barnard, president of Barnard's Retail Trend Report, based in Upper Montclair, N.J. "They will look at the price tag before they look at the product."

While the Thanksgiving weekend starts the shopping spree, it no longer is the busiest period of the season. Last year, the weekend accounted for 8.4 percent of holiday sales. The busiest

period was the last week before Christmas, which accounted for 34 percent of holiday sales, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A spacewalking astronaut celebrated Thanksgiving by taking a thrilling ride on the international space station's robot arm from one side of the orbiting complex to the other.

John Herrington clutched a 600-pound rail car as the robot arm swung him in a 180-degree arc Thursday evening so he could relocate the wagon. He hooted and shouted, "Oh my goodness," as he gazed down at Earth below.

It was NASA's first Thanksgiving Day spacewalk and the second one this week for Herrington, the first American Indian in space, and Michael Lopez-Alegria.

The two astronauts, visiting from the docked space shuttle Endeavour, hooked up the plumbing on the space station's newest addition, a \$390 million high-tech beam. The highlight of the six-hour spacewalk came at the very end, when Herrington took his memorable ride.

Herrington anchored his feet at the end of the space station's 58-foot robot arm and lifted the rail cart that was launched atop the beam. Astronauts inside slowly steered Herrington, with the wagon tight in his hands, to the girder on the opposite end some 50 feet away so he could fasten the cart to an identical one already there.

LOS ANGELES — Zsa Zsa Gabor, hospitalized after an auto accident, was drifting in and out of consciousness but improving as she recovers from her injuries, her husband said.

The 85-year-old Gabor was breathing with the help of a respirator at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center after suffering multiple broken bones, cuts and bruises, said Frederic von Anhalt, her husband.

"She can't talk," von Anhalt said Thursday night. "She opens her eyes, but we don't know if she recognizes us."

Gabor was listed in serious condition Thursday, said hospital spokeswoman Leslie Porras. Gabor was a passenger in the front seat of a car driven by her

hairdresser when the car struck a light pole Wednesday evening, said von Anhalt. The hairdresser also was hospitalized.

The cause of the accident was unknown, said Sgt. Bruce Thomas of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's department.

Gabor, sisters Eva and Magda, and their mother, Jolie, all emigrated to America around World War II. Zsa Zsa gained notice when she became the wife of hotel millionaire Conrad Hilton, whom she married in 1942. She has been married eight times. She married von Anhalt in 1986.

TACOMA, Wash. — A gunman fired through a window into a Thanksgiving party, killing a 5-year-old boy and injuring three others.

A gunman stood on the front lawn and opened fire at close range into a large crowd inside the home, neighbors

said. Neighbors said they heard about eight gunshots in rapid succession.

The gunman fled.

At least three generations of one family lived in the home, neighbors said.

A critically injured 14-year-old girl was in surgery late Thursday night at Madigan Army Medical Center, police spokesman Jim Mattheis said. A 20-year-old woman was reported in serious condition with a gunshot to the abdomen and a 22-year-old man, who suffered a gunshot wound to the leg, was in satisfactory condition, Tacoma General Hospital spokesman Peter Frohmader said.

The 5-year-old boy died at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, Frohmader said.

**WASHINGTON**  
WASHINGTON — The State Department urged Americans in Kenya to exercise extra caution after attacks

there on an Israeli-owned hotel and an Israeli airliner. President Bush labeled the violence acts of terrorism.

Israeli and Kenyan officials said Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network was the likely perpetrator of Thursday's attacks, but White House spokesman Gordon Johndroe said it was not yet clear.

"It's premature to rule al-Qaida in or out in these incidents," Johndroe said.

The attacks, Bush said, "underscore the continuing willingness of those opposed to peace to commit horrible crimes. Those who seek peace must do everything in their power to dismantle the infrastructure of terror that makes such actions possible."

The United States "remains firmly committed ... to fight against terror and those who commit these heinous acts," the president said in a written statement from his Texas ranch, where he was spending the Thanksgiving holiday.

# Chanute to erect sculpture

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Octave Chanute was a man of many interests. He played an important role in Kansas City's development, and a town in eastern Kansas is named for him.

He is mostly forgotten now, but that's about to change. The Chanute High School class of 1941 is planning a sculpture in his namesake town honoring Chanute and his contribution to human flight.

Chanute was born in 1832 and came to Kansas City just after the Civil War. He designed the first railroad bridge over the Missouri River, which fueled development of the young city.

Chanute went on to design the stockyards, plat the town of Lenexa, Kan. — now a thriving Kansas City suburb — and lay out rail lines into Kansas.

Later in the 1800s he left the area. Chanute became interested in aviation, conducted glider experiments, and provided important advice to the Wright Brothers before their pioneering 1903 flight.

He died in Chicago in 1910.

Back in mid-America, public recognition of him never came.

"There is nothing I know of in Kansas City, and it's a shame," said Bill Nicks, parks and recreation director in Lenexa and an expert on Chanute. "He doesn't get his due."

The city of Chanute, about 100 miles southwest of Kansas City and with a population of about 9,500, traces its roots to the French-born engineer, railroader and aviation booster.

But Chanute has little recognition even there, said Robert Blunk, a retired

art professor who is the designer of the sculpture and a member of the 1941 class.

"There's really nothing much," Blunk said.

The sculpture to honor Chanute will be an artistic depiction of a glider balanced on an 80-foot boom that will function as a giant wind vane.

Not everyone likes the planned mobile, Chanute City Manager Randy Riggs said.

Nevertheless, Chanute should do better at memorializing its patron, said Riggs, who added that some residents don't even know where the city got its name.

Plans call for the sculpture to be dedicated on Dec. 17, 2003, the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first flight.

# Jordan says he'll retire after season

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Jordan made it clear that he's playing his final NBA season, saying there's "zero chance" he will return for a third year with the Washington Wizards.

Jordan said Thursday he will retire after this season and return to his role as partial owner of the Wizards.

"I tell you right now that I'm just

fulfilling my contract," said Jordan, who signed a two-year, \$2.1 million deal with Washington last year after stepping down from his executive duties.

"At the end of this season, I'm not looking at another contract. I just want to finish this year out and hopefully fulfill my obligations and let this team

take its own course."

Jordan, who will turn 40 in February, returned to basketball last season because he said he still felt the need to compete.

After joining the Wizards as a player, Jordan energized Washington for most of last season before he was forced out of the lineup with a right knee injury.

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Audiologist	Nicole L. Pygott, M.A., CCC-A	December 6 & 20
Cardiologist	James K. Warren, M.D.	December 19
Cardiologist	Barry Smith, M.D.	December 5 & 11
Dermatologist	Charles Ruggles, M.D.	December 5 & 12
Ears, Nose, Throat	Alfred N. Carr, M.D.	December 6, 13 & 20
Endocrinologist	Gerald Poticha, M.D.	December 13 & 20
Gastroenterologist	Jeffrey D. Huston, M.D.	December 16
Gynecology	Laura Rokosz, M.D.	December 4 & 18
Neurologist	Steven J. Gulevich, M.D.	December 4, 6 & 27
Obstetrics/Gynecology	David Forschner, M.D.	January 15
Oncology/Hematology	Martin Rubinowitz, M.D.	December 3
Ophthalmologist	David Pfoff, M.D.	December 6, 20 & 27
Orthopedist	Theodore J. Clarke, M.D.	December 2
Orthopedist	Tim Birney, M.D.	December 9
Orthopedist	Stuart J. Kennedy, M.D.	December 9
Orthopedist	James Holmes, M.D.	December 16
Orthopedist	Edward Parks, M.D.	December 23
Pediatrician	Raymond Ketting, M.D.	December 17
Pediatric Cardiologist	Warren Toews, M.D.	December 4
Psychiatrist	John C. Faul, M.D.	December 4, 6 & 20
Podiatrist	Erik Ouder Kirk, D.P.M.	December 11 & 18
Pulmonologist	Ken Weisiger, M.D.	December 12
Pulmonologist	Tim Clark, M.D.	December 18
Radiologists	Professional Radiology Services	WEEK DAYS
Rheumatologist	Karl Chambers, M.D.	December 19
Speech Pathology	Vicki Transue, M.S.	Monday thru Friday
Substance Abuse Dir	Fred Waters, CADC III	Monday and Tuesday
Urologist	Darrell D. Werth, M.D.	January 14
Urologist	Carl T. Newman, M.D.	December 3
Urologist	Kevin R. McDonald, M.D.	December 17

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