

# News at a glance

## Nobel Prize winners want new Nigerian vote

(NNPA/GIN) - Nigeria's recent national polls have come under fierce criticism - most recently from a group of 48 Nobel Laureates who are demanding a rerun of the vote.



Tutu

The laureates include The Dalai Lama, South African Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu and Nigerian playwright Wole Soyinka.

Opposition parties say the vote was rigged and have also called for a rerun. Labor unions, including oil and gas workers, called for a two-day strike for May 28 to coincide with the inauguration of president-elect Umaru Yar'Adua on May 29 - also known as "Democracy Day."

Meanwhile, unknown intruders broke into a French-run oil facility on Monday. Local groups continue to seek a share in the nation's great oil wealth. Nigeria is the 8th largest oil producer in the world.

## Poll: Some young U.S. Muslims say suicide bombings acceptable

WASHINGTON (AP) - One in four younger U.S. Muslims say suicide bombings to defend their religion are acceptable at least in some circumstances, though most Muslim Americans overwhelmingly reject the tactic and are critical of Islamic extremism and al-Qaida, a poll says.

The survey by the Pew Research Center, one of the most exhaustive ever of the country's Muslims, revealed a community that in many ways blends comfortably into society. Its largely mainstream members express nearly as much happiness with their lives and communities as the general public does, show a broad willingness to adopt American customs, and have income and education levels similar to others in the U.S.

Even so, the survey revealed noteworthy pockets of discontent.

While nearly 80 percent of U.S. Muslims say suicide bombings of civilians to defend Islam can not be justified, 13 percent say they can be, at least rarely.

That sentiment is strongest among those younger than 30. Two percent of them say it can often be justified, 13 percent say sometimes and 11 percent say rarely.

"It is a hair-raising number," said Radwan Masmoudi, president of the Washington-based Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, which promotes the compatibility of Islam with democracy.

He said most supporters of the attacks likely assumed the context was a fight against occupation - a term Muslims often use to describe the conflict with Israel. Even so, U.S. Muslims are far less accepting of suicide attacks than Muslims in many other nations.

## Carol Moseley Braun attacker in custody

CHICAGO (NNPA) - Chicago police say they have arrested and charged a suspect in connection with a robbery attempt that left former U.S. senator and presidential candidate Carol Moseley Braun with a broken wrist.



Braun

Braun was standing at her front door on April 27 when an assailant came out of the bushes and tried to take her purse. She was injured in a scuffle with the attacker who fled the scene without the purse after two University of Chicago students came to her aid. Charged today with attempted armed robbery and aggravated battery was 38-year-old Joseph A. Dixon of Chicago.

Sergeant Nancy Higgins says Dixon was arrested on Friday for allegedly stealing cash from a tip jar at a Subway Restaurant located in the Hyde Park neighborhood.

Higgins said the former senator picked him out of lineup. Police say Dixon has an extensive criminal record, including burglaries, criminal trespassing and assaults.

## Bo Diddley leaves Nebraska hospital for Florida rehab

OMAHA, Nebraska (AP) - Musician Bo Diddley, who suffered a stroke after casino performances in Council Bluffs, Iowa, earlier this month, has left a Nebraska hospital, according to a media report.

The 78-year-old singer-guitarist has checked out of Creighton University Medical Center and gone back to Florida, his publicist told the Omaha World-Herald.

Susan Clary said Friday that Diddley has traveled to and was admitted at Shands Rehab Hospital near his hometown of Archer.

A hospital spokeswoman would not confirm his admittance or give his condition Saturday.

Diddley, with his black glasses and low-slung guitar, has been an icon in the music industry since he topped the R&B charts with "Bo Diddley" in 1955. His other hits include "Who Do You Love," "Before You Accuse Me," "Mona" and "I'm a Man."

Diddley was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987 and was given a lifetime achievement Grammy in 1998.

# Couple's story of love changed history

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BALTIMORE - He was of Samoan ancestry; she was a white girl from Locust Point. They fell in love in the Hawaiian Room in the Emerson Hotel in Baltimore in 1963.

The racial difference seemed acceptable, even romantic, to them. He was a dancer in a Polynesian troupe. At a performance, JoAnn Kovacs was seated in the audience, until, seduced by the music and encouraged by friends, she started dancing herself, catching Meki To'alepai's eye.

But when the time came to get married, "We were turned away," JoAnn said.

That failed attempt to wed in Maryland led to national publicity and a campaign to end the state's miscegenation law, which banned most forms of interracial marriage. This spring marks the 40th anniversary of its repeal.

But change came too slowly to suit the Meki and JoAnn To'alepai, who exchanged vows in 1966 in Washington. It was already legal in the district for white women to marry so-called "brown" men. Then the newlyweds left for California.

Forty year of marriage followed, and the subject of

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AP Photo/Baltimore Sun by Elizabeth Mahy

JoAnn To'alepai leads granddaughter Meridian To'alepai, front, Sierra Sumuel, back left, and Amber Sumuel in a Polynesian dance lesson in the basement of their South Baltimore row house.

## FAMU coach hit with stalking allegation

BY BRENT KALLESTAD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Florida A&M University basketball coach Mike Gillespie Sr. was jailed Friday on a misdemeanor stalking charge, police said.

Police said they were called Friday morning by a woman, who said she was stalked at work Thursday evening and again on Friday morning.



Gillespie

She had told authorities on May 15 of

Gillespie's advances, but didn't want to file charges, hoping he'd stop contacting her, a police report said.

The report said police had investigated Gillespie several times since March 2005 on stalking complaints and warned him to stop his behavior. It was not immediately clear who made the complaints.

Gillespie's attorney, Tim

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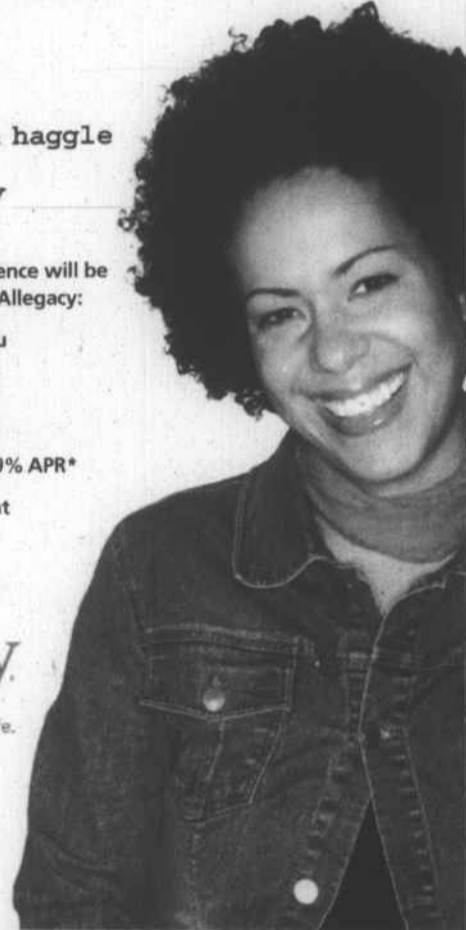
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