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## U.S. judge rejects abortion restriction

BY MARC KAUFMAN  
THE WASHINGTON POST

A federal judge in San Francisco struck down the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act on Tuesday, ruling that the law jeopardizes other legal forms of abortion and threatens the health of women who end their pregnancies.

In a strongly worded opinion that accused Congress of misrepresenting many facts about the procedure, U.S. District Judge Phyllis Hamilton concluded that the bill — approved by wide margins in Congress last year and signed by President Bush — was unconstitutional. Hamilton adopted most of the arguments put forward by the Planned Parenthood Federation of America in finding that the measure was too vague, that it placed an unfair burden on women seeking certain kinds of abortions and that it did not do enough to protect women's health.

The ban on the procedure that critics call "partial birth abortion" was already on hold temporarily as three courts heard legal challenges to it, but Hamilton's decision specifically

■ LAW CONTINUES ON 17A

## Growth outruns a key road

BY PRASHANT GOPAL  
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Seminole Pratt Whitney Road was once little more than a dusty country drag that felt as open — to the few motorists who used it — as the fields that flanked it.

But the road has become the spine through Palm Beach County's fastest-growing landscape, which has pushed far more traffic onto the two-lane road than it was designed to handle. It has become a popular route for trucks heading to the Port of Palm Beach and carting fill and other materials to road and housing construction sites throughout The Acreage.

It is also increasingly dangerous. About 120 crashes were recorded along Seminole Pratt Whitney Road last year, more than the two previous years

■ CRASH CONTINUES ON 12A

## U.S.: Padilla plotted to blow up buildings

BY CHARLIE SAVAGE  
THE BOSTON GLOBE

WASHINGTON • Suspected terrorist Jose Padilla was actively engaged in an al-Qaida plot to simultaneously blow up multiple high-rise apartment buildings in the United States in the months after the attacks of Sept. 11, Deputy Attorney General James Comey said Tuesday, laying out the newly declassified information from interrogations of the American detainee and other accused terrorists.

The allegation is contained in a six-page statement that details the contacts between the terrorist network and Padilla, one of two U.S. citizens held without charge and interrogated for two years after being designated an "enemy combatant" by Presi-

■ PADILLA CONTINUES ON 13A

# CARIBBEAN HERITAGE

### Has the time come for Congress to designate a historic month?



Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, born in Haiti, founded Chicago



Colin Powell, whose parents are from Jamaica, is secretary of state



Alexander Hamilton, born in Nevis, was first treasury secretary



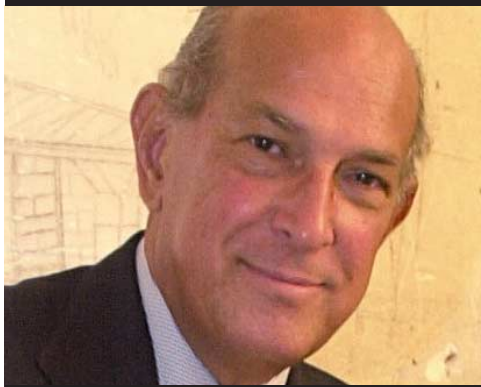
Shirley Chisholm, parents from Guyana and Barbados, ran for U.S. president



Antonia Novello, born in Puerto Rico, was first female surgeon general



Kelsey Grammer, born in St. Thomas, actor



Oscar de la Renta, born in Dominican Republic, fashion designer



Marcus Garvey, born in Jamaica, was a black nationalist

BY ALVA JAMES-JOHNSON  
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The first U.S. Treasury secretary was from Nevis. The founder of Chicago was born in Haiti.

Those are just two historical facts that Americans will learn if Congress designates June as National Caribbean American Heritage month.

The idea is floating through the halls of the Capitol, which was designed by a British Virgin Islander, in a bill that would honor the millions of Caribbean people who came to the United States over the past two centuries. The month is modeled

after Black History, Hispanic Heritage and Women's History months to recognize the contributions of immigrants from all Caribbean countries, regardless of language and race.

"Caribbean Americans have influenced every aspect of American culture, society and government," said Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., who introduced the bill. "Their history is interwoven with ours."

Phillip Peters, a Caribbean American business development consultant in Mi-

■ CARIBBEAN CONTINUES ON 6A



### Caribbean nations

Caribbean countries are not only the islands. Some Central and South American countries are considered part of the Caribbean basin, where they are tied by culture and history.

# Interim Iraqi leaders chosen

## Bombs, shells are backdrop to ceremony

BY LIZ SLY  
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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

BAGHDAD, IRAQ • After naming a president who was not the American choice, the Iraqi Governing Council on Tuesday swore in the new interim government that is scheduled to take power in less than a month from the U.S.-led coalition.

In a meeting punctuated by the booms of explosions outside, the U.S.-appointed council then dissolved itself to make way for the new government that is scheduled to take control on June 30. Until then, the Coalition Provisional Authority led by L. Paul Bremer will remain responsible for running the violence-riddled nation.

In what many Iraqis saw as a defeat for the United States, Ghazi Mashal Ajil al-Yawer, a powerful tribal leader whose candidacy was opposed by the United States and the United Nations, was named the first president of Iraq after Saddam Hussein.

But the powers of the new government remain unclear. A new resolution offered by the United States and Britain on Tuesday at the U.N. Security Council calls for the removal of multinational forces by 2006 but left unresolved the question of

■ IRAQ CONTINUES ON 8A

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President of interim government is unlikely to settle for ceremony. **8A**

#### U.S. REACTION

Bush praises new team of leaders but seeks to limit expectations. **8A**

#### EXPLOSION

Bombs rock Baghdad and U.S. base in north, killing 14. **9A**

#### SUSPICIONS

Ahmad Chalabi reportedly told Iran that U.S. broke its secret code. **10A**

#### THE BILL

Iraq complicates U.S. legislative efforts to curb spending. **11A**

#### New president Sheik Ghazi al-Yawer



# Daily Digest

## Peacekeepers take control in Haiti

U.N. peacekeepers prepared to take command from an American-led multinational force Tuesday, facing uncertainty about troop numbers and funding. **INTERNATIONAL, 14A**

## Smaller class sizes planned for fall

The school district plans to reduce the average class size by three students for most schools this fall. **LOCAL, 1B**

## Membership scholarships lure business

The Broward Alliance has sprinkled membership scholarships on small businesses to foster diversity and possible future job growth. **BUSINESS, 1D**

## Blues musician uses father as muse

When Big Bill Morganfield returns to South Florida to play the blues this weekend, he'll have the spirit of his father, the great Muddy Waters, guiding him. **LIFESTYLE, 1E**

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