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At least 94 dead as tropical storm flattens Phillippines

-By Associated Press INTERNATIONAL

MAHINOG, Philippines — Tropical storm Lingling battered the Philippines for a second day today, pushing the death toll to at least 94, sinking a cargo ship and virtually shutting down anything in its path.

At least 72 people in one town alone – Mahinog – died when Lingling swamped much of the central and southern Philippines with torrential downpours Wednesday.

At least 140 were missing, including 19 Filipino crewmen whose cargo ship sank today in stormy seas off the northwestern Philippines. There was no word on survivors as the storm hampered rescue efforts.

Another 100 were missing in Mahinog on the resort island of Camiguin, the worst-hit area, 440 miles southeast of Manila. About 5,000 people were evacuated from Camiguin, where the rain was so heavy that it dislodged volcanic boulders and sent them crashing into villages.

"We need volunteers who have picks and shovels to help search for the missing," regional Police Chief Rodolfo Caisip said.

JERUSALEM—APalestinian suicide bomber detonated explosives today as an elite anti-terrorist unit closed in on his hideout in a West Bank vil-

Carla Stovall says the lawsuit with

eight other states against Microsoft is

not about the software giant but about

Stovall told reporters Wednesday

the federal settlement did not go far

enough to protect consumers and

"We just generally had great con-

cerns about it," she said. "It not pro-

business. It still allows incredible sti-

fling of competition in this industry."

Microsoft originally said Friday it

would not negotiate further with the

fair business competition.

Kansas attorney general

says fight is about fairness

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lage, police said. The assailant was nation's worst oil spill sparked anger killed and two Israeli commandos were among Alaskan fishermen and hurt.

Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin tervening. Ben-Eliezer said he expected the conflict with the Palestinians to escalate and predicted an increase in attacks on Israelis. Ben-Eliezer warned of a possible attack with non-conventional means, including anthrax.

Today's blast went off in the village of Baka al-Sharkiyeh, along the invis-Bank

Security forces in central and northern Israel had been on high alert since neys pursuing a class-action lawsuit Wednesday, after receiving warnings that a Palestinian militant was en route to Israel, with plans to carry out a suicide bombing.

The identity of the bomber was not immediately known. The Islamic militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad have carried out scores of bombings in Israel in recent years, with the pace accelerating during the past year of fighting.

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JUNEAU, Alaska — A federal appeals court's decision to throw out a \$5 billion punitive-damage verdict against Exxon stemming from the

talk through Tuesday to reach an agree-

ment. While there are no talks sched-

uled, the attorney general did not rule

out the possibility that the remaining

ing Tuesday to the settlement were

California, Massachusetts and Minne-

Attorneys general from Iowa,

Florida, Connecticut, Utah, West Vir-

ginia and the District of Columbia also

rejected the agreement, but still may

states could reach a settlement.

prompted the governor to consider in-

In its ruling Wednesday, the court said some damages were justified to punish the company for the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, but decided the \$5 billion was excessive. The panel ordered a lower court to reduce that amount.

"That \$5 billion would have at least ible line between Israel and the West put a finger in the dike," said Patience Anderson Faulkner, who chronicled the damage from the oil spill for attoragainst Exxon Mobil.

Her family owned a fishing permit valued at about \$210,000 before the spill. If she still owned it, the permit would be worth about \$50,000 for anyone foolish enough to buy it, she said.

Lee Raymond, chairman of the Irving, Texas, oil company, said through a statement the company took responsibility for the spill and has already paid more than \$3 billion in cleanup costs and compensation.

David Oesting, a lawyer representing fishermen, said he might ask the court to reconsider, or ask the U.S. Supreme Court to review it.

Gov. Tony Knowles said he will attempt to bring the two sides to a negotiated settlement, saying the case has dragged on too long.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)-It was a red, white and bluegrass night at the Country Music Association Awards, with the soundtrack to "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" winning two awards during a show steeped in patriotism.

Tim McGraw won the top award of Aside from Kansas, states not agree- best entertainer on Wednesday at the Grand Ole Opry House. Toby Keith got best male vocalist and Lee Ann Womack won best female vocalist. All were first-time winners in their categories

> In any other year, the success of the 'O Brother" soundtrack, which won

the talk of the show.

But this year the CMA Awards weren't really focused on who won awards. From the opening number "Only in America" by Brooks & Dunn to the singalong closer "America the Beautiful," the show was all about responding to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Host Vince Gill said America needed "all the red, white and blue we can get these days.'

"In times like these, we need music more," Gill said. "It's always such a huge part of our American heritage. Throughout history, music has always lifted our spirits in times of struggle."

NEW YORK — The use of compressed air to clean mail-sorting machines was likely responsible for the spread of anthrax at a New York City postal station, a public health expert testified.

Traces of anthrax were found on five machines at the Morgan Processing and Distribution Center, and the New York Metro Area Postal Union has gone to court to demand that the giant postal station be closed.

The expert, Columbia University Professor Jeanne Stellman, said in federal court Wednesday that whoever sent anthrax through the mail "lucked into a perfect vector" as the bacteria spread and created bioterrorism fears.

The U.S. Postal Service says it has been assured the building is safe. No

New York postal workers have shown anthrax symptoms.

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — Heading off expected lawsuits, Bridgestone/

Each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin a copy of the settlement obtained by The Associated Press. There are no restrictions on how the money can be spent.

Nashville, Tenn.-based Bridgestone

of Constant Sorrow," would have been million to reimburse attorneys' fees for nizations, largely underground curthe states. The deal could also include rency exchanges known as hawalas, up to \$10 million in administrative costs.

> Bridgestone/Firestone announced a recall of 6.5 million ATX, ATX II and Barakaat, operate in more than 40 Wilderness AT tires on Aug. 9, 2000, after receiving reports that some tires suddenly failed. Since then, federal investigators have documented 271 deaths from thousands of accidents involving the tires.

Many of the accidents involved rollovers of the Ford Explorer, the world's best-selling sport utility vehicle. The Wilderness AT tires came as standard equipment.

WASHINGTON — Investigators have exposed several pieces of Osama bin Laden's financial network in the past two months, from honey and diamond dealers to U.S. money-wiring outfits sending millions to Somalia.

But U.S. officials concede they have a long way to go.

"I think it is not possible to know yet how many more of these kinds of organizations may exist and what other inventive mechanisms may exist that we haven't discovered yet," Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill said. The government made a major move Wednesday toward blocking the money behind the terrorists.

President Bush announced the too slowly when the bacteria was iden-United States was targeting two orga- tified in post offices.

Republican legislator running for state treasurer

TOPEKA (AP) — A legislator with make a decision for at least a few more a professional background in accounting is running for state treasurer. Alldritt, D-Harper. Harper County's treasurer also is interested in the race.

Sen. Lynn Jenkins, of Topeka, announced Wednesday that she is seeking the Republican nomination. year, after serving two years in the Jenkins is a certified public accountant House. She is a member of the Senate who has worked for firms in Wichita and Topeka.

Harper County Treasurer Carmen /Firestone will spend \$5 million on a Alldritt said she is considering a run for best album and single for "IAm a Man consumer education campaign and \$10 the Democratic nomination but won't

weeks. She is the wife of Rep. Richard

funneling cash to bin Laden's al-Qaida

countries, including the United States.

and channel funds to al-Qaida through

companies and nonprofits they run, the

Investigators believe tens of mil-

lions of dollars a year flow overseas

through al-Barakaat. Much of that was

sent by Somali residents of the United

States to relatives, with the networks

skimming money off for al-Quaida

WASHINGTON - President Bush

marks the two-month anniversary of

the terrorist attacks by reassuring

Americans the government is doing all

however, investigators remain baffled

by four anthrax deaths and Osama bin

Laden remains elusive in Afghanistan.

Washington, Bush was flying to At-

lanta for a tour of the Centers for Dis-

ease Control and Prevention.

Eager to deliver the message outside

A government agency, the CDC has

drawn widespread praise for around-

the-clock probing of the anthrax at-

tacks but sharp criticism for moving

As he speaks tonight in Atlanta,

The organizations, Al Taqua and Al-

The incumbent state treasurer, Republican Tim Shallenburger, is running for governor next year.

Jenkins was elected to the Senate last Assessment and Taxation Committee and the joint legislative committee that oversees the work of state auditor.

Jenkins joins Shawnee County Treasurer Rita Cline in the GOP race.



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Firestone Inc. will pay \$41.5 million in a settlement with states over defective tires the company recalled more than a year ago. Islands will get \$500,000, according to



Daily and The Country Advocate.

