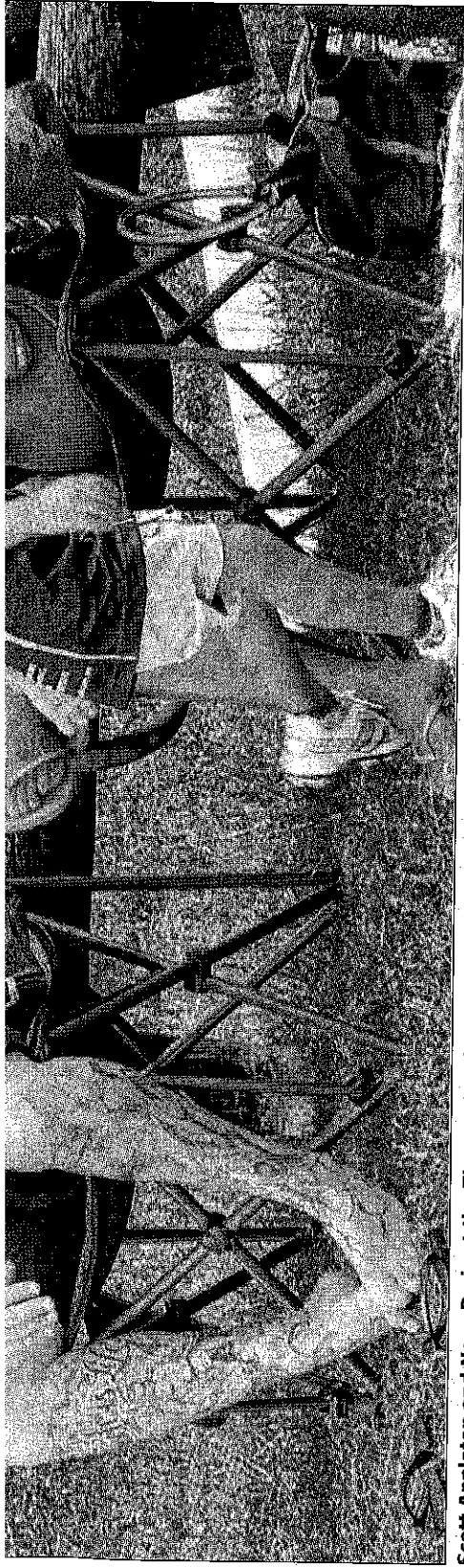


will return and Larrakeyah this morning. Air Commodore Watson will be replaced by Commodore Brenton Smyth of the Royal Australian Navy, who specialises in mining warfare and clearance diving. Commodore Smyth served in Afghanistan as a political adviser to NATO and the International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF) in October 2010. Most recently he was the director of Middle East and Operational Policy at the International Policy Division. He has been in the RAN for 30 years, beginning his career as a Supplementary List Seaman Officer in 1983. As the head of Northern Command, Commodore Smyth will police the waters for illegal fishermen and apprehend unlawful boat arrivals. The number of asylum seekers attempting to reach Australia has dropped since the federal election. Ten boats have arrived, carrying 544 asylum seekers, since the Government's Operation Sovereign Borders came into effect in September. The flyover will happen about 10.25am.



Scott Appleton and Nova Peris at the Tigers v Bombers game at Nightcliff Oval. A female photographer claims she was abused at the game by Mr Appleton

By SARAH CRAWFORD

A FEMALE photographer claims the husband of Senator Nova Peris joined an angry mob of football fans in front of children at a football match. The woman, who wished not to be named, said Scott Appleton yelled at her to "f--- move," while Ms Peris sat in a chair next to him at the weekend's Nightcliff Tigers v Tiwi Bombers Australian football match. Mr Appleton said he did not swear at her but he did

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The woman said Senator Peris sat silently by while she was targeted by the angry mob of Tigers fans. "Although I don't believe Peris yelled any abuse at me, I couldn't believe that she wouldn't jump in to calm the Tigers supporters down and let the abuse keep going," she said. "Especially her partner and it all happened in front of her kids." Senator Peris' media adviser Gino Lughietti said the woman was sporting a Bombers shirt, and stood in front of the Tigers fans at the

match at Nightcliff Oval. "She was asked to move, but refused, even though there was ample space elsewhere. The crowd became annoyed with her," Mr Lughietti said. "According to the photographer, Mr Appleton swore at her. Mr Appleton strongly denies this. At no stage was Senator Peris involved in the incident." The woman said she would have moved if she had been asked nicely but the crowd was abusive. She said at one stage a woman yelled in her face. Mr Appleton said some

people in the crowd of about 20 did swear at her because she was blocking peoples' view and got in the way of a boundary umpire at one stage. The woman said she could have handled the situation differently. "I probably could have averted the situation, but they could have just asked me nicely," she said. The woman said she got so angry at the abuse she gave the crowd the finger at the end of the quarter. "I was so over it by then," she said.

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# One Mile Dam resident slams profit-making plans

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governments, both CLP and Labor, have sought the land for development. The land, on the edge of Darwin city, is on a special-purpose lease into perpetuity held by the Aboriginal Devel-

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