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Headed for Court

John Kenneth Peel, at left, approaches the federal court building in Jensen for his second trial in the murders of eight persons aboard the fishing vessel *Invincible* near Craig in 1982. Peel's first trial, in

Copper to Ask Legislature for Funds for Children Programs

JUNEAU (AP) — Gov. Steve Cooper said Wednesday he intends to seek legislative support for money to implement a number of the recommendations made by his commission on Alaska's children and youth.

The 20-member commission worked six months to come up with 15 ways the state can improve child care and educational programs. There are recommendations on programs to teach family violence, teen suicide, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, runaway and dropouts.

"Government is a response mechanism," the touring governor told a Juneau class as he unveiled the report.

"It responds to danger signals. And with Alaska having the nation's second-highest divorce rate, its highest rate of youth suicide, its lowest rate of school completion, high rates of youth suicide and high drug and substance abuse levels, there are plenty of danger signals that show we have to do more to help our youth."

Cooper said his long-term hope is to have the legislature pass legislation that would allow the state to take part of the earnings of the Alaska Permanent Fund for two years to fund a \$10 million endowment that will pump an additional \$4 million to \$6 million a year into education and training.

"It is not for this year," he said. "I would like to see the legislature pass legislation that would allow the state to take part of the earnings of the Alaska Permanent Fund for two years to fund a \$10 million endowment that will pump an additional \$4 million to \$6 million a year into education and training."

- \$24,000 to form a child runaway unit in the state's Division of Family and Youth Services;
- \$1.4 million more to counsel children in violent homes;
- \$2.5 million to fund child care for low parents;
- \$1 million to provide counseling to children of divorcing families;
- \$1 million to curb substance abuse in school districts;
- \$2.7 million to beef up health care in rural health units;
- \$500,000 to support local efforts to curb teen suicide;
- \$1.5 million to restore social workers to their level.

Trooper on Stand in Peel Trial

JUNEAU (AP) — An investigator explained Wednesday how John Kenneth Peel initially was overlooked and later identified as a suspect in an 180-murder case.

Prosecutors allege Peel shot or otherwise killed 29-year-old Mark Coulthart, his 20-year-old pregnant wife, their 4-year-old son John, a 9-year-old daughter Kimberly, and four 19-year-old crewmen, Dean Moss, Michael Stewart, Christopher Herman and Jerome Knowen on the fishing boat *Invincible* when the vessel was docked in Craig.

Prosecutors claim Peel moved the boat the next day to a nearby cove and set it for the following day.

Peel, 27, has pleaded innocent. The jury in his first trial, in Ketchikan in 1986, failed to agree on a verdict. His second trial began Friday in Jensen.

In Wednesday's testimony, Sgt. James Staggall, a homicide and scenes investigator, described how trooper developed a profile of the suspect in the case.

Staggall said troopers came up with a physical description of the suspect after interviewing several people in Craig who had seen a man taking the investor's skull from the burning site to shore. "They generally had the same description," he said.

They described a clean-shaven white man in his late 20s or early 30s, from 5-foot-8-inches to 6 feet tall, weighing 150 to 170 pounds, with blonde or brown, curly-length hair, Staggall said.

He said troopers also noticed the murderer had to be familiar with fishing vessels because the investor had been moved about a mile away from Craig and anchored after the *Invincible* and their crew were killed.

He also said the killer must have been a good fish operator. "Everyone says I was wrong the staff like he has been," Staggall said.

Staggall said the killing of Coulthart's two small children was considered an indication that the murderer was well-known to the family because "they might be able to identify the murderer."

Coast Guard Hikes Bering Sea Patrols

By KESHLUMMENTAL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Coast Guard's patrol in the Bering Sea is being stepped up to help enforce U.S. waters, and a Coast Guard cutter will be sent to the area.

The Coast Guard has stepped up for more than a year that foreign trawlers are fishing illegally in the Bering Sea, said Coast Guard spokesman George Flanagan, chief of the Coast Guard's fisheries law enforcement branch.

However the "red and orange" game that played out sometimes at night or in the dark, making it difficult for American fishermen, extremely difficult, Flanagan said Wednesday.

"We are moving more resources to that area," Flanagan said when asked about the new Japanese factory ships recently videotaped with their nets down inside the 200-mile U.S. fishery zone southwest of Adak in the Aleutian Islands.

The videotapes were taken from a jet fishing surveillance plane in the Bering Sea and sent to the Washington, D.C., office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Rep. Frank Underwood, D-Jensen, who served on the commission, said while the state spends \$40 million a year on the state's coast guard, it spends just \$80 per capita for all programs supporting it.

Besides capital projects to be undertaken by the city or state, Dipovich said, he supports a number of other efforts in the community as well.

He named the Sitka Sportsman's Association's indoor range and classroom project and Native community efforts to obtain a cultural center, and the Alaska university system's plan for a marine research center in Sitka. The mayor said he also supports a lobbying effort for a pound factory for herring, and a non-profit group in obtaining a youth facility, and assisting the Pioneer Home in ongoing efforts to obtain necessary funding for its program.

Dipovich named a number of other ongoing projects likely to be addressed by the assembly, among them the fifth annual marine debate, the Tongue Land Management Plan revision, the problem of illegal camping along the Inlet River, creation of more wood processing areas and air and water pollution control.

"One of the most important, if not the most important goal, is to maintain fiscal stability in our community," he said, also calling for "fiscal responsibility."

Mayor Optimistic About Sitka Projects

By ALLEN SYKORA
Sentinel Staff Writer

Mayor John Dipovich said Wednesday it appears Sitka may receive funding for as many as 11 of the 12 projects on the list he submitted to the legislature by the assembly.

The capital projects list was submitted for consideration when the legislature dealt a capital projects bill that this year is aimed primarily at creating jobs.

In an address to the Sitka Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, Dipovich also called for more needed city property to be sold, with the proceeds added to the city's permanent fund.

He also said he favors the concept of selling the city's electrical utility to private enterprise.

Judge Rules Against SCA in Dispute Over Contract

By WILL SWAGEL
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A motion to stay a \$64,000 Washington state court judgment against the Sitka Community Association was denied Monday in Superior Court.

TOMCO Inc., a Washington construction firm, is seeking the judgment in connection with alleged contract violations by SCA's construction, wholly-owned subsidiary of SCA that has since been disbanded.

Superior Court Judge Duane Craker on Monday denied the motion by SCA attorneys to stay the decision of a court in Spokane, Wash., which found for TOMCO last year. SCA is recognized as the Indian tribe representing Sitka area Natives.

In June, a Spokane arbitrator found SCA to be responsible for \$63,000 in contract violations plus another \$21,000 in interest, attorney fees and administrative costs.

The dispute goes back to November 1984 when SCA Construction entered into an agreement with TOMCO to build a school and mascot to perform mechanical work at Mt. Edgecumbe High School during the renovation preceding the state takeover of the school.

SCA Construction breached that contract by failing to properly man the project, the arbitrator's report stated. TOMCO then fired SCA Construction and hired a subcontractor, citing TOMCO more than their previous contract with SCA construction.

The Washington court found that SCA Community Association was responsible for the actions of SCA Construction and ordered SCA to pay the judgment.

Sitka attorney Jim McGowan, who represented TOMCO, said Judge Craker ruled the Washington court did have jurisdiction over SCA. McGowan said SCA Construction had signed a contract which specified that any contract disputes would be decided in the Spokane court.

SCA Trial Court President Bill Brady said he would not know where SCA will be seeking further appeals until he has consulted SCA attorneys.

Mill, DEC Draft Settlement

By Sentinel Staff

Representatives of Alaska Polymers and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation were drafting an agreement today to resolve the operation of recovery of equipment at the mill, the DEC reported.

The agency's southeast manager, Deena Henkin, said a judge postponed until today a court hearing that had first been set for Wednesday on whether to extend a temporary restraining order preventing DEC from suspending the AIC air quality permit, and that in the meantime the parties were working on an agreement.

DEC said AIC would suspend the mill's operating permit Monday if the company continued to operate recovery of rollers without pollution control equipment. AIC then accused the temporary restraining order.

The mill has been bypassing the equipment on its three boilers, one boiler at a time, as it made repairs ordered by DEC as part of a consent decree signed in 1986. Work on the third boiler has yet to begin.

The new hearing is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. today before Judge Henry Kates at the mill, the DEC reported.

Henkin said AIC, DEC and the Sierra Club, the third party in the consent decree, were meeting today to reach a settlement before the hearing. Henkin declined to comment on the details being discussed, but said she saw a 50-50 chance of success in the negotiations.

"They (AIC) seem to want to find a solution," she said. "If the DEC, they consider court a last resort."

AIC spokesmen here said they were surprised at DEC's having a notice of violation and an order to show cause before first seeking a negotiated solution.

SCA Gets New Director

By Sentinel Staff

A man with extensive experience with Native organizations and the Bureau of Indian Affairs will take the helm of the Sitka Community Association here next week, SCA officials said.

President Bill Brady announced today that SCA had hired Harold Moulton as its new director, replacing former manager Scott Churchill, who resigned earlier this month to take a post with a Washington state tribe.

Brady has been with Oceanic Realty, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sitka's City Corp., Southeast's regional Native corporation, Brady said.

Brady said Moulton also sat on the board of directors of Gableton, Inc. and had extensive dealings with the Tlingit and Haida Central Council and the BIA.

Moulton is to start work Monday, Brady said.