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Fisherman Testifies Peel Spoke Against Skipper

JUNEAU (AP) — A fisherman who gave John Kenneth Peel a ride to Alaska a few months before eight people were slain aboard the fishing vessel testified Thursday that he heard Peel express an attitude hostile to skipper Phillip Winslow's authority.

The testimony of peer senior Charles Heston came as prosecutors attempted to build their case for Peel's alleged role in the deaths of eight people aboard the fishing boat. Winslow said at one point in the conversation turned to Heston, and Peel used a profane remark to describe him. "He wasn't kidding around about it," Heston said, "it was a derogatory statement about a friend of mine."

At the beginning of the trial, prosecutor Myra Anne Henry said Peel was angry with Winslow but friend Jim enough to look to mistake Winslow's motive for killing Heston.

SJC to Sponsor Valentine's Run For Area Couples

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. on the Sunday of the run at the Mt. Ridge middle school fieldhouse. Cost is \$3 per person (\$6 per couple).

Wolf Trapping on Kenai Refuge Snarled in Heated Controversy

KENAI, Alaska (AP) — A wolf's final moments were etched in a 20-foot circle of shredded brush and chrome.

Death had come within minutes as the powerful animal thrashed about in the trapper's snare, catching the wolf's snout and head and pulling it back to new lay slumped against the trunk of a small tree.

Art Horton let out a whoop. The trapper had been stalking wolves all winter, and this was his first catch. He saw the wolf snare, leaped for the wolf and snatched it up.

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SE Mayors Hold Meeting

KENAI, Alaska (AP) — Mayors from several southeast Alaska communities are expected to meet Saturday in Kodiak for the Southeast Alaska Mayors Conference.

The effect has raised animal protectionists, who complain trapping at all levels and say wildlife refuges should be places in which animals, not kill them.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is trying to set a plan to manage trapping on the 2 million-acre Kenai refuge for the next several years.

The conflict among professional wildlife managers falls inside the philosophical differences between those who favor the act versus those who oppose it.

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Horton stepped his snare while on a shallow depression in the snow. He wrapped some snow away and lifted up a steel-jawed leghold trap, designed to snap closed on an animal's foot and hold it fast until the trapper's return.

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Fishery Closed

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game reminds fishermen that the waters of Section 13.5, in Sitka Sound and in adjacent interior waters, enclosed by a line from Sitka Point on Kenai Island to the northeastern tip of Little Sitka Island to Froxy Reef are closed to the directed commercial fishery for demersal shell mollusks.

Applications Accepted

The Baranof Island Housing Authority is accepting applications for a Mutual Help Low Income Housing Project for Sitka.

Herring Festival Group Forms

Plans for a herring festival for March 26-27 will be the focus of a recently formed committee.

Senior Lunch Menu

Monday: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, veggie, salad and dessert.
Tuesday: Lentil soup, biscuits, jelly salad and dessert.
Wednesday: Meatloaf, baked potatoes, veggie, salad and dessert.
Thursday: Curry turkey, rice, veggie, salad and dessert.
Friday: Baked halibut, scalloped potatoes, veggie, salad and dessert.

Tax Class Set

"Personal Income Tax Preparation," a one-credit short course taught by Maechi Puhli, will be offered Feb. 25-26 in Alaska College.

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