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State's Challenge to EPA Pleases APC

By Sentinel Staff
Alaska Pulp Corp. executive vice president Frank Hoppel said Thursday he is "very pleased" about the state's move to issue its own waste water permits and deny the certification of permits issued by EPA.

Gov. Bill Sheffield announced the decision Thursday, saying that the state intends to protect the environment as well as employment.

The EPA has indicated that the state will not alter the effect of the federal agency's decision that additional waste water treatment equipment must be installed on a given mill if the mills are to continue operation.

A court confrontation between the state and the EPA appears to be ahead, the Sheffield administration has been told.

The state government was "under a lot of pressure from the feds," said Hoppel.

"I think it's credit to our governor and the state that they were willing to stand up for what they think is right," he said.

"And if they didn't think they were in a position to defend their action, I don't think they would have taken the stance they did. It wasn't something they wanted to do."

Hoppel said APC is in the process of requesting an administrative hearing on the decision of EPA Region Ten administrator Ernesta Barrios to deny the variance.

The purpose of the hearing, he said, would be to require EPA to provide detailed reasons on why the Region Ten office first announced the variance would be granted and then a new director was appointed had a change of heart.

He described that change as capricious and perhaps vindictive. He noted also that the change in decisions also would be closely scrutinized in court.

Hanging over the heads of the pulp industry is the compliance timetable mandated by the EPA, and which may be upheld after the mills' administrative and court appeals.

It calls for the mills to provide proof January that they have begun to install the new water treatment equipment and report regularly after that until July 1, 1985, when the equipment is supposed to be in operation.

"We would like to be in compliance—that would be the best of all possible worlds," said Hoppel. Experts employed by the mills are continuing to look for a breakthrough in technology that would allow them to meet the federal guidelines without compromising the economic viability of the mill.

Astronauts Stalking Wayward Satellites

By HOWARD BENEDICT
AP Wire Service
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Discovery's astronauts are making small adjustments to their orbit to catch up, slowly but steadily, to two off-course satellites that were salvaged by space-walking astronauts.

Three more engine firings were planned today to further reduce the gap between Juno and Hermes in the intricate game of celestial cat-and-mouse. The goal: Catch the first satellite, Palapa 31, on Monday and the second, Westar 6, on Wednesday.

Before the wayward satellites can be captured, the astronauts must empty the shuttle's cargo bay of two commercial communications satellites. The first is to be released late today for Telesat of Canada. The second, owned by Hughes Communications Services, is to be dropped Saturday.

Telesat is paying the National Aeronautics and Space Administration \$80 million, and Hughes, with a bigger satellite, \$17 million for the delivery service.

Commander Rick Hauck and pilot David Walker began the satellite joust within an hour after Discovery's launch Thursday, triggering the first of 44 engine firings intended to bring the ship within 30 feet of Palapa on Monday.

At the chase began, with shuttle and satellite racing around the globe at more than 17,000 mph, Palapa was about 12,000 miles ahead at an altitude of 234 miles, 40 miles higher than Discovery. Westar is 720 miles ahead of Palapa.

The spacecraft is to draw alongside Palapa and fly in formation with it while mission specialists Joe Allen and Dale Gardner stare outside for the retrieval. Allen is to fly free of Discovery, propelling himself with a single dip in the satellite's engine nozzle to secure it.

Mission specialist Anna Fisher is to grab Palapa with a 30-foot robot arm firmly in the cargo bay. Gardner is to wear the prepack for the Westar rescue.

The satellite, worth \$35 million each, are to be returned to Earth, refurbished and resold by insurance companies which paid out \$10 million in claims when the payloads were in rocket motors last February. The companies, with Lloyd's of London having the biggest share, are paying \$10 National Aeronautics and Space Administration \$8.5 million for the salvage job.

Veterans Observance On Sunday

By Sentinel Staff
Veterans Day, a day of recognition for all those who have served in U.S. armed services, will be observed Sunday. Schools, banks and many business will be closed both Sunday and Monday.

A parade with a patriotic theme honoring veterans will be held 7 p.m. Sunday. The public is invited to take part.

"Anything that observes the recognition of veterans" will be welcome, said Ray Perkins, commander of American Legion Post 13. The parade will begin at the Lincoln and Lake streets intersections and those joining in are asked to meet in the parking area of the intersection at 1:30 p.m.

Invitations have been sent to the U.S. Coast Guard, the National Guard, the Alaska State Troopers and other organizations throughout Sitka.

Also scheduled is a veterans banquet to be held in the American Legion Hall. Dr. Les Shepherd, post Legion department commander and former Sitka mayor now living in Ketchikan, will speak.

Drinks will be served at 7 p.m. Sunday, dinner at 8 p.m., and all veterans and their families are invited. The dinner is free of charge.

The Sikks notes: "As citizens, we may or may not have had the honor of military service, but we can and do respect and honor those who could and did place themselves before the enemy, whomsoever."

To honor veterans day, Sikks Elder Lodge members will prepare and Veterans of Foreign Wars members will serve breakfast at the Elks Lodge Sunday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Veterans and Elks Lodge members are invited.

All proceeds from the breakfast will go to the Sitka Veterans Hospital.

Americanism, says the Veterans of Foreign Wars, is "an unflinching love of country; loyalty in its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend its rights; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity."

Parades also reminded all veterans that different-colored ribbons for veterans of the various wars are available from the Legion throughout the weekend.



On the Wing
Sitka doesn't have cattle but did have a cattle egret visiting this week. The bird, as its name reveals, usually follows cattle in the fields, picking up insects from the grass. Once found only in Spain, Portugal and Africa, the bird Alaska, said Chuck Johnson, who called the Daily Sitka Sentinel when he saw one on the National Cemetery. An Anadarko flock of 800 at Sitka apparently was with other cattle egrets or others in the family, but this Sitka visitor apparently was on his (or her) own. (Sentinel photo)

Peel Back in Alaska; Arraignment Today

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (AP) — A Ma Henry said Peel is being held at the state's Ketchikan Correctional Center and will stand trial in Ketchikan unless the Superior Court decides to grant a change of venue.

Peel was brought from Washington to Alaska by Alaska State Troopers. The had obtained to Peel's return was County Superior Court Judge Pro Tem Dave Nichols signed papers approving the extradition.

Defense lawyers said they would not appeal the extradition after Nichols ordered certain conditions on Peel's transfer to Alaska.

Defense lawyers and Ma Henry had met Tuesday night and Wednesday Peel's waiving extradition and returning to face trial voluntarily.

But Western County's chief criminal deputy prosecutor, Mac Suter, said Peel no longer had the option of waiving extradition.

Issues discussed in court Wednesday included a defense request for preconditions to prevent Peel from being photographed by news photographers during transport to Alaska, and to bar officers accompanying Peel from talking with him. Henry said arrangements could be made to avoid reporters and photographers as much as possible.

Peel is accused of killing Billie residents Mark Coulburn and his wife, Irene, both 28, their daughter, Kimberly Lynn, 5, their son, John Jr., 4, cousins, Deane Miller and Jerome Kowal, both 18, Blaine, Coulburn's cousin, Deane Michael Stewart, 18, Haines, 18, San Rafael, Calif.

Coulburn was owner and skipper of the investor, a fishing boat that burned to the water line near Craig, Alaska, in 1982. The victims' shared remains were found aboard and investigators determined that at least two had been slain in the boat.

Peel had served as a crew member for Coulburn, and was a crew member on another boat in Craig at the time of the homicide, according to State Trooper Spokesman Paul Edstrom.

Edstrom said the victims were slain the night of Sept. 5, 1983, while the fishing community of 900 some 60 miles northwest of Ketchikan.

Gov. Sheffield Names Judges

JUNEAU (AP) — Two women were among six new District and Superior Court judges appointed Thursday by Gov. Bill Sheffield — reportedly the largest number of judges ever named in a single day by an Alaska governor.

John Peel, 24, is expected to report to the Superior Court on murder and arson charges, said Ketchikan District Attorney Mary Anne Henry.

— Joan Katz, 46, an Anchorage attorney, The University of California-Berkeley graduate is a former Attorney General through lawyer.

— Rene Gonzalez, 40, a lawyer from Anchorage, he served as U.S. attorney in Alaska from 1978 to 1980 and Gonzalez is a graduate of Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

Named by Sheffield, 24, an assistant district attorney in Anchorage with the state Department of Law, The University of San Francisco graduate charge and Fairbanks since 1979.

— Ralph Sims, 31, an Anchorage attorney. Stemp is a former assistant at the University of Washington Law School.

— David Stewart, 26, a state assistant district attorney based in Anchorage. The Boston University School of Law Services in Nome and as a prosecutor in Anchorage and Fairbanks since 1979.

— Michael White, 31, the Palmer district attorney, White, a graduate of Northwestern University School of Law, has been district attorney in Nome and an assistant district attorney in Anchorage.

All Precincts in But Totals Still Unofficial

By DEAN FORDICE
Associated Press Writer
JUNEAU (AP) — The results of at least four more legislative races were decided Thursday with two incumbents losing their seats, another retaining his job and a former House majority leader falling in a tie for a Senate position.

The state Division of Elections released its latest Alaska voter tally about noon Thursday, showing 106 percent of all precincts reporting.

Those totals, however, were unofficial. They did not reflect a record 18,000 absentee votes and an unknown number of questioned ballots, said Elections spokeswoman Jill Warner, who cautioned that those could change the outcomes of some close races.

Rep. Tony Vaska, D-Bethel, and Rep. Wendie, D-Ketchikan, appear to have failed in efforts to gain re-election, while Rep. Peter Goll, D-Haines, will head to Juneau for a second two-year term. Goll pulled out a 221-vote win over Carl Kins, a restaurant owner from Sitka.

Vaska wound up trailing Republican challenger John Husky, of Bethel, by 113 votes in the latest tally for the District 21 seat. Former District Judge Robin Taylor, of Wrangell, meanwhile, attracted 1,208 absentee votes for the District 11 job.

MacIsaac through Mayor Edna Armstrong-DeVries, a Republican, out-pollied Democrat Chuck Saxton, a former House majority leader, in a widely watched "boom district" battle for the Senate District E-B seat.

Mr. Armstrong-DeVries, of Palmer, tallied 8,066 votes to 5,763 for Saxton, who lives in Girdwood.

With all 38 precincts reporting, Saxton President Jay Kerthala, D-Palmer, extended into the comfort zone the last he held over Rep. Barbara Lacher, R-Wailla, for the Senate District E-A seat.

Kerthala drew 10,473 votes to Mrs. Lacher's 9,000.

Mrs. Lacher had conceded early Wednesday that Kerthala had — then about 700 votes — appeared insurmountable.

Although all precincts have reported, it may be two weeks before all the votes are officially tallied, Mrs. Warner said.

"We're going to start counting the absentee ballots tonight, so many races are close and their (results) could be affected."

"It will be at least a couple of weeks before every vote is in... awhile longer before we can certify because we have to check for errors."

Stevens in Race With 4 Others

By W. DALE NELSON
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WASHINGTON (AP) — It's "a very tough contest," says Kansas Sen. Robert Dole, but he and four other Republicans are battling it out in a Senate leadership race newly scrambled by the election results.

"I don't have the foggiest notion who's ahead," Dole said Thursday.

"I have 11 haven't got the commitments I need, but I got commitments from one or two other," said Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana.

Dole, Lugar and Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska, Face V. Demore of New Mexico and James A. McClure of Idaho are campaigning to succeed Sen. Howard H. Baker Jr. of Tennessee as majority leader. Baker is retiring from the Senate and considering a run for the presidency in 1988.

The winner will be chosen in a closed balloting Nov. 20.

Until Tuesday, it was uncertain whether the Republicans would be choosing a majority leader or a minority leader, as Democrats claimed an outside chance of regaining control of the Senate.

The important thing is that we still have a majority to lead," Dole said, responding to questions from the audience at an investors' forum.

Margin Widens In Two Races

ANCHORAGE (AP) — The leads widened for the apparent victors in two legislative races as election officials began tabulating absentee ballots Thursday and Friday.

Linda Edwards of the Division of Elections said the tally of 1,800 absentee ballots in Senate District 10 showed DeVries adding 16 votes to her margin over Republican Bob Armstrong.

The totals now stand at 10,532 for DeVries-Armstrong and 10,337 for Saxton.

And he said in House District 27 Republican David Thompson's lead over Democrat Ed Naughton grew by 16 votes after 40 absentee ballots were counted.

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Transportation Agency Jobs May be Transferred

ANCHORAGE (AP) — State officials are trying to figure out which of the functions of the Alaska Transportation Commission may be transferred to other departments when the agency expires early next year.

Voters overwhelmingly approved an initiative measure Tuesday which abolished the ATC. And the Alaska Constitution prohibits the Legislature from transferring with initiative subjects for at least two years.

That officials are unsure whether the state may adopt new safety regulations to take the place of those which had been enacted by the ATC.

The Department of Law is researching the matter, and the governor's press secretary, John Greely, said once there is a decision the state will move "to the extent allowed by the initiative."

"The state will do something to make sure the public is protected safety and insurance-wise," predicted Commerce Chairman Robert Roeder.

The ATC also approves freight rates and decides who will enter the transportation industry in Alaska. It was Libertarian Party when it launched initiative drive to abolish the commission.

There's no doubt that the state will be barred from regulating those functions in the two-year interim.

But Assistant Attorney General Susan Cox said the legislature has broad powers to amend the initiative so long as it doesn't alter the intent.

For example, she said, lawmakers could delay the demise of the ATC until the end of the state's fiscal year next June 30. That would allow the commission ample time to close out its business, while giving the legislature a chance to decide on a comprehensive commercial vehicle safety program.

Nothing will happen for at least three effect until 90 days after the Nov. 6 election, she said, and she is certified. That means the ATC will remain in business until late February or early March.

The ATC has an annual budget of \$1.2 million and 23 staff members. Its three commissioners each make \$60,000 a year.

TV Projections Don't Touch Voters, Researcher Says

WASHINGTON (AP) — An analyst says a survey he conducted Tuesday night in Oregon convinces him that television network projections of election winners could displace many voters from going to the polls.

William Adams, professor of public administration at George Washington University, said his survey of 1,236 Oregonians found only a few non-voters who said they stayed home because they already knew, from TV, how the election would come out.

But the chairman of the Republican and Democratic parties, in separate news conferences Thursday, denounced the networks for projecting President Reagan's lead while the polls were still open in the West.

The Daily Sitka Sentinel will not publish Monday, Nov. 12 in observance of Veterans Day.