

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 218

Date August 17, 1988

Full Name Peter H. Burr Social Security Number _____
(no initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address _____

City Kennebunk State Maine Zip Code 04043

Date of Birth 3/47 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

Religion _____ Nationality American

Occupation Educator

Education College graduate

Weight 200 Height 5'8" Race white

Color of hair Brown Color of eyes _____

Outstanding characteristics or interests Mountain climbing

Married or single Single Children _____
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name _____

Scouting connections: Chartered organization Christ Church

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Signed Robert H. Denlinger
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Council Pine Tree #218

quahog dragger fight lobstermen

By CHRISTINE KUKKA
Staff Writer

You can have lobsters or quahogs from eastern Casco Bay, but you can't have both, according to lobstermen who want to keep quahog draggers out of their waters.

Draggermen have asked the state for permission to dredge the ocean floor off Harpswell, Georgetown and Phippsburg for hard-shell clams called quahogs.

But lobstermen have strenuously opposed "quahoggers" dredging up their rich fishing grounds and disturbing their gear. They have asked Department of Marine Resources officials to reject the quahog dredging request.

Marine Resources Commissioner William Brennan is scheduled to decide late this week whether to permit quahoggers in eastern Casco Bay.

"At this point, there seems like a great potential for gear conflict here," Brennan said Tuesday. "And that is a serious concern to me."

The dispute surfaced this spring, when prices for the mahogany-colored clams increased to \$40 a bushel and fishermen began clamoring to cash in on a recently-discovered quahog bed between Bailey's Island and Southport.

To harvest ocean quahogs, draggers use hydraulic dredges that dig 6 inches into the ocean floor to scoop up quahogs that burrow into

the muddy bottom.

Lobstermen fear the dredges will damage lobster and collide with their

One-sixth of Maine's come from this region, sales generated \$10 million a year, according to National Fisheries Service statistics.

Despite the potential quahoggers are eager for this new cache of clams they traditionally go for as haddock, have declined in recent months due to fishing. And they are looking for new species to harvest.

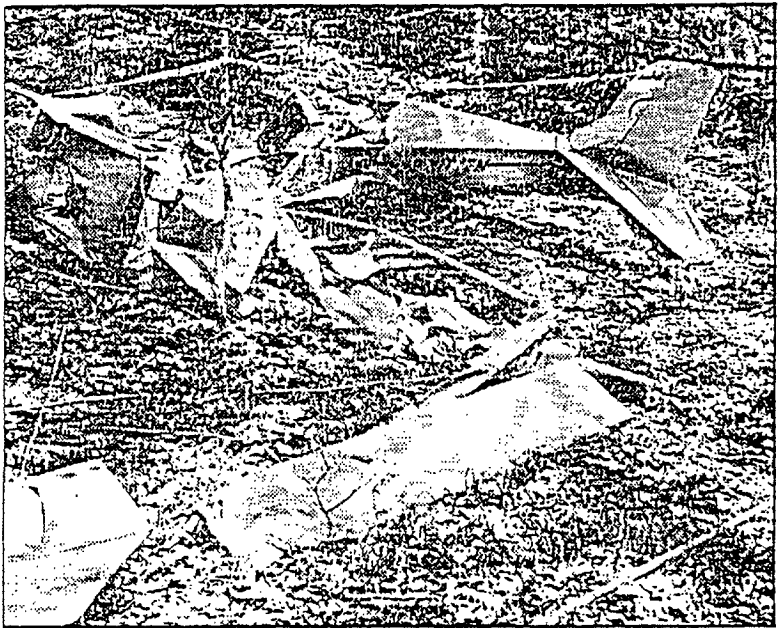
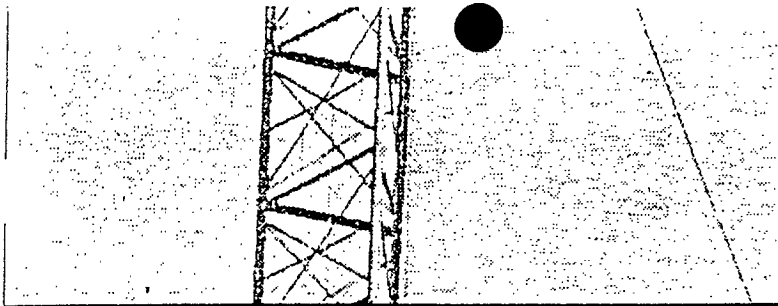
The quahog bed was discovered last winter, when groupermen, who drag for scallops, began pulling up quahogs with scallops in their dredges.

"We did a survey and discovered there were quahogs in the region," said Pennell, DMR deputy commissioner.

Fishermen then asked the state to conduct tests to determine whether there was any gear conflict also called paralytic shellfish poisoning — in the bays.

When test results this week ago revealed no trace of paralytic poisoning, fishermen pressed DMR for permission to dredge for quahogs. Because of the potential conflict between draggers and

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Staff photos by John Ewing

Craft hits tower, kills pilot

Paul Laliberte of Saco died Tuesday of multiple injuries after his ultra-light airplane crashed into a Continental Cablevision tower in Saco. In

top photo, a wing from the plane dangles from the 420-foot tower. At bottom, the wreckage lies in woods below. Story, page 31.

Ex-scoutmaster Burr admits sex charge, is jailed for a year

By C. SCOTT HOAR
Staff Writer

ALFRED — Former Kennebunk selectman and scoutmaster Peter H. Burr pleaded guilty Tuesday to having unlawful sexual contact with a 16-year-old boy and was sentenced to 364 days in jail.

Burr, 42, is accused of having contact with the youth on a Scout camping trip in North Shalburgh on Oct. 17 or 18, 1986.

Under the conditions of a plea agreement, Burr will be on probation for five years after he completes the jail time. He was ordered to have counseling, and not to become involved with youth organizations.

At a jail press conference after the court appearance, Burr said he pleaded guilty "because I am exhausted. I can't fight any more."

Burr also said he changed his plea "because I am concerned for the youth and the parents, and

• A Kennebunk selectman and others say they're glad Burr's case is over. Page 31.

my former colleagues who have stood by me through these troubles."

He has been in the jail for the past two months, and the sentence means he probably will serve about six more months there.

The sentencing ended a yearlong series of much-publicized events surrounding the flamboyant Burr, who was the subject of an investigation, quit his teaching job and civic posts, was arrested, and disappeared and resurfaced several times.

With his ankles chained together, Burr shuffled into the courthouse Tuesday and told waiting reporters that he or his attorney, Peter

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C. Scott

A hobbled Peter Burr heads for his day in court.

Portland Evening Express May 23, 1989

DeTroy of Portland, would have a statement afterward. He wore a gray suit, white shirt and tie.

He replied "guilty" in a quiet but clear voice when asked by Justice G. Arthur Brennan how he pleaded.

A two-count grand jury indictment was returned against Burr in September. In January, he also was arrested on a two-count indictment from Connecticut arising from suspected sex activities in that state with youths.

District Attorney Mary V. Tousignant told the court that Burr was changing his plea because of a plea agreement under which she recommended the 364-day sentence, the maximum provided by state law.

She recommended that the second count, arising from a similar alleged sex offense on April 11, 1987, in Kennebunk, be dismissed.

Tousignant said the plea bargain was part of a larger one in which Burr would travel to Connecticut within the next few days and plead guilty to the two-count indictment there.

She said he would receive the maximum five-year sentence there on one count, with all but one year suspended, and will return here to serve the sentences concurrently. The second felony count there will be dismissed.

Tousignant said the Kennebunk-area victim and his parents "are satisfied with the sentence," which he is expected to serve at the York County Jail.

At the jail, corrections Lt. Raymond Moreau said an individual receiving a 364-day sentence and two months credit "with good time will serve

about six months."

Tousignant said she was "relieved" that the cases have been disposed of. "It has been a great strain on everyone and especially the youth he was involved with," she said.

DeTroy said pleading guilty was Burr's decision. He said he expected a still-outstanding fugitive warrant from Lincoln County to be dismissed.

Last July, Burr disappeared while camping in the New Hampshire mountains. An all-points bulletin was issued in September after the indictment was returned. He was located in mid-November in Las Vegas and returned here.

When he was released from jail on \$5,000 bail in late November, regular contact with a probation officer and a curfew were ordered.

On Jan. 3, he was arrested on the Milford, Conn., indictment and held at the Cumberland County Jail. Later, Burr was examined at Augusta Mental Health Institute after an apparent suicide attempt in jail.

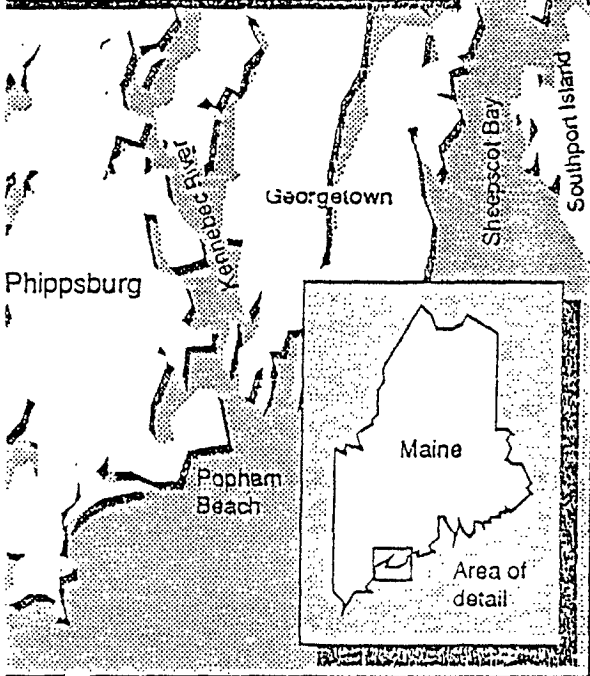
Burr was released on bail again, but in January an arrest warrant was issued when he violated a curfew. He was found at Maine Medical Center in Portland under observation for depression.

He disappeared again in mid-February after his case had been transferred to Lincoln County. He was thought to be in Chicago, but eventually was found in a disoriented condition in a parked car in Kennebunk.

It was then that he was ordered held at the county jail pending disposition of his case, and bail was returned to two relatives who originally posted it.

Quahog battleground

Quahog fishermen are squaring off on fishing grounds along the coast.



Press Herald graphic/Arlene Kelley

said. "ging" could also have economic ramifications for Washington County.

Because of their proximity to southern New England markets, Casco Bay quahoggers would pay lower transportation costs and could charge less for clams than Washington County fishermen.

"Right now you can get \$38 to \$40 a bushel for littlenecks (the smallest and most sought-after ocean quahog)," said Edward Hunt, owner of Hunt's Wharf in Phippsburg. "And draggers are very interested in supplementing their income right now."

Bowdoin student views Beijing protest firsthand

BRUNSWICK (AP) — Protesting Chinese students seem well in control of the Tienanmen Square in Beijing, according to a Bowdoin College student who had no idea his studies in China would give him a first-hand view of this volatile chapter in the Asian nation's history.

Most of Beijing remains calm, however, Asian studies major Adam Najberg said in an interview Tuesday.

"It is only crazy around (Tienanmen) square," the Worcester, Mass., native said. "Hundreds of thousands of students are crammed into a three-block area. It used to be nice, but now it is a

They block the streets with buses or concrete dividers and stop everyone who tries to get by. You see groups of students in trucks everywhere, chanting slogans."

Najberg said that when he went to the Beijing Foreign Languages Normal College, he expected life would be different, but he had no idea what he would be in store for.

In describing the increasing support the Chinese students are receiving, Najberg said: "At the beginning it was just a student protest. Now it has countrywide support. People from all walks of life are involved — common people from the country, workers and

emotional scars.

Zhang Ming left China in 1980 to accept a teaching position in West Germany. After four years of being apart, the couple filed for divorce in 1984. Deng tried to join his wife in West Germany, but was prevented by the government.

"Politically persecuted" during the revolution, Deng said his first wife could not justify her return to China. Her teaching methods, Deng pointed out, were considered "too bourgeois".

"It is a sad story, but it was inevitable," he said.

Deng said he believes that the "seeds" of student unrest in China were planted during the Cultural Revolution, which was began in a power struggle among Communist Party leaders.

"The Cultural Revolution heightened people's awareness," Deng said. "It started Chinese people thinking. They asked questions. Why

Management of AMHI today

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costs from a contingency account that he controls. The intervention plan won approval by lopsided margins in both the House and Senate on Tuesday, but only after several Democrats rose to denounce various details of the arrangement and to suggest that the emergency team would be unable to effect lasting improvements.

One outspoken critic, Rep. Christine F. Burke, D-Vassalboro, said the administration's initiative in seeking outside aid had resulted in an approach that was "poorly planned and outlines no objectives or measurable goals."

Burke pointedly referred to the consortium intervention as "the governor's plan," as did several other Democratic members of the so-called AMHI oversight panel that has been reviewing operations and conditions at the facility for several months.

"This is the governor's call," echoed Sen. Stephen M. Bost, D-Orono, during the Senate debate. He also called the AMHI crisis "symptomatic of poor leadership, misplaced priorities and neglect" within the

administration.

A handful of Republicans spoke out to defend the consortium plan. Sen. Barbara A. Gill, R-South Portland, urged prompt enactment, suggesting that "we have spent some time investigating" conditions at AMHI when, with swifter intervention, "we could have (been) further along."

Under the terms of the legislation, the consortium and individual volunteers will be treated as state employees in terms of liability coverage. They will be afforded immunity for a broad range of activities with damages capped in those cases where exemptions from immunity are provided.

Sen. N. Paul Gauvreau, D-Lewiston, the Senate chairman of the Human Resources Committee, was among those expressing concern about the liability provisions. But he said there had been "assurances from the governor's office" that such protections would not be liberally offered to other state consultants in the future.



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Burr ready to serve his term; town relieved by outcome

From staff reports

ALFRED — Standing before half a dozen reporters in the fenced-in yard of the York County Jail late Tuesday morning, convicted sex offender Peter H. Burr pondered the future and explained his decision to plead guilty.

When asked if he committed the two offenses alleged in the county indictment, and two still awaiting disposition in a Milford, Conn., court, Burr said, "I have a paper here that says I have been convicted, and that's it."

"I know what happened and the boy involved knows what happened," he added. "People must take responsibility for their actions and I am taking responsibility."

In Kennebunk, where Burr was a selectman, teacher and scoutmaster, officials and residents expressed relief that Burr had pleaded guilty to unlawful sexual contact with a juvenile.

"I'm just glad it's over with," said Selectman Dorothy Stevens, referring to the yearlong chain of events that preceded Burr's decision to plead guilty in York County Superior Court on Tuesday.

"I think it's the best thing for Mr. Burr and the town of Kennebunk that it's done and over," she said.

School Superintendent Leo Martin said he felt only

"a very small percentage" of students in the district, many of whom looked up to Burr as civic leader and teacher, were deeply bothered by Burr's predicament.

"I think, to the majority of the students, it has become a dead issue."

Outwardly, Boy Scout Troop 304, where Burr served as scoutmaster, appears to have weathered the controversy, according to Breen Savage, former assistant scoutmaster, who served with Burr until Burr was suspended from the troop last spring.

"My assumption is that they handled it well," Savage said. "But you never know how somebody feels inside."

Burr said he does not have clear recollections of the periods in which he disappeared from this area. Once he was found in Las Vegas, a second time at Maine Medical Center in Portland, and a third time "disoriented" in a car in Kennebunk.

He said he has no suicidal tendencies, although on two occasions he has written what have been described as suicide notes.

"I have received strong and continued support from former (Boy) Scouts, their families, and my former professional and political colleagues, and I have drawn strength from this support," he said.

He said he has resigned himself to serving time in jail. "Already, I am helping others in the jail, in educational activities."



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May 26, 1989

Mr. Robert L. Denlinger
Scout Executive
Pine Tree Council, No. 218

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: PETER H. BURR

Dear Bob:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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February 7, 1989

Mr. Robert L. Benlinger
Scout Executive
Pine Tree Council, No. 218

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: PETER H. BORN

Dear Bob:

I hate to keep bothering you but I last had information concerning the above named individual in November 1988. At that time you indicated that the trial would probably take place in January.

We would like the outcome of the legal action if it has been completed. This would then give us enough information to close our file and have adequate documentation for refusing registration anywhere in the country.

Thanks for your help in completing this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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Dear Paul,

Attached news clippings are
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Confidential file. He has been
arrested. The media is really
covering this.

Thanks.

Bob DeLong
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Portland, Maine, Monday, November 21, 1988



Staff photo by Chris Church

Peter Burr speaks to reporters at the Portland Jetport.

Burr returned to face charges

By DENNIS HOEY
Staff Writer

The disappearance of former Kennebunk selectman, Scoutmaster and high school history teacher Peter H. Burr will have to remain a mystery for now.

Looking healthy and well rested after dropping out of sight four months ago, Burr arrived without incident Sunday night at Portland International Jetport.

Burr, who is facing charges of two counts of unlawful sexual contact with a male juvenile, was

dark-haired man declined to answer specific questions pertaining to his disappearance or the charges that have been filed against him.

After praising his captors for their professionalism and stating that he hoped to be bailed, the 41-year-old Kennebunk native said he would be unable to comment on the charges until he had an opportunity to consult with his attorney, Gordon Ayer of Kennebunkport.

Detectives Patrick Lehan and Anna Fitzell then whisked Burr

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Burr arrested in Las Vegas

KENNEBUNK (AP) — A former Boy Scout leader and selectman who is wanted on charges of unlawful sexual contact is in a Las Vegas jail awaiting an extradition hearing, authorities said.

Peter H. Burr, 41, who was apprehended yesterday after being stopped for a traffic violation, is being held without bail on a fugitive-from-justice warrant, a jail clerk said.

York County District Attorney Mary Tousignant said the police apparently had learned Burr was a fugitive when they did a routine background check.

An extradition hearing is to be held tomorrow in Las Vegas. Should Burr waive extradition, he could be returned to the state in 10 days, Tousignant said. Otherwise, his transfer to Maine could take 60 days.

The former Boy Scout leader and teacher disappeared in July, then was indicted Sept. 9 on two charges of unlawful sexual contact with a Kennebunk juvenile. The incidents allegedly occurred in October 1986 and April 1987.

Burr resigned his positions as a Kennebunk selectman and as a history teacher and tennis coach at

Kennebunk High School shortly after the FBI had begun investigating the allegations early this year. He also was suspended as a scoutmaster in Kennebunk.

Burr was heard from last on July 11, when he spoke with his attorney, Gordon Ayer of Kennebunk.

State police Detective David Lyons said yesterday he was surprised Burr had been apprehended in Nevada because police had no information suggesting he was there.

Burr's disappearance was a mystery for many in Kennebunk.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION SALE
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Portland, Maine, Evening Express, Tuesday, November 22, 1988

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cash bail

ALFRED (AP) — A former Kennebunk selectman accused of sexual misconduct with a teen-age boy may go on trial in January or February, according to the district attorney.

Peter Burr was released on \$5,000 cash bail yesterday after pleading innocent in Superior Court to two counts of unlawful sexual contact with a 16-year-old boy.

Burr, 41, a former teacher-coach at Kennebunk High School and a former Boy Scout leader, vanished in July and was arrested last week in Las Vegas.

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Burr found Kennebunk fugitive in Las Vegas

By BRENT MACEY
York County Bureau

KENNEBUNK — A four-month search for former Kennebunk Selectman Peter H. Burr ended early Monday in Las Vegas after he was stopped for a routine traffic violation and a check of his license showed he was wanted in Maine.

Burr, 41, who faces two charges of unlawful sexual conduct with a Kennebunk juvenile, is being held by Las Vegas police as a fugitive from justice, according to York County District Attorney Mary Toussaint.

Toussaint, notified at about 5 a.m. Monday of Burr's apprehension, said she understood Burr was cited for a routine traffic violation.

A computer check of his driver's license showed he was wanted in Maine on two York County grand jury indictments handed down on Sept. 9. Burr disappeared in July, almost two months before he was indicted. Police issued a nationwide bulletin for his arrest on Sept. 12.

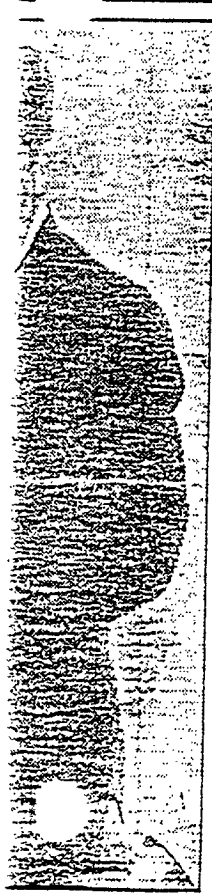
The indictments stem from two incidents between Burr and a Kennebunk boy, now 16, which allegedly occurred Oct. 17 and 19, 1986, in North Shoreleigh and on April 11, 1987, in Kennebunk.

Toussaint is requesting that Burr, a former scoutmaster and school teacher, be held without bail until he can be extradited to Maine.

Burr is scheduled to appear Wednesday before a local magistrate in Las Vegas to determine whether he plans to waive extradition, according to Detective Dennis Zinna with the Fugitive Detail of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

If Burr agrees to waive extradition, he could be returned to Maine within 10 days, Toussaint estimated. However, if he refuses,

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Sunday, Nov. 13

Degree days	26
Average for date	25
Total for month	273
Total since July 1	1,67
Average for season	1,095
Total for period last year	1,124

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Maine authorities will have to initiate proceedings, and Burr's return could be delayed by as much as 60 days, she said.

The charges against Burr stem from a lengthy investigation conducted by the FBI with the help of state police.

Shortly after the initial investigation began, Burr resigned his post as selectman and his first-year position as history teacher and tennis coach at Kennebec High School.

He also was suspended as scoutmaster of Troop 304 in Kennebec. A spokesman cited Burr's ill health as a reason for the dismissal. Burr also checked himself into Southern Maine Medical Center, complaining of exhaustion. He was released six days later on May 2.

After that, Burr was rarely seen by friends or neighbors. Then on July 11, he spoke with his attorney, Gordon Ayer of Kennebec, and disappeared.

Ayer, who was concerned about Burr's mental state, asked Kennebec police to begin looking for Burr in the Wonalacant area of New Hampshire, an area from which he had mailed several letters to friends. On July 25 some people hiking in the mountains in that part of New Hampshire discovered a backpack and a note from Burr.

Although the note made vague references to suicide attempts,

said. In announcing its opposition to random testing, the Air Line Pilots Association said the decision was contrary to the public policy established when Congress passed the drug bill recently and declined to require such testing for airline employees.

The pilots also said it violated employees' rights against unreasonable searches and seizures.

Henry A. Duffy, the president of the pilots association, said, "Pilots do not object to drug testing during pre-employment screening, for probable cause, following an accident or incident, or during or following a rehabilitation program. But random testing is a counter-productive, shotgun strategy that is, at the same time, an unwarranted invasion of privacy and of no significant value in the battle against drug abuse."

The pilots association said urine tests were of questionable accuracy, but Burnley defended them.

No action would be allowed against employees until the results were verified, he said.

dens failed to turn up evidence that Burr was still in the area. The search was discontinued after three days.

Tousignant and other Maine officials familiar with the Burr investigation were uncertain Monday about where Burr had been for the past four months or how long he had been in Las Vegas.

On Monday, Tousignant and State Police Detective David Lyons were still waiting for the Las Vegas police to finalize the paperwork explaining how Burr was apprehended.

"It's my understanding they are overwhelmed with paperwork" in the wake of the three-day Veterans Day holiday, Lyons said.

State Police Detective Pat Lehan will remain in contact with Las Vegas law enforcement officials to learn more about Burr's arrest and forthcoming extradition, Lyons said.

In the meantime, Las Vegas police declined to allow Burr to be interviewed. He is being held in the Clark County Detention Center, Zinda said, and only interviews authorized by Maine officials will be allowed.

As of Monday, he said Maine had not asked local police to interview Burr.

Kennebec Police Chief James A. Lavelle said Monday that he was "surprised" when notified of Burr's arrest.

"It's such a busy and active place," Lavelle said, referring to Las Vegas. "It's kind of out of character for him. I never felt he was a gambling or outgoing type."

Lyons said he also was surprised that Burr was apprehended in Nevada. Although state police have been talking with Burr's friends



Burr

September 22, 1988

Mr. Robert L. Denlinger
Scout Executive
Pine Tree Council, No. 218

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Peter H. Burr

Dear Bob:

We really appreciate the information you previously sent concerning the above named individual.

We would like the outcome of the legal action, if it has now been completed. This will help us in making certain that we have a satisfactory case for refusing registration anywhere in the county.

Thanks again for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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SEP 23 1988
ERIN O'RILEY

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- Greater Portland
- Seacoast
- York County

May 4, 1988

Peter H. Burr

[REDACTED]
Kennebunk, Maine 04043

Dear Mr. Burr:


After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of membership the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated. The procedures for review are attached.

Sincerely yours,


Roger J. Castonguay
Council President


Robert L. Denlinger
Council Executive

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May 18, 1988

Gordon Ayer, Attorney
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Kennebunk, Maine 04043

Dear Mr. Ayer:

Enclosed is a letter revoking Peter Burr's registration from the Boy Scouts of America until the outcome of the FBI investigation on the alleged cases in Kennebunk Boy Scout Troop 304.

Please deliver to Peter at the appropriate time.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Denlinger
Scout Executive

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Enclosures (2)

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5/1/88
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News

Scoutmaster suspected of misconduct

By LEE BURNETT
Staff Writer

KENNEBUNK — Scoutmaster Selectman Peter Burr is the subject of a police investigation into allegations of sexual misconduct involving a teen-age boy, according to school officials.

Officials are not talking publicly, but several have confirmed the existence of an investigation into Burr, 41, Scoutmaster of Troop 304 and a Kennebunk High School teacher.

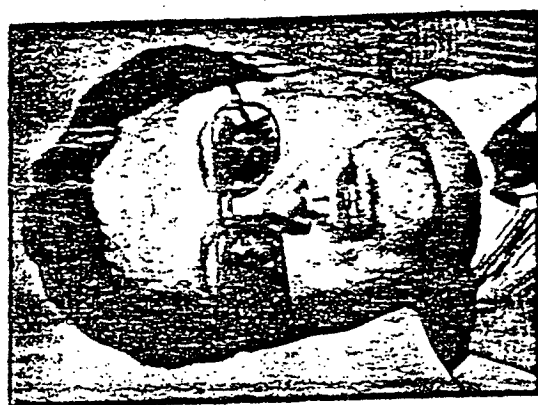
York County District Attorney Tony Tounignant said Tuesday that he has initiated an "abuse investigation into a Kennebunk town employee." She said it would take months and months "to verify the allegations and that the investigation led out of York County. She

said a Maine State Trooper has been assigned to assist.

Kennebunk Police Sgt. Douglas Sharlow, who is reportedly involved in the investigation, declined comment yesterday.

Burr was removed as Scoutmaster last night by a unanimous vote of the 10-member Troop 304 committee, according to Scout Executive Robert Denlinger. He said Burr was removed "for reasons of ill health."

Burr was treated at Southern Maine Medical Center in Biddeford last week, according to hospital officials. Kennebunk High School Principal William Gentile said he believed Burr was suffering from exhaustion. The hospital said Burr was brought to the emergency room at 1:23 a.m. April 26 and he checked out Monday.



Peter Burr, 1986 photo.

Burr, a bachelor and Kennebunk high school teacher, could not be reached for comment during yesterday or today. Repeated phone calls to his house were not answered, and he was not at his apartment over a real estate office on Fletcher Street during two visits.

Gentile said Burr has not been at school since April 25 because of illness.

Burr has been leader of Troop 304 for 14 years and a selectman for five years. He has also been involved in state and local Republican Party politics for more than a decade.

The boys in Burr's Troop 304 were informed of the existence of the investigation Monday by Assistant Scoutmaster Breen Savage at a regular meeting of the troop at the

Christ Church. Anyone who thought he had anything to contribute was told to contact Sgt. Sharlow. "It was a surprise to a lot of us," one Scout said.

Parents of boys in the troop were scheduled to meet tonight and will be advised to talk to their sons about the situation and have them contact state police with any helpful information, Denlinger said.

Savage has declined comment. "I'm gonna say nothing," he said yesterday afternoon. "Nothing's been proven to be factual, it's based on opinion. Anything you've heard is got to be hearsay."

Burr has given a sealed letter to Selectmen Chairman Jack Libby, • BURR

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rescue and spoke of his commitment to the scouts. "To put it simply, troop 304 is my life," he said. Burr was first elected to the Board of Selectmen in 1983 and won a three-year term in 1986. He has been a controversial official. About two months before the mountain fall, Burr had stormed out of a closed-door selectmen's meeting after being advised by the town attorney that the town charter would prohibit him from running for Town Clerk.

He served in the Army from 1969 to 1973. He was an aide to Republican Rep. David Emery from 1975 to 1983. He also served as chairman of the Kennebunk Republican Town Committee from 1972 to 1978 and on the State Republican Committee between 1974 and 1978.

Also, he held the elected post of York County Treasurer from 1979 to 1983. He served on the York County Community Action Corp. between 1979 and 1980.

Burr has worked as a political pollster through the company Command Research.

Burr

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Eleven of the boys saved Burr's life three years ago after a 60-foot mountaintop fall in a remote section of New Hampshire's White Mountains. The boys kept Burr alive for several hours until help could arrive to carry him 3½ miles to the nearest road.

who said it will be opened at the board's meeting next Tuesday.

Under Burr's leadership, Troop 304 has grown from fewer than a dozen members to 54 members.

FBI enters investigation of Burr

Former scout leader resigns as selectman

By JONATHAN GOULD
Staff Writer

KENNEBUNK — Former selectman and scoutmaster Peter Burr is now the target of a federal investigation into allegations of sexual misconduct involving a teen-age boy, according to an FBI spokesman.

Burr, 41, resigned from the Board of Selectman Tuesday night for health reasons. He was removed as Troop 304 Scoutmaster last week by a 10-member committee of Boy Scout parents.

FBI Special Agent John Cloherty said yesterday that Burr, also a Kennebunk High School social studies teacher, was being investigated by the FBI because some of the alleged sexual misconduct took place outside of Maine.

"We are aware of the allegations and we have initiated an investigation in an effort to determine whether there have been violations which fall under our jurisdiction," Cloherty said from the FBI's Boston office.

Last week, town and state police were reportedly involved in the investigation of the lifelong Kennebunk resident.

Scout Executive Robert Denlinger confirmed the FBI's role.

"As of (Monday) the investigation was completely turned over to the FBI," Denlinger said from the Pine Tree Council's Portland office. "Some of their investigation is being done out of state."

Neither the FBI nor scout spokesmen would say how many boys had made allegations against Burr. Also, both declined to comment on where else the investigation was taking place.

A Troop 304 member said last night that Burr had called him within the last 72 hours "to find out what was going on."

"I told him I didn't want to talk to him," the scout said.

Repeated phone calls to Burr since early last week have not been answered, and he has not been at his apartment during five visits. Burr's lawyer, Gordon Ayer, has declined all comment on Burr's whereabouts or his reactions to the investigation.

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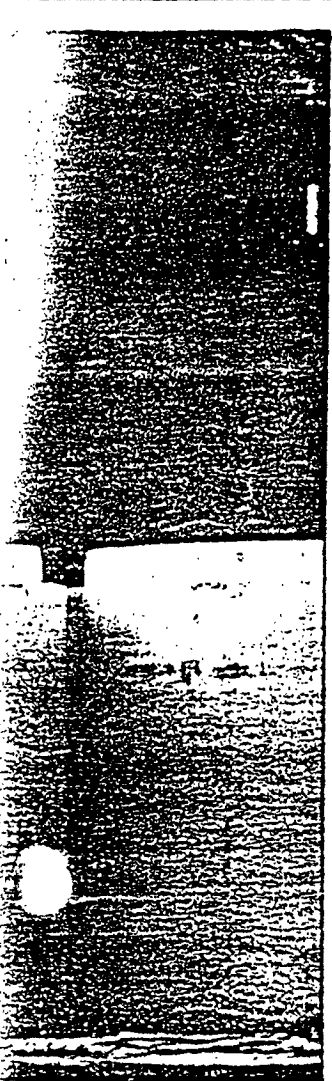


Photo by Anne McQuary

Dragons among some pipe

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Photo by Carl D. Walsh

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Students ask for more discussion

KENNEBUNK — Local High School students
 are feeling confused and angry in the wake of
 allegations of sexual misconduct against one of
 their teachers, according to some students.

"The rumors are all around school" about first-
 year social studies teacher Peter Burr, said
 Kennebunk High School junior Erin Lahane. "And
 every day the rumors are different." Students have
 been talking about the Burr investigation since last
 Monday, she said.

Lahane and four other Kennebunk High students
 attended Tuesday night's selectmen's meeting, at
 which Burr resigned from that board. Burr has
 been on sick leave from the school since April 25.

The students said they attended the meeting
 because they wanted to find out what was
 happening with the FBI investigation. Selectmen
 did not discuss the case, however.

"We're curious and we want to stop the
 rumors," said senior Maureen Adams.

Many of the high school's students are angry at
 Burr, according to the students at last night's

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Kennebunk selectman Burr quits post

By BRENT MACEY
York County Bureau

KENNEBUNK — Kennebunk selectmen Tuesday accepted the resignation of Selectman Peter H. Burr, who in a short letter addressed to them said he was resigning "under advice of my doctors."

Little discussion preceded a unanimous vote to accept the resignation after Selectman Chairman Jack Libby read excerpts from a letter that Burr had requested be read at the meeting.

"This is a public document, and I'll let the board look at this and it will be open to the public. There's no sense in me reading the rest of this," Libby said after reading the first and last paragraph.

After tendering his resignation, Burr, in the letter, said, "Normally I would do this with regret, and I do in the sense of my friendships on the Board, but there is no regret in leaving without the job being finished."

The five-year selectman and Kennebunk High School teacher said he "looked back with pride" on the accomplishments of the town during his tenure in office. He also commended town officials and selectmen for their efforts.

The meeting was attended by several high school students who were curious to know the reasons for Burr's resignation and clarify rumors that have been circulating wildly about school.

"I'm trying to get everything straightened out," said 12th-grade student Erin Lehane during a recess in the meeting. "We've heard so much, we can't stop the rumors."

Lehane and two other friends left the meeting shortly after the resignation was accepted, having learned no more than when they came.

In addition to resigning as

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Susan Leonard photo

Mayor Peter Morell, left, Jack Sacco, center, and Robert Sacco of Saco Defense Inc. stand in front of the company's outdoor firing range as they inspect the test-fires weapons it

makes. City officials toured the Saco Defense grounds Tuesday to learn about on-site contamination from company waste dumping in the 1950s, '60s and early '70s. Story, page 10.

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will allow Kerr to build more ... would have been possible with the change.

He said he is willing to sell the property but wants to be compensated for the loss of the night, he set the sale price at \$1

never get one million out of us," he said Tuesday. "That's a prime piece of property that should be used for the Saco."

He said he had instructed the city to appeal the State Shoreland Commission decision to take some of the Kerr parcel out of the Resource Protection

He said Tuesday that he was "surprised" the mayor would make such a decision. Don't they need to take a vote on this council?" Kerr asked.

City Attorney Mary Kahl said she

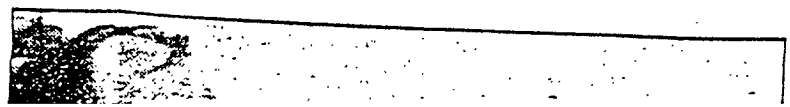
was not sure whether the decision to appeal had to be made by the City Council. "Appealing a DEP ruling probably doesn't require a vote although the council will certainly be kept up on it," Kahl said.

Kahl said she requested information on procedures for appealing from Shoreland Zoning Task Force staffer Rich Baker. "He seemed surprised that it was the city itself that wanted to appeal it, and not just a case where a few isolated environmentalists were concerned."

The appeal was requested at the conservation commission meeting Monday night by the Friends of Rachel Carson and the Saco Citizens Coalition.

Kahl said the city would probably hold a public meeting to discuss the appeal and to take comments on what evidence the state may not have considered in deciding to rezone the Kerr parcel.

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puppets written by her husband, a Bates professor. Storrer has made an entire

of the National Education Association to ask if it was proper for an MTA lawyer to refuse to represent him.

Keenan and Heberer could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Nusom said he had contacted a special education attorney in Portland regarding his case. "He said it would be a long hard expensive battle to clean your record up" and there was little likelihood of regaining the job, Nusom said.

That attorney referred Nusom to a labor law specialist. Nusom said he plans to meet with that specialist to discuss other avenues of appeal.

Asked what he hoped to accomplish, Nusom said, "First of all, to get back in the classroom for the rest of this year and second of all, to get my job back next year."

"There is probably no way in hell I'll get my job back this year and probably no way in hell I'll get my job back for next year," Nusom said.

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York County Bureau

SANFORD — A Springsva' an was arrested Tuesday after two v an were assaulted at knife point earlier in the day.

Bradley Lemay, 22, of Sherburne Street was arrested by police at his home late Tuesday morning.

Cpl. Arthur B. Titcomb said the first incident occurred about 7:30 a.m., when a 30-year-old woman opening a store in the Mid-Town Mall reported a man attempted to abduct her at knife point.

She told police he forced her back into her

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selectman, Burr last week was removed from the position of Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 304 in Kennebunk, also for reasons of ill health.

Burr, 41, a history teacher and first-year tennis coach at the high school, has not reported to school since May 25. He was admitted to Southern Maine Medical Center in Biddeford April 26 and was released May 2. He has been unavailable for comment.

After accepting Burr's resignation, the board then set June 14 — the date of the state primary election — as the date for a special town meeting where a new selectman will be chosen by referendum to fill the unexpired term.

Selectmen agreed to shorten the normal time preceding an election to coincide with the primary after receiving advice from Town Clerk Ethelyn Marthla.

They set today as the date when nomination papers will be available and May 20 as the deadline for filing.

In other business, selectmen reversed themselves on a decision

About two hours report from a woman resident Street, that an individual answering the same description forced his way into her home and assaulted her.

Titcomb said Lemay, who they had identified as a suspect before the report of the second incident, is charged with attempted kidnapping and assault in the first incident, and with burglary and gross sexual misconduct in the second.

He was arrested by Titcomb and Patrolman Rudy Brooks, and booked at the York County

is planning to move out of town in the near future.

Also at the meeting, the selectmen agreed to draft an ordinance by the next selectmen's meeting.

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The \$283,800 purchase figure being considered by the state board is the average of two appraisals obtained by the school district.

Kennebunk Town Manager Richard Erb said Tuesday that he felt the appraisal figures (\$290,000 and \$237,000) were "low." He said he was uncertain how the town's

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The overall budget request is up by \$1.7 million for the coming year, an increase of 16.6 percent. If the overall budget does gain approval, the six towns would be assessed \$5.14 million, an increase of 16.2 percent.

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pany blamed over-supply resulting from foreign dumping of CD's in the U.S. market for its misfortune.

But Gelardi now says that consumers are buying CD's "like they've never bought them before," and an April press release said the company expects to increase its share of what it now considers a growing market by 75 percent throughout 1988.

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Kennebunk selectman resigns, cites health as reason

Burr talks out his health

By Laurie Ledgard
Of the Star staff

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rr spoke to the Star by tele- e Tuesday afternoon. It was only known public comment, the exception of the letter of nation he sent to the Board of 'men, which was read aloud ic board's meeting Tuesday

would like to hope that there be some people in Kennebunk to are concerned for me, and I ed to let them know that I'm ing in there, and I have every n to believe I'll be fine," said.

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Staff photograph by Andrew Buckley
Kennebunk Selectman Dorothy Slovens reads the letter of resignation sent to the board by Peter Burr, Board Chairman Jack Libby, (left of Stevens) earlier read the letter aloud to the public before the board unanimously accepted the resignation.

week ago Monday, I came as close as possible to a nervous break-down, and that physically and mentally I was completely over-

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Staff photograph by Andrew Buckley

Sculpting from steel

Traip Academy Industrial Arts teacher Rick Talbot assists sophomore Jeffrey Jewell in cutting a section of steel for Jewell's small metal sculpture. The class also

worked to build the sculpture featured on Page 8A which will be erected on the high school grounds.

By Laurie Ledgard
Of the Star staff

KENNEBUNK — The Board of Selectmen Tuesday night accepted the resignation of Selectman Peter Burr, after portions of a letter Burr wrote to the board were read at a heavily attended meeting, and set a date for a special town meeting to elect a new board member.

"Under advice of my doctors I must tender my resignation as a member of the Board of Select-

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Police confirm investigation

By Laurie Ledgard
Of the Star staff

KENNEBUNK — Police here admitted Tuesday that former Selectman Peter Burr is the subject of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation involving allegations of sexual misconduct.

Police Chief James Lavalley emphasized there are no formal charges pending, "just allegations until this is completely investigated."

"The FBI has taken jurisdiction of the matter and will be coordinating the investigation," Lavalley said during an office interview Tuesday morning.

Burr resigned from the Board of Selectmen Tuesday night in a letter addressed to the board, which had been sealed prior to the meeting and in the possession of Town

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Burr said further in his letter
that he would "look back with
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largest capital building program in
the town's history," the closing of
the town landfill, and "five years
of progress."

He said he would also look back

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An Exercise Program For Inactive Men & Women



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Burr also thanked his fellow
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Health

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ern Maine Medical Center in Bid-
deford from April 26 to May 2.

When asked about the al-
legations of sexual misconduct,
Burr said he had read published
reports of the police investigation.

"My only comment on it is that
all I know is what I read in the
newspapers. I can't comment on it.
I know no more than that. What

MERC

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requirements has not been deter-
mined. He said MERC expects to
give the towns the specific figures
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tially what I know."

Ayer, Burr's attorney, said
Tuesday neither he nor Burr have
been questioned by police, and that
they do not know anything about a
police investigation.

Burr also briefly discussed his
removal as scoutmaster of Ken-
nebunk Boy Scout Troop 304, a
position he has held for 14 years.

"It was understood, when I had
been in touch with these people,"
he said, referring to the troop
committee. "It was expected.
Things have to go on. I know

from towns beginning June 28.
Letters went out from MERC on
May 4 alerting participating towns
that rates may increase.

At the Kennebunk Board of
Selectmen's meeting Tuesday
night, Town Manager Richard Erb
said the town received the letter
from MERC by certified letter
Monday, describing MERC's
proposed increase in June.

Erb said the matter had been
referred to the town's legal counsel
for review because those attorneys
"question whether what MERC
charges are changes in state law or
changes in procedure." Erb spe-
cifically referred to dioxin testing
and ash disposal. He told the
selectmen there is a portion of the
town's contract allowing MERC to
raise rates in the event of a change
of state law, with 25 percent being
the maximum change.

The selectmen also voted on and
signed an official designation of a
shorter time period for filing
nomination papers.

A small group of high school
students were present at the meet-
ing, saying they wanted to hear the
contents of Burr's letter.

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matters."

Burr said he is presently in a
low-stress situation," and offered
no further specifics.

within the pertinent clause in the
contract," Strahl said. Kittery,
which has not finalized its budget
yet, would see a \$2.25 per ton
increase over its present \$9 per ton
tipping fee.

Strahl also said that he will wait
and see whether MERC's proposi-
tion will generate enough interest
among the towns which use the
plant to cause joint discussion and
possibly a joint position.

A 25 percent increase could
boost tipping fees for municipal-
ities who have initiated contracts
and towns such as Wells, which
pays an \$8 per ton tipping fee
would now pay \$10 per ton. With
a contracted annual tonnage of
7,500 tons, that represents a
\$15,000 increase for Wells.

Of the 21 communities cop-
tracted with MERC, the trash-to-
energy plant in Biddeford, 18 con-

Burr

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Manager Richard Erb for the past week.

Kennebunk attorney Gordon Ayer, who is representing and acting as spokesman for Burr, who is on an undisclosed location out of town, said neither he nor Burr have been questioned by police.

"He has not been questioned by any member of any law enforcement agency. I know nothing of an investigation," Ayer said.

The investigation was initiated by Kennebunk police a week ago, Lavalley said, and after a review of the evidence at hand, Lavalley said it was turned over to the FBI "because it may involve at least three or four other state jurisdictions."

"We decided it was better to turn to an outside agency," Lavalley said.

Jack Cloherty, spokesman for

Resigns

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the FBI office in Boston, confirmed that agents in the Portland office were working with the police in Kennebunk.

"We are aware of the allegations and are making a determination if there are any violations of federal law," Cloherty said. He refused further comment.

When asked if the investigation involved sexual misconduct, Lavalley said, "Yes, there have been some allegations made." He would not comment on the alleged victims.

Burr was hospitalized April 26 at Southern Maine Medical Center in Biddeford, a hospital spokesman said, and was discharged May 2. The spokesman would not comment on the reason for his hospitalization.

Lavalley said Burr entered the hospital after he was found "wandering the streets" the night of April 25. Lavalley said Burr was "incoherent" and "thought he was back in the '50's."

"The allegations came to my

pride on the work done by Town Manager Richard Erb and other town department heads who daily produce an open administration that is one of the most progressive and productive in Maine."

Burr also thanked his fellow selectmen for their support.

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When asked about Burr's condition, Ayer said, "He's fine and he is giving himself a short period of rest and recuperation."

Burr, 41, has served on the Board of Selectmen since 1983 and is a first-year teacher at Kennebunk High School, where he has been teaching world history and economics. Prior to his teaching job, Burr worked as an appraiser for fellow Selectman Jack Libby's real estate office, was a corporate and political consultant, and the York County treasurer.

Burr is presently on a sick leave from school as a result of his hospitalization, said Leo Martin, superintendent of schools for SAD 71, which includes schools in Kennebunk and Kennebunkport.

"He's been an excellent classroom teacher," said Martin. "His evaluations as a teacher were excellent."

Martin said the 1987-88 school year was Burr's first as a full-time

teacher. The letter, dated May 10 and sealed until opened by Libby, has been in the possession of Town Manager Erb for a week. Writing on the envelope requested that the letter be opened at the selectmen's meeting.

Copies of the letter were distributed to the press later by Town Clerk Ethelyn Marthia.

Selectman Dorothy Stevens moved to accept the resignation and the motion was seconded by Selectman David Shields. The vote to accept the resignation was unanimous.

Following the vote, the selectmen immediately declared a vacancy on the board and set June 14 as the date for a special town meeting to elect a new selectmen.

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Burr was also removed last week as Scoutmaster of Kennebunk Boy Scout Troop 304 by the troop's 15-member parent committee "for reasons of ill health," said Pine Tree Council Executive Director Robert Denlinger. Burr has served as leader of that troop, which is presently made up of 54 boys from the ages of 11 to 17, for the past 14 years. Assistant Scoutmaster Todd Savage was appointed scoutmaster.

Denlinger said he had no comment on any accusations of sexual misconduct, saying "we are now dealing with rumors, stories and gossip."

He did confirm that a meeting was held Wednesday, May 4, for the troop members and their parents to discuss Burr's absence. Parents were advised at that meeting to talk with their sons and contact police officials if necessary.

According to state law, the election must be held within 45 days after the declaration of vacancy.

The town clerk said nomination papers will be available in her office at 9 a.m. Wednesday (today). The final date for filing is Friday, May 20.

The selectmen also voted on and signed an official designation of a shorter time period for filing nomination papers.

A small group of high school students were present at the meeting, saying they wanted to hear the contents of Burr's letter.

"There are a lot of confused people," said Erin Lahane, 16. "A lot of people don't know what to think. We're curious, we want to weed out what is rumor."

use and stop renting out a trailer
his back yard as an apartment by
May 1.

Selectmen decided not to sign the
consent agreement but Tison has
honored it.

"There was a feeling in the board
that I should have gone
further," he said. "But I talked to
Palmer and we decided to go with
his for the 60 days."

Tison said Palmer did not live up
to his end of the agreement, though.

"This time it's not going to be an
agreement," he said. "It's going to
be an order."

Tison said he and the town's
attorney will start legal action
against Palmer this week. He said
they want the state to condemn
Palmer's property, remove the
trailer and seek appropriate legal
action for violating the court orders.
If the property is condemned,
Palmer and his family would be
forced to move out.

Tison said the house is in
particularly bad shape.

"It's unfit to live in," he said.
"The roof could cave in any time."

According to Tison and Erb,
Palmer has cleaned some of his
property — including removing all
the old automobiles — since the
consent agreement expired.

"We're taking action regardless of
what he's doing now," Tison said.

"I always had the chance to
come into compliance."

Palmer's wife, Helen, said she and
her husband work all day during the
week, making it difficult to find time
to clean the yard or repair the house.

"We have done a lot more work,"
she said, "but it seems that all we
can do is work on the weekends."

roof is bad."

Helen Palmer said her son and
daughter-in-law who rent the trailer
have been looking for an apartment.

"They want out of there, and I
think it is the town's responsibility to
help them find another place," she
said. "They have been looking ever
since we told them they couldn't stay
there."

She said she doesn't know where
the family will go if they're evicted.

"I don't think they know where
we're supposed to go, either," she
said.

While Erb noted he's still receiv-
ing complaints about Palmer's
property, some of his neighbors said
they have nothing to complain about.

"He's been an awful good neighbor
to us. He don't bother nobody," said
Ivan Hutchins, 66. "If it don't bother
me any as a neighbor, why should it
bother anybody else?"

Hutchins said Palmer is always
willing to help his neighbors.

"He'd do you a favor anytime," he
said. "I'm retired now and don't get
around that much, and one day back
when it was real cold, he (Palmer)
came over and towed my car to the
filling station for me. Another day,
he came over and shoveled a path
through the snow to my doorway."

"They're really nice people,"
Hutchins added. "I don't like to see
them get hurt."

For now, Helen Palmer said she
and her husband will clean the
property and work on the house when
they can. She said they hope it will
make an impression on town offi-
cials.

"The more we keep doing, the
more it's going to help us," she said.

"It's a very disturbing sight to
see," Economy said. "Just open
up your eyes and look at the
newspaper."

"Nowadays people are getting
very selfish," St. Louis agreed.
"It's all 'gimmee, gimmee, gim-
mee.'"

again sitting in the Oval Office
scheming a way to dispose of
radioactive waste.

"Well, Maine isn't very
populated. We could probably
shove all the nuclear waste up
there under Sebago Lake," R.
says to himself in the poster.

• Burr

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Burr wrote, "Normally I would do
this with regret, and I do in the sense
of my friendships on the board, but
there is no regret in leaving without
the job being finished."

In the letter, Burr stated that the
town's capital building program and
the closing of the dump were two
projects which he looks back "with
pride on having been a part of...".
Burr thanked town officials with
whom he had worked as selectman.

Burr also apologized in his letter
to any residents he may have been
offended by errors of judgment.

"If there are any, in the past five
years, that I have offended in error
then I readily admit my guilt (mea
culpa) and beg forgiveness.

"If there are any that I have
offended by the truth," he continued,
"then so let it be."

An election will be held June 14 to
choose someone to fill Burr's
vacated selectman's seat, which ex-
pires in March of 1989. Nomination
papers can be picked up in the Town
Clerk's office and must be returned
before 5 p.m. on May 20.

• Students

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meeting.

"They're mad at him," said
student Kristin Krippendorf. "It's
a matter of teacher and student
— they (students) think he's
wrong."

Another student, who asked
not to be identified, said many stu-
dents have already convicted Burr in
their minds.

"He's guilty until proven
innocent" at school, said the stu-
dent. "He'll never be innocent in
our minds."

The students said they have
been told anything about the
investigation from school officials
and want to know what is happen-
ing.

"We need to have a discussion
at school about Burr, Lehan said.
It makes things worse, especially
the scouts, if they (school officials)
just let it go."

Boy Scouts have access
to professional counseling serv-
ices from a Kennebunk-based ag-
ency Scout executive—Robert Den-
ton said. The troop is continuing
with activities under a newly ap-
pointed scoutmaster, he said.

Lotteries

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) —
The three-digit number 7-1-3
and the four-digit number
5-7-8-2 were drawn Tuesday in
the daily New Hampshire, Ver-
mont and Maine lotteries.

• Dukakis

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among white voters, according to
ABC. Dukakis, for his part, did well
among Democrats in both states who
voted for Reagan in 1984, which
would bode well for him in a fall
confrontation with Bush. And he was
winning support across the

ideological spectrum.

"Voters of different ideologies
look at Dukakis and are seeing what
they want to see," said ABC News
poll analyst Doug Muzzio. "In a
sense he's all ideologies to all
voters."

Bush won 71,606 votes or 89 per-
cent in West Virginia, with 69 per-
cent of the precincts reporting. In
Nebraska, he had 135,737 or 71

percent to Dole's 44,649 or 61
percent; Robertson had 10,188,
percent, with 98 percent
precincts in.

Bush, who is spending most
week in the capital, was heard
Thursday on a campaign in
New Mexico, California, Ore-
gon and Washington state.

As the votes were counted

August 8, 1988

Mr. Robert L. Denlinger
Scout Executive
Pine Tree Council, No. 218

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: PETER H. BURR

Dear Bob:

We had telephone communication with you in the month of May concerning the above named individual. At that time you indicated that Mr. Burr had been terminated by Troop S0304, because of an investigation related to morals charges and molestation of boy scouts.

We have not received any information from you since that time, and would like to have a confidential record sheet completed with as much information as you have available. I am enclosing one for your use.

We would also like to have the outcome of the legal action if this has now been completed. A paper with Mr. Burr's signature would also aid in the identification process.

Let us know if we may be of any help to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: Northeast

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ERIN O'RILEY

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WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED _____

COUNCIL # 218

PHONE NO: [REDACTED]

CALLER: B.B. DENLINGER

POSITION: S.E.

(BOY)

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION _____

VETERANS _____

EXPLORING _____

SCOUTING _____

BOYS' LIFE _____

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021053

PETER H BURR

50304 SM

TERMINATED MAY 4, 1988

INVESTIGATION OF MORALS VIOLATIONS

CHIEF WILL SET MAKE

NAME

P. Ernst

DATE

5-25-88

TIME

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By SM.
Removed By Committee

PETER H BURK

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Added to CF file
5/5/88
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NAME P Comst
DATE 5-4-88
TIME _____