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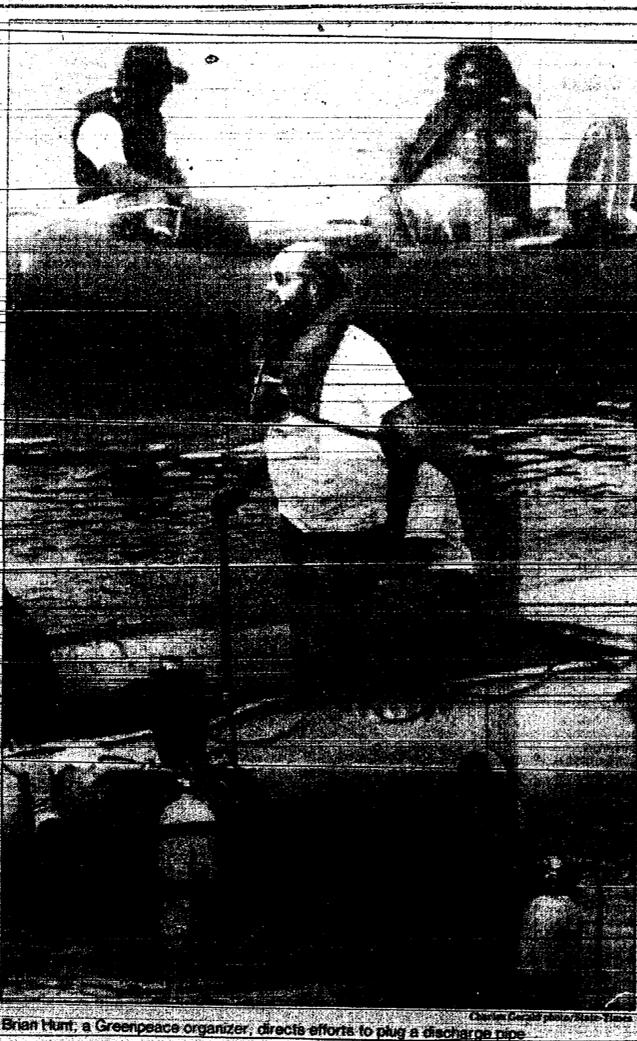
16-year incumbent faces political newcomer in constable race



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Greenpeace says divers partially blocked discharge

Greenpeace divers said they partially blocked a discharge at the Georgia Gulf Corp. plant in Plaquemine Thursday afternoon and local environmentalists disagreed about whether such confrontational actions are desirable. Plant manager Thomas Marshall said the divers were not arrested because they were unsuccessful in blocking the discharge pipe. Three divers took about two hours to attach a steel plug to the pipe, cutting the flow by about 80 percent, Greenpeace spokesman Joe Thornton said. A heavy security force that has been following Greenpeace members was lured to Ciba-Geigy by another Greenpeace group, freeing the Greenpeace boat, Beluga, and the divers to work at the Georgia Gulf site, Thornton said. Local environmentalists disagree about whether Greenpeace's more aggressive tactics are necessary or effective. John deGravelles, a board member of the local group Citizens for a Clean Environment, said public backlash against Greenpeace's actions might also affect his group, which does not use similar tactics. "We've tried to work within the process to bring about constructive changes and, in essence, the stereotypical image of radical environmentalists," he said. Using methods that are less confrontational has allowed the group to successfully deal with the Louisiana Legislature, he said. DeGravelles thinks the Greenpeace activity, however radical, is attracting "badly needed attention" to the plight of Louisiana's environment. Darryl Malek-Wiley, of the Sierra Club, praised Greenpeace's style of non-violent action. "We've tried every avenue," he said. "When you sit your butt against the wall time after time, after a while you wonder if there's an alternative." Marylee Orr, chairman of Louisiana Environmental Action Network, expressed her group's discomfort with some Greenpeace activity, but said the arrival of the research boat Beluga has bolstered her group's efforts. "To our members the Beluga represents hope," Orr said. "It's shining a light on the problems we're dealing with." "Not all of our members are comfortable with everything Greenpeace does," she added. "We don't all agree with some of their methods."

District 7

Both women are Democrats. George graduated from McKinley High School and Tott's Business College. She is a widow and the mother of a daughter who is a school teacher. She has been on the Metropolitan Council since 1976. George said she has been endorsed by the Ad Hoc Committee for Good Government, the South End Voters League, the Democratic Action Committee, the South Baton Rouge Advisory Council, District 61 Action Committee, Greater Baton Rouge AFL-CIO, Late Area Concerned Citizens and W.T. Winfield. Shortly before the primary, George came under attack when Eden Park Community Center, where she has an office, was dropped as a Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank distribution agency because food which should have been distributed to needy residents was found rotten and spoiled, George alleged. In addition, a custodian who works at the center accused employees of packing cocaine for distribution in George's office. The councilwoman called the accusation "trash" that was not investigated, but she did call for a police investigation of the allegations of criminal activity. More recently, George asked the Federal Communications Commission to investigate the local news media's bias and unfair coverage in the primary election of the District 7 council race. She also charged that a conspiracy to elect Weston exists among WKG-TV Channel 19, which employs Weston, the station's owner,

Louis "Woody" Jenkins, WBRZ-TV Channel 2, and the State Times and Morning Advocate newspapers, which endorsed Weston. Weston, WKG-TV's public affairs director, has lived in Baton Rouge nearly 10 years. Originally from Chicago, Weston has a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse and a master's degree in communications from CBN (Christian Broadcasting Network) University in Virginia Beach, Va. This is her first time to seek public office. She is single. She said she has received endorsements from the Youth and Adult Political Organization, First Ward Voters League, Louisiana Board of District Delegates, Louisiana State Council, and Chamber of Commerce. The Greater Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce's political action arm. She also has been endorsed by the "Baton Rouge Community Leaders" and "Citizens for a Clean Environment." Weston and George said the issues in the campaign were the same: crime, community development and unemployment. "The people desire new leadership," Weston said. "They want someone who will communicate with them. They want honesty and integrity in government. They want someone who will put the people first and politics last." George said she has the solution to the unemployment problem - attract business to move into Baton Rouge. "That's the only thing that will help Baton Rouge," George said. "Solid plants to come here."



District 10

Curry is a Baton Rouge native, is a graduate of Southern University Laboratory School and Leland College, where he majored in biology. Curry said he is working with an export-import business. He is married to the former Edna Brown and is the father of two children by a previous marriage. In addition to Curry, he said he has been endorsed by the Greater Baton Rouge AFL-CIO and the local chapter of the American Federal of State, County and Municipal Employees. In 1983, Curry served a two-month sentence in a federal prison in Fort Worth after pleading guilty to two misdemeanor tax law violations. He originally was convicted of mail fraud and sentenced to serve two years in connection with the handling of funds collected by P.E.O.P.L.E., a black political organization Curry once headed. The mail-fraud conviction later was overturned by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and when the case came up again, Curry entered a plea bargain to the less serious tax charges. A week after the primary election,

Curry was cleared of allegations he violated the city ethics campaign finance regulations by the city ethics commission on Governmental Ethics determined Curry didn't violate the ordinance when he received two \$500 contributions from MEI, Inc. in April. The ordinance sets a \$500 ceiling on contributions by any one firm or individual. Curry and MEI, Inc. President Morgan Watson said one of the two \$500 checks written to Curry in April was money used by a fundraiser held in July 1987 - before new campaign finance laws took effect. Glaspie, partner of Bob Cat Computers, is a graduate of McKinley High School. He attended Southern University, where he said he lacks only 10 hours for a degree in marketing. Glaspie, who has two children and a stepson, is married to the former Sandra Simen. Besides Brandon, Glaspie has been endorsed by the Corrective Legislative Council, the Committee for Responsible Government and Champac, the political arm of the Greater Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce.

Mills

After the rape, Wells testified, they brought Strouder to the Motel Minor Apartments. He said he saw the boy into a closed swimming pool. Strouder's body was found four days later. Johnson called Wells former teacher to be witness stand Thursday to testify about Wells' reputation as a liar. However, Johnson apparently surprised Johnson with her testimony. "Patrick would misrepresent the truth, but generally you could get the truth out of Patrick Wells," Anderson said. "We were always able to get the truth out of Patrick Wells." Patrick and there weren't that many lines. In the final analysis, he would smile and say, 'let me tell you the truth.' Anderson said "The last thing you always got from Patrick was the truth." Wells is serving a five-year sentence for attempted sexual battery. He agreed to testify for the state in return for the guilty plea to the reduced charge. The maximum sentence he could have received is eight years.

Wells was the key witness against Bennett, 18, at his trial as an adult in August. The jury could not reach a verdict on first-degree murder charges. Prosecutors say they will retry Bennett. Robertson, 18, is awaiting trial as a juvenile for attempted first-degree murder and attempted aggravated rape. "Whether conviction Mills or not, Bennett's life is in peril. He would be sentenced at age 21." Bennett testified Thursday that he

was never with Mills that day. With an "R" carved into his hair at the top of his forehead, Bennett said he slept at his aunt's home in Scottsville until about 6:30 a.m. He said he joined some cousins at a neighborhood party, got in a fight with one "dude" wearing a "check me" T-shirt. Then, he said, he "grabbed a gun from my partner and shot it" at a group of boys down the street. Later, Bennett said, he joined two cousins to "shoot some from 'Mall City,' the area around Bon Marche Mall.

BR TOMORROW

BATON ROUGE ANTIQUE DEALERS ASSOCIATION "FALL HOSPITALITY BANQUET" - 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information call 293-0249.

EIGHTH ANNUAL PRATERAL ORDER OF POLICE LADIES AUXILIARY ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. F.O.P. Lodge 1717 Greenwell Springs Road. There will be plenty to eat and drink. Public is cordially invited to attend.

DRAMA PROGRAM - 7 p.m., East Baton Rouge Parish Main Library, 7711 Goodwood Blvd. Seventh graders from Diane Kaitosovic's language arts class at Prescott Middle School have written, rehearsed and will perform dramatizations of contemporary adolescent fiction. Public is invited to attend. 289-3356.

BATON ROUGE BICYCLE CLUB - 8:30 a.m., Goodwood Park for a ride. Ride guide is John Kipfler, 766-6164.

FUND-RAISING BANQUET - 6 p.m., Baton Rouge Sheraton. This banquet is for Operation Upgrade Adult Literacy Program. Music by Les Stardusters. Guest speaker will be millionaire John W. Corcoran Jr. 928-3189.

Fugitive

Staggs' wife, Bridget - who he married in 1961 - and the couple's two small sons were present when Staggs was arrested in Lewis County, Pa. said. "This is a put-up thing. He didn't do anything," said his mother, Mamie Staggs. "He's all I've got, and I need him." Staggs' life as a fugitive became known in February, when FBI agents arrested him at his auto repair shop on a charge that he was a fugitive from justice. At that time, it was learned that Staggs, who was known locally as Douglas Gillette, had been on the run since he walked away from the DeQuincy, La., correctional facility in 1970 after serving less than a year of a 15-year sentence for manslaughter.