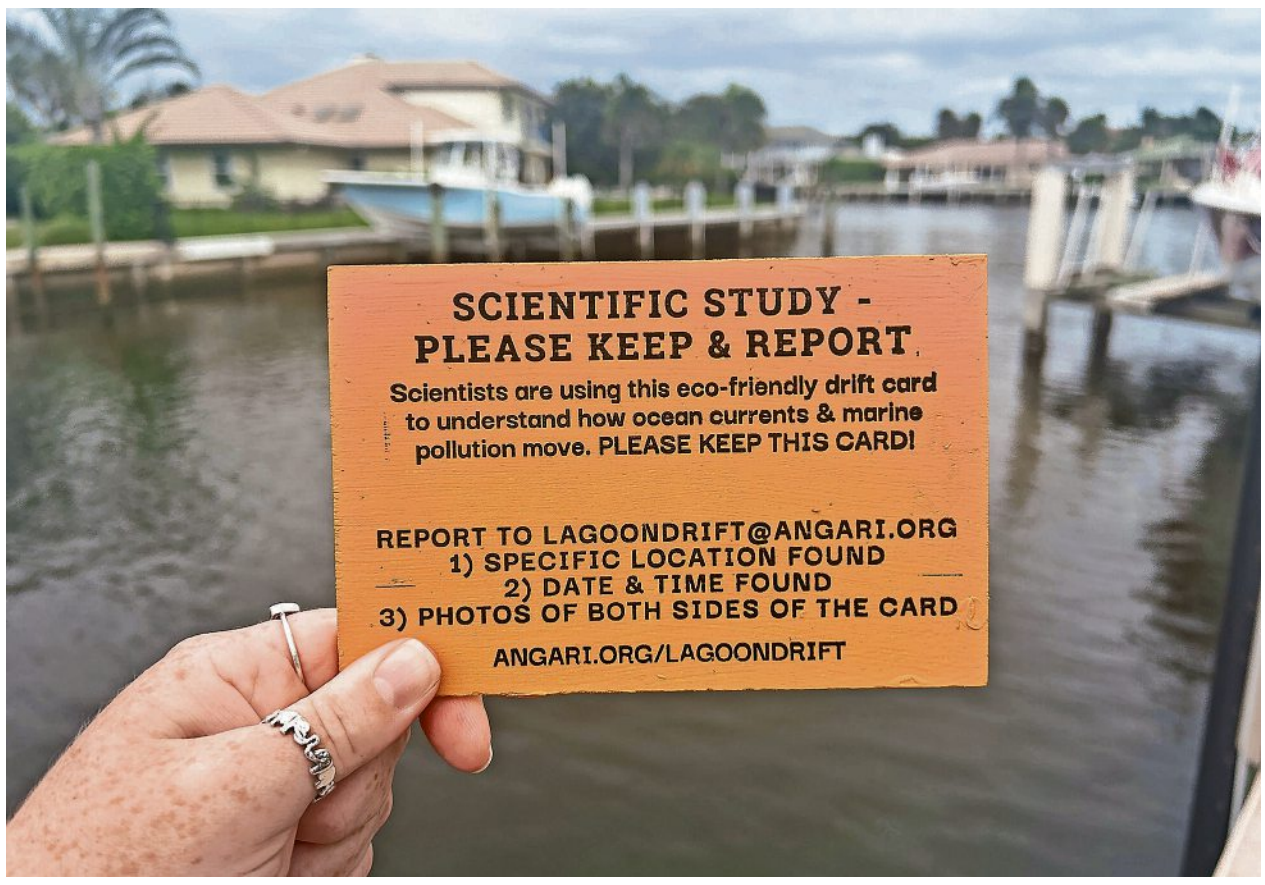
TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Nov. 9. On this date in:
1731: Benjamin Banneker, a mostly self-taught mathematician and astronomer, was born in Ellicott's Mills, Maryland. Banneker was one of the first Black men to gain notoriety in science.
1799: Napoleon Bonaparte began a bloodless coup that elevated him to First Consul of France.
1888: The remains of Mary Jane Kelly, the fifth and last known victim of Jack the Ripper's killing spree, were found in London.
1906: The first sitting U.S. president to travel outside the country on an official trip, President Theodore Roosevelt departed for Panama to inspect the progress of the construction of the Panama Canal. He also made a visit to U.S. territory Puerto Rico on the trip.
1922: Dorothy Dandridge was born in Cleveland. She was the first Black woman to be nominated for the Academy Award for Best Actress for her work in the 1954 film "Carmen Jones."
1922: Albert Einstein was named the winner of the 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics "for his services to Theoretical Physics, and especially for his discovery of the law of the photoelectric effect." The award had been delayed because none of the nominees under consideration in 1921 was found to have met the criteria.
1923: Alice Coachman, the first Black woman to win an Olympic gold medal, was born in Albany, Georgia. Coachman won gold in the high jump at the 1948 Games in London.
1934: Carl Sagan was born in New York. The astronomer and host of the TV show "Cosmos" also was a pioneer in the scientific search for life beyond Earth.
1938: Orchestrated by the Nazis, a bout of violence against Jewish people spread across Germany. Homes, businesses and synagogues were destroyed. Estimates of those killed vary, with some saying 91 were murdered and some saying the figure reached into the hundreds. Known as Kristallnacht, it is considered a prelude to the Holocaust.
1965: The tripping of an electrical safety relay in Ontario, Canada, began a cascading effect that knocked out power to 30 million people in parts of the Northeast and Canada. Power was restored by the next day.
1967: The first issue of Rolling Stone magazine was published, featuring an article about the Monterey Pop Festival and a photo of John Lennon in the movie "How I Won the War."
1967: Apollo 4 was a success. It was the first uncrewed test flight of the Saturn V rocket that eventually launched astronauts on their way toward the moon.
1970: The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear a case, Massachusetts v. Laird, challenging the constitutionality of America's military involvement in Vietnam because Congress had not declared war. Massachusetts had passed a state law exempting its citizens from serving in such an undeclared war, and the state then sought to bring the question of the conflict's constitutionality before the justices.
1985: At 22 years old, Garry Kasparov became the youngest male world chess champion at this point in time by defeating Anatoly Karpov in their 24th and final game of the series for a 13-11 victory.
1989: East Germans were given the right to freely travel to West Germany and elsewhere, affording East Berliners the right to travel past the Berlin Wall into West Berlin. Before the night was out, Germans began chipping away at the barrier, carrying off chunks of one of the symbols of the diminishing Iron Curtain.
2023: Surgeons at NYU Langone Health in New York announced they had performed the world's first whole-eye transplant nearly six months earlier for 46-year-old veteran and electrical line worker Aaron James after a work-related injury.
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An orange drift card used in the Angari Foundation's Lagoon Drift Card Study includes instructions for reporting where and when it is found. PROVIDED BY ANGARI FOUNDATION

Small orange cards could hold clues to area's water movement

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Palm Beach residents are being asked to watch for small orange cards washing ashore as part of a study tracking water movement and potential pollution hot spots in local waterways.

The Angari Foundation, a West Palm Beach-based nonprofit focused on marine and environmental science, will conduct its 16th Lagoon Drift Card Study on Tuesday, Nov. 10, with 14 deployment sites across Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Brevard counties.

In Palm Beach County, 320 bright orange, 4-by-6-inch cards are expected to be released at noon from nearly a dozen sites, including the inlet off the northern tip of Palm Beach, Manatee Lagoon in Riviera Beach and the public dock in West Palm Beach.

Made from environmentally friendly materials, the cards are designed to drift with the water.

Drift cards from previous experiments also have been found along Palm Beach's shoreline, including near the north end of the island and near El Brillo Way, said Diane Buhler, founder and executive director of Friends of Palm Beach, a nonprofit that organizes beach cleanups. Her group has participated in the study for several years, deploying cards from the C-51 canal.

The ongoing study, which began in 2017, helps researchers better understand how water moves through the Lake Worth Lagoon, Palm Beach County waterways and the Indian River Lagoon, the foundation said. By tracking where the cards are found, researchers can learn more about how floating debris travels and where it may accumulate.

Anyone who finds a card is asked to keep it rather than throw it back into the water. They should photograph both sides and email the photos to lagoondrift@angari.org, along with the location, date and time of the discovery.

During previous experiments, drift cards have traveled considerable distances, according to the foundation. Some have been reported 276 miles north, beyond Jacksonville, while others have been found as far south as the Hillsboro Inlet in Broward County.

More than two dozen organizations, schools and community groups are helping with the effort, including creating, decorating and deploying the cards and participating in educational programs.

This year, Buhler's group will work with Sea Turtle Adventures' iCare program, which serves adults with special needs, to help deploy the cards.

Buhler said the project also gives children an opportunity to learn about the science behind the study and how debris affects wildlife and the environment.

"I met Angari many years ago, and their work is spectacular with the kids," she said. "They get the kids involved to understand not only the movement of debris, but their own natural environment where they are deploying these cards. It's a conversation with them, and then the kids decorate the cards. The children are understanding the science and the daily impact it has on not only animals, but on their natural South Florida world."

The foundation maintains an online interactive map and dashboard where the public can explore findings from previous experiments dating to 2017. The map includes reported card locations, deployment sites and environmental observations from the days the cards were released. The information can be viewed at Angari.org/LagoonDrift-Data.

More information about the study is available at Angari.org/LagoonDrift.

Palm Beach Police report man, 56, 'stole' Cybertruck to guard synagogue

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A man who told Palm Beach Police he took a Tesla Cybertruck from a dealership and drove it to the island to "protect" a synagogue is now facing charges, according to police and court records.

Ikeen Scott Peterson, 56, of Jacksonville was arrested Nov. 3 on charges of trespassing; driving with a suspended, canceled or revoked license; and operating an unregistered motor vehicle, court records show. He pleaded not guilty Nov. 5 and remained at the Palm Beach County Jail on Nov. 6 after a judge set his bail at $2,000, according to court records.

The morning of Nov. 3, synagogue staff spotted the Cybertruck parked in a driveway at the property, police said.

When synagogue staff asked the truck's occupant, who was later identified as Peterson, why he was there, Peterson said that he was a security officer "sent there to work," the arrest report said. Synagogue staff confirmed that information was not accurate and called police, according to the report.

About two hours later, an officer spotted the Cybertruck parked in the 200 block of Bradley Place. Peterson confirmed he was the person who had been outside the synagogue, and police found that Peterson's driver's license was suspended, the arrest report said.

When police entered the Cybertruck's vehicle-identification number into a national database, they found that the truck was not registered in any state, the report said.

Peterson told police that he was sent by the FBI to Delray Beach, where he took the Cybertruck from a Tesla dealership on South Federal Highway without speaking to anyone there "to help protect the Jewish community," the arrest report said.

The arrest report said Peterson "stole" the Cybertruck. A service manager at the dealership told a Palm Beach detective that the Cybertruck had been taken from the dealer's lot but the incident had not yet been reported to Delray Beach police, according to the report.

During his first appearance before a Palm Beach County judge on Nov. 4, Peterson was ordered to not have contact with the synagogue, and to not return to the Tesla dealership in Delray Beach, records show.

According to court records, Peterson is represented by the Palm Beach County Public Defender's office, which as a policy does not comment on open cases.

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