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Taking in the scenery



Svea Pollock (above) rinses her brush while painting the waterfront horizon from her spot near the park service dock during the third annual St. Marys Plein Air Paint Out on Saturday, May 18. Melodie Lane Floyd (right) adds final touches to her painting as she looks out at the St. Marys River from underneath the amphitheater in Howard Gilman Memorial Park during the event, which was sponsored by Southeast Georgia Health System and Coastal Camden Art League.

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Suspects stripped

Stolen clothing seized

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Sheriff's office deputies have now recovered approximately \$26,000 worth of stolen clothing after two traffic stops earlier this month.

The first stop on Sunday, May 5, yielded about \$18,000 worth of name-brand shirts, shorts and perfume suspected to be stolen from stores in Savannah. The second stop on Monday, May 13, revealed another \$8,000 worth of name-brand clothing, shoes and perfume in a car traveling northbound on Interstate 95.

Get the goods
See page 9A for photos of what was seized.

None of the vehicle's four occupants — one juvenile, two female Savannah residents ages 21 and 22 and one male Garden City resident age 17 — claimed ownership of the clothing, to which price tags and anti-theft alarms were still attached.

Because the driver and three passengers could not produce receipts for the clothing, deputies seized the items at the advice of an investigator. The identities of the vehicle's occupants were noted and they were released.

An examination of the clothing revealed such brands as Hollister, Old Navy, BeBe, Nike, New Balance, Gap, Polo, Bath & Body Works and more.

Space project falls to county

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Reward versus risk was the theme of the discussion Monday morning when the Joint Development Authority considered the efforts it has put forth to bring a spaceport to the county.

Authority members later voted unanimously to turn over negotiating and funding responsibilities to county officials.

Board chairman John

McDill read a statement summarizing the fiscal efforts of the JDA to lure SpaceX, a private space exploration company, to land formerly occupied by Bayer CropScience.

The first phase of an environmental study, cost estimates for similar studies in the future, preliminary land agreements and legal fees will cost a total of almost \$90,000 by the end of the fiscal year on June 30, McDill said.

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St. Marys trails in salary study

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A compensation study shows that the City of St. Marys' salaries and wages are 2.7 below the market average minimum, 8.1 percent below the market average midpoint and 12.4 below the market average maximum.

Completed earlier this month by Evergreen Solutions LLC, city manager Steve Crowell held a work session with council

Monday to discuss the study.

The five council members gathered — Greg Bird and mayor Bill DeLoughy were absent — Monday tended to agree that fully implementing the consultant's recommendation at an estimated cost of \$428,920 would not be possible.

Council discussed putting three portions of the suggestions into effect, including utilizing pay

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Keeping his promise



Jill Helton | Tribune & Georgian

Danayah Crumpton (middle) and Aaron Dino (right) tied for the highest CRCT scores in Mackie Woods' fourth-grade math class at Mary Lee Clark Elementary. Their reward was getting to shave Woods' head on Monday at a school-wide pep rally, amidst cheers and applause from students and parents.

