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**TIDES — STUART**

**High** 2.4 ft — 1:28 AM  
**Low** 0.6 ft — 7:47 AM  
**High** 2.0 ft — 1:26 PM  
**Low** 0.3 ft — 7:50 PM  
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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Today: Patchy fog early in the morning  
[Full forecast →](#)

**WEATHER ALERTS**

No active alerts  
[Full forecast →](#)

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**DAILY BRIEFING** with Grace Holloway ▶ 0:00 / 0:00 🔊 ⋮ [Read transcript](#)

**EDUCATION**

### St. Lucie West Centennial NJROTC Secures Sixth in State Drill Events

The Black Talon unit earned sixth-place finishes in academics and armed basic drill while competing against 18 other top Florida programs in Riverview on March 7.

**EDUCATION**

### Seven St. Lucie Students Tour Smithsonian Marine Station in Fort Pierce

Treasure Coast High and St. Lucie West Centennial teens explored marine science careers, including Everglades restoration and coral reef research, via the district's Classrooms2Careers program.

**EDUCATION**

### Dan McCarty Middle Rewards Sixth Graders With Supplies Via Eagle Bucks

Fort Pierce school's PBIS program lets students redeem points for pencils, notebooks and epic lunches to combat spring slump and boost focus.

**EDUCATION**

### Historian Exposes Distortions in Black History at Treasure Coast Lecture

Dr. Michael Butler led the Jadie Barringer Jr.-organized event for about 40 attendees, urging a rethink of slavery-era narratives and modern misconceptions.

**FAMILY & MONEY**

### Iran War Drives Gas Price Surge on Treasure Coast, Threatening Local Economy

**— GOVERNMENT & POLITICS**



Photo: Illustration by Priya Okafor / TC Sentinel

## Florida House Advances Bill Mandating Treasure Coast Schools Inventory Vacant Land

*The 84-27 vote on SB 824, which requires districts to report fair market values amid partisan debate, sends the amended measure back to the Senate for concurrence.*

STAFF REPORT — TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

The Florida House passed a bill Monday that would require every school district in the state — including Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties — to inventory their vacant land and report its fair market value to the state, advancing legislation that has drawn sharp partis...

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**FAMILY & MONEY**

### Fort Pierce Yacht Club Pledges \$45K to St. Lucie Causes for 45th Anniversary

The waterfront institution celebrates its milestone by committing the funds to local community support throughout 2025.



**FAMILY & MONEY**

ELGA Credit Union Acquires Marine Bank With Uncertain Treasure Coast Fallout



**FAMILY & MONEY**

Treasure Coast Restaurants Vie for Top Chicken Wing Title in Bracket Vote

**GOVERNMENT & POLITICS**

### Port St. Lucie Seals \$6M Land Deal to Bring Costco to Southern Grove

Unanimous council vote locks in the Treasure Coast's biggest retail development in years, raising questions about traffic, infrastructure, and who benefits

**GOVERNMENT & POLITICS**

### Stuart Picks Navy Veteran as City Manager in Split Commission Vote

Divided decision raises questions about commission unity heading into a pivotal year for downtown

Strait of Hormuz disruptions push crude above \$100; national average up 50 cents since fighting began, wiping out potential tariff relief for area businesses

development and the city budget

MORE NEWS

HEALTH

Study: Benthic Creatures Could Filter Pollution in Indian River Lagoon

A 2023 peer-reviewed study highlights how clams, worms and other bottom-dwellers in Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties might reverse the estuary's long-standing water quality issues.

1 MIN READ



Phyllis Lillenthal

HEALTH

Study Quantifies Red Tide's Health Risks for Treasure Coast Residents

Researchers detail respiratory and other impacts from Karenia brevis blooms, highlighting dangers for swimmers, fishers and beach walkers in the Indian River Lagoon.

1 MIN READ

HEALTH

Stagnant Water in Northern Lagoon Fuels Toxic Algae Blooms for Indian River County

Peer-reviewed modeling study reveals slow circulation traps water, endangering local recreation, fishing and drinking water supplies in the estuary.

1 MIN READ

DHS Shutdown Sparks 3-Hour TSA Lines Amid Spring Break Rush to Florida

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Pa. Men Charged in ISIS-Inspired Bomb Attack on NYC Protest by Fla. Candidate

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Gunfire Claims One Life, Injures Another in St. Lucie County

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South Fork Bulldogs Host Martin County's First Boys Volleyball Match

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Treasure Coast Basks in Sunny Skies, Light Winds Through Wednesday

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NATIONAL BRIEFING

FULL NATIONAL COVERAGE →

Florida Resident Trump Attends Transfer of 6 Killed in Kuwait Drone Strike

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Trump Honors Winter Haven Soldier Among 6 Killed in Iran Drone Strike

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Tornadoes Kill 6 in Michigan, Oklahoma, Signal Early Storms for Florida

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Trump Urges Latin Leaders to Deploy Militaries Against Cartels at Doral Summit

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2 MIN READ

PSL Sells 22.8 Acres to Costco for \$6M, but Is the Price Right?

A unanimous council vote locks in the Southern Grove land deal — the real questions are what taxpayers gave up and what Costco gets in return

1 MIN READ

Florida Bill to Unmask ICE Agents Dies in Committee Without GOP Support

The "Visible Act" would have required immigration officers to display name tags or badge numbers during enforcement operations on the Treasure Coast and statewide

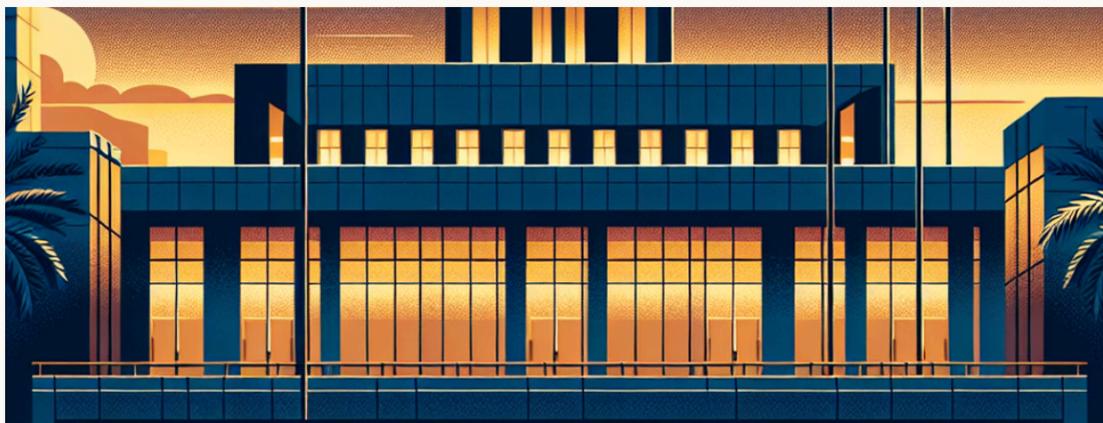


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Florida Lawmakers Deadlock on Budget, Jeopardizing Treasure Coast Housing and Conservation Funds

A \$1.4 billion gap between the House's \$113.6 billion plan and the Senate's \$115 billion proposal forces an extended session, threatening key programs in Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties.

EDUCATION ALL EDUCATION →



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### Fort Pierce Central Bands Nab Superior Ratings at District Assessment

Director Stephen Gabin guided the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band to top honors at the FBA District 13 event on March 6, boosting St. Lucie County pride during Music in Our Schools Month.

1 MIN READ

### Fort Pierce Central's Ambassador Choir Earns Superior Rating at District Assessment

Directed by Elker Harris, the St. Lucie County ensemble highlighted student dedication and teamwork, gearing up for April's Heritage Festival in Atlanta.

1 MIN READ

### Oak Hammock K-8 Students Meet Holocaust Survivors in Port St. Lucie

Sixth graders heard personal stories from Palm Beach County survivors, while eighth graders attended an immersive theatrical performance for Holocaust Remembrance.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** ALL PUBLIC SAFETY →

2 MIN READ

### St. Lucie Bus Driver Faces Child Molestation Charges — What Did the District Know?

A \$500K bond signals serious charges. Questions about district screening, parent notification, and prior complaints remain unanswered.



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### Shooting on North Lake Drive Leaves One Dead, One Hospitalized; Self-Defense Possible, Sheriff Says

St. Lucie County investigators probe fatal confrontation near Fort Pierce after argument escalates and firearm changes hands

1 MIN READ

### Police Investigate Deadly US 1 Crash in Port St. Lucie

The fatal collision on the heavily traveled St. Lucie County corridor has sparked renewed concerns from local residents and officials about road safety.

**SPORTS** ALL SPORTS →



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### Port St. Lucie High Jaguars Claim 13th Straight Regional Drill Title

The St. Lucie County team dominated six events to top seven schools at Seminole Ridge, advancing to April's state competition.

1 MIN READ

### Martin County Mariner Nonprofit Files 990-EZ, Keeping Youth Baseball Running in Martin County

The baseball and softball organization filed its short-form tax return for fiscal year 2024, signaling continued operations in the community.

1 MIN READ

### Opinion: Florida Spring Training Has a Rich History, and St. Lucie Was Among the Best

A national sports columnist argues Vero Beach and Port St. Lucie set the gold standard for Grapefruit League experiences

**FAMILY & MONEY** ALL FAMILY & MONEY →

**1 MIN READ****Rita's Italian Ice Opens in Port St. Lucie as Vero Beach Location Closes**

The chain shifts its Treasure Coast footprint, adding a St. Lucie County store for frozen custard and Italian ice while exiting Indian River County.

**1 MIN READ****Marcus & Millichap Brokers \$6.2M Sale of Vero Beach Retail Strip Center**

The Indian River County deal highlights surging investor demand for Treasure Coast retail properties amid ongoing commercial growth.

*Illustration by Priya Okafor / TC Sentinel***1 MIN READ****Treasure Coast Beaches and Trails Attract Spring Breakers, Spur Local Spending**

Visitors surf Fort Pierce Inlet waves and hike Jonathan Dickinson State Park trails, boosting economies in Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties.

**WEATHER** **ALL WEATHER** →**1 MIN READ****Fort Pierce Tides Surge to 2.4 Feet Early Monday**

Anglers on the Treasure Coast can capitalize on a strong outgoing tide for prime morning fishing in St. Lucie County.

*Illustration by Priya Okafor / TC Sentinel***1 MIN READ****Stuart Tides Peak at 2.6 Feet Monday for Prime Fishing**

Martin County anglers can expect a strong tidal push with a morning low of 0.5 feet at 6:54 a.m. on March 9, ideal for boating and fishing.

**1 MIN READ****Treasure Coast Kicks Off Week With Sunny Skies, Low 80s and Calm Seas**

Boaters and beachgoers in Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties enjoy ideal conditions through Tuesday, with patchy fog possible Monday night.

**NATIONAL** **ALL NATIONAL** →**2 MIN READ****Trump Honors Winter Haven Soldier Among 6 Killed in Iran Drone Strike**

President joins families at Dover Air Force Base for dignified transfer of Capt. Cody Khork, 35, and fellow Army Reserve members slain in Kuwait.

**1 MIN READ****Tornadoes Kill 6 in Michigan, Oklahoma, Signal Early Storms for Florida**

An EF3 tornado with 150 mph winds killed 3 in Michigan and a 12-year-old boy died in Oklahoma as storms head east.

**1 MIN READ****Florida Resident Trump Attends Transfer of 6 Killed in Kuwait Drone Strike**

A drone strike killed six Iowa Army reservists in Kuwait a day after the U.S. and Israel launched operations against Iran.

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