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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

Tonight: Mostly clear in the late evening and early morning then becoming partly cloudy  
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## WEATHER ALERTS

No active alerts  
[Full forecast →](#)

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	+0.01 (0.00%)	+0.95 (+0.37%)	+6.68 (+1.03%)	-1.09 (-0.16%)	-1.08 (-0.17%)	-9.30 (-0.14%)	

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

## EDUCATION

### St. Lucie West Centennial NJROTC Places at Florida State Drill Championships

The "Black Talon" unit competed against 18 squads statewide; one cadet ranked third in the state on the academic test

## EDUCATION

### St. Lucie Students Get Inside Look at Marine Science Careers Through Smithsonian Visit

Treasure Coast High and St. Lucie West Centennial students toured the Smithsonian Marine Station as part of the district's Classrooms2Careers program

## EDUCATION

### Dan McCarty Middle School Rewards 6th Graders With Supplies, Lunches Through PBIS Program

Students redeem Eagle Bucks earned for good behavior and academic effort at a school store stocked with supplies and special perks

## EDUCATION

### Historian Examines Black History Narratives in Weekend Lecture

Dr. J. Michael Butler challenges historical misconceptions in community discussion series

## FAMILY & MONEY

### Costco to Open New Warehouse Store in Port St. Lucie's Southern Grove District

## — GOVERNMENT & POLITICS



Photo: Airam Dato-on

## Florida's 2026 Session Lurches Toward Close With Culture Wars Winning, Budgets Stalling

*Sen. Don Gaetz calls session 'embarrassing' as DEI ban clears, transportation package dies, and a required budget remains unsigned*

STAFF REPORT — TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

TALLAHASSEE — As Florida's 2026 legislative session careens toward its Friday Sine Die deadline, a portrait is emerging of a Republican supermajority that can pass a ban on diversity programs but cannot pass a budget, a transportation package, or an agreement on how much the sta...

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Alain Garcia

## FAMILY & MONEY

### Southern Grove Business Park Nearly Sold Out in PSL Years Ahead of Schedule as Costco Moves In

The Port St. Lucie commercial development is filling faster than projected, with the warehouse retailer among the latest anchors



## FAMILY & MONEY

Gas Prices Rise Across the Treasure Coast Amid Global Oil Market Shifts



## GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

Tunnel Restart Test Raises Questions for Treasure Coast Commuters

## HEALTH

### Study Finds Bottom-Dwelling Organisms May Help Restore Indian River Lagoon Water Quality

New peer-reviewed research highlights a natural, biology-based approach to fighting the nutrients and algae degrading the lagoon shared by Indian River, St. Lucie, and Martin counties

## HEALTH

### Study Maps How Long Pollutants Linger in Northern Indian River Lagoon

The membership retailer's arrival marks a major retail addition to the fast-growing Southern Grove development corridor

Peer-reviewed research finds water movement patterns that could explain chronic algae blooms threatening Indian River County's coastline

MORE NEWS

NATIONAL

Two Men Charged in ISIS-Inspired Attack Near NYC Mayor's Residence

Suspects from Pennsylvania face terrorism-related charges; Florida Senate candidate Jake Lang organized the protest that drew the attack

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POLICE & COURTS

Third Child With Autism Drowns in PSL Pond Since November, Police Chief Says

The death of 5-year-old Zam Tuang exposes a recurring crisis at the intersection of wandering risk, retention pond density, and stalled local safety policy

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NATIONAL

US Economy Sheds 92,000 Jobs in February as Gas Prices, War Fears Rattle Markets

Rising pump prices, a weaker job market and stock declines complicate White House economic claims heading into midterm year

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Colorado Doctor Jailed on Attempted Murder Charges After Vero Beach Shootout With Deputies  
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Crochet Focuses on Red Sox Camp as World Baseball Classic Begins  
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Atlantic Hurricane Season Less Than 90 Days Away; 2026 Storm Names Released  
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NHC Tracking Atlantic Disturbance With High Development Chance  
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Dense Fog Early, Then Sunny and Warm Across the Treasure Coast  
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NATIONAL BRIEFING

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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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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

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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.

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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.

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### 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.

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### 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 →](#)

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### 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



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### 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.

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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.

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### 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.

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### 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 →](#)

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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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### 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.