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TIDES — STUART

Low 0.3 ft — 4:53 AM
High 2.4 ft — 10:47 AM
Low 0.0 ft — 4:53 PM
High 2.8 ft — 11:24 PM
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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly cloudy
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WEATHER ALERTS

No active alerts
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Dow Jones • 46,418.9 -99.0 (-0.21%)	QQQ • 584.98^D +0.67 (+0.11%)	Apple • 255.92^D +0.29 (+0.11%)	Meta • 574.46^D -4.77 (-0.82%)	SPY • 655.83^D +0.59 (+0.09%)	VOO • 602.99^D +0.69 (+0.11%)	S&P 500 • 6,565.5 -18.3 (-0.28%)	Dow Jones 46,418.9 -99.0 (-0.21%)
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DAILY BRIEFING

with Grace Holloway

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GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

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Solomon Trucking faces penalties for unpermitted land clearing, while two neighbors' crumbling pipes flood yards in Fort Pierce.

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State Absorbs Indian River Roads, Unlocking Funds for \$250M Overpass

— FAMILY & MONEY



Photo: Illustration by Priya Okafor / TC Sentinel

Unverified Report Claims Treasure Coast Seafood Spot Halts June Reservations

TC Sentinel could not confirm the restaurant's name, location or reason behind the booking freeze cited in a public notice.

STAFF REPORT — SUNDAY, APRIL 05, 2026

A Florida seafood restaurant on the Treasure Coast has stopped accepting reservations for June, according to a public notice. The specific business name, location, and reason for the closure could not be independently verified before publication. The restaurant's name, street a...

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St. Lucie Planners Back 30% Lot Coverage Hike for Suburban Homes

Unanimous vote allows larger single-story builds for aging residents in areas with upgraded roads, sewers and drainage, pending county commissioners' approval.



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St. Lucie Board OKs 311-Acre Mine, Adding 644 Daily Trucks to Strained Indrio Roads

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Florida CFO Flags \$46M in St. Lucie County Spending as 'Wasteful.' The County Hasn't Answered.

CFO Blaise Ingoglia's press release names specific budget items. St. Lucie's administrator and budget director have not responded publicly — and that silence demands scrutiny.

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

Contractor Breaks Vero Beach Water Main, Sparking Boil Notice for 15th Street Homes

The transfer of County Road 510 and part of CR 512 to Florida's highway system ends years of delays, providing millions for critical infrastructure in the 510 corridor.

The precautionary alert affects about a dozen addresses on 15th Street after a 2-inch PVC line was struck Thursday, with repairs completed by Friday morning but water tests still pending.

MORE NEWS

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

Donalds Raises Record \$22M in Q1 for Florida Governor Race

The Trump-endorsed congressman's haul shatters records for non-incumbent candidates, pushing his total past \$67 million and outpacing GOP rivals.

1 MIN READ



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Florida Forever Locks Up Martin County Ranch in Conservation Easement

State program secures Bar-B Ranch from development, but key details on acreage, cost, and long-term oversight remain unconfirmed

2 MIN READ

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Martin County Surpasses \$20M in Eco-Land Buys, Nears 1,000 Acres

Oversight committee praises progress but urges faster purchases amid legal concerns on two properties and committed sales tax funds.

1 MIN READ

Martin County Clerk Slashes Fees Up to 40% for Suspended License Reinstatement

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Florida Lawmakers Send Bill Renaming PBI After Trump to DeSantis

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DeSantis Signs Land-Use Law That Could Upend Treasure Coast Growth Controls

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Nathan Leads Tomkow by 405 Votes in SD 14 Special Election, Recount Hinges on Margin Math

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Citrus Commission Pumps \$184K into Marketing After Treasure Coast Freezes

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EDUCATION ALL EDUCATION →



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Martin County School Board Scraps April 7 Budget Workshop

The cancellation strips local parents and residents of a key chance to observe deliberations on school resource allocation for the coming year.

1 MIN READ

St. Lucie West K-8 Third-Graders Tackle Text Comparisons in Group Challenge

Young Sharks in Mrs. Harvey's class analyze text features and structures across two readings, citing evidence to sharpen critical thinking and comprehension.

1 MIN READ

St. Lucie Observers Praise Forest Grove Middle's Consistent Math Strategies

Visits to eighth-grade geometry classes in Port St. Lucie highlight teachers' clear explanations, monitoring and targeted help, reflecting district emphasis on structured practice.

PUBLIC SAFETY ALL PUBLIC SAFETY →

2 MIN READ

Suspect Named in Random Fatal Stabbing of Elderly Woman in Martin County Neighborhood

Kersten Francilus, 25, charged with second-degree murder after unprovoked attack on woman walking her dog in Southwood; neighbor intervened before deputies arrived



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2 MIN READ

Martin County Courts at Center of Tiger Woods DUI Case as Judge Grants Travel, Video Released

Questions mount over whether the golf icon's legal handling in Jupiter Island arrest reflects equal justice under local courts

2 MIN READ

Fort Pierce Man Killed in Early Morning Shooting; Police Name No Suspects

Victim found dead near North 12th Street apartment complex at 4:15 a.m. Saturday; investigation stalls at initial statement as four outlets carry same police release

SPORTS ALL SPORTS →

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1 MIN READ

St. Lucie Mets Target Prospects in 2026 Florida State League Season

Treasure Coast fans flock to Clover Park as New York's Single-A affiliate showcases future Citi Field stars for just \$12 a ticket.

1 MIN READ

Clover Park Ranks Among Top 10 U.S. Spring Training Venues

The renovated Port St. Lucie home of the New York Mets joins a Florida-dominated list, boosting Treasure Coast's MLB spring training prestige.

1 MIN READ

USC's Dumdumaya Ties for 7th With Career-Best 202 at Palm City Tourney

Sophomore Jaden Dumdumaya fired rounds of 63, 68 and 70 to finish 12-under at Floridian National Golf Club, holding off challengers after leading early in the Valspar Collegiate Invitational.

FAMILY & MONEY ALL FAMILY & MONEY →

1 MIN READ

Treasure Coast Absent in Unverified Florida Rankings on Anxiety, Rentals, Spending

TC Sentinel could not confirm local city inclusion or data accuracy in national reports before deadline, despite claims of scoring Florida areas.

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1 MIN READ

Treasure Coast Families Drive Record \$24.9B Easter Spending Boom

Local shoppers join 80% of Americans celebrating with candy, food and gifts topping budgets, surpassing last year's \$24 billion mark amid economic uncertainty.

1 MIN READ

Dream Finders Unveils 1,000-Home 55+ Community in Port St. Lucie

Set to open in spring 2027, Reverie at Solaeris offers homes from 1,475 to over 3,000 square feet, a 16,000-square-foot clubhouse and resort amenities inside the Solaeris master-planned development.

WEATHER ALL WEATHER →

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Breezy Winds Hit Treasure Coast Saturday With Rain Building Into Weekend

East winds of 15 to 20 mph accompany partly cloudy skies and a high of 80°F today, but a 20% chance of late-afternoon showers signals wetter conditions ahead for Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties.

1 MIN READ

Stuart's Evening High Tide Peaks at 3.1 Feet Friday

NOAA data forecasts the strongest tide at 10:06 p.m., offering prime fishing and boating conditions for Treasure Coast residents after work.

1 MIN READ

Rare Negative Low Tide Sets Stage for Prime Fishing at Sebastian Inlet on April 3

NOAA data forecasts a -0.1 ft low at 4:33 p.m., drawing strong currents that attract snook and redfish to Indian River County's jetty rocks.

NATIONAL ALL NATIONAL →

2 MIN READ

DHS Ends Asylum Freeze, Resumes Processing for Most Applicants

The lift eases a backlog of 4 million cases paused since November 2025, directly aiding overwhelmed immigration courts in Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties.

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Fired FBI Agents Sue Over Purge Tied to Trump's Mar-a-Lago Probe

Three agents with Florida connections claim FBI Director Kash Patel and AG Pam Bondi targeted them in a political purge linked to the 2020 election investigation.

2 MIN READ

Iran War Downs Two US Planes as Oil Surges to \$109

Iran's blockade of the Strait of Hormuz drives up gas and fertilizer costs on the Treasure Coast amid escalating U.S.-Israeli strikes.

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