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Maya: Good morning, Hilo, and aloha. It is Monday, October fifth, twenty twenty-six, and this is your Hilo Morning Briefing.

Devon: Aloha, and welcome in. It is a wet start to the week, Maya, is it not?

Maya: Very wet. Today brings a high near seventy-seven and a low around seventy, with a ninety-two percent chance of rain, mostly moderate drizzle carried in on the trade winds. Winds stay light, around eight miles an hour.

Devon: And that is really the story of the whole week, folks. A classic windward-side pattern. Tuesday dries out a bit, with a high near eighty and a low near sixty-eight, and only a thirty-three percent chance of rain under mostly cloudy skies.

Maya: Wednesday actually looks like the nicest day of the week. A high near eighty, a low near sixty-six, and just a thirty percent chance of light drizzle. If you have outdoor plans, Wednesday is your day.

Devon: Thursday turns wetter again, with a high near eighty-three, a low near seventy, and a fifty-seven percent chance of rain. Then Friday brings a high near seventy-nine and a low near seventy-three, with a forty-five percent chance of showers.

Maya: And the weekend keeps the same theme. Saturday, a high near seventy-eight with a forty-six percent chance of rain. Sunday, a high near seventy-nine and a low near seventy-one, with a forty-three percent chance. So keep the umbrella by the door all week long.

Devon: Heading to the water today? Seas off the east side are running about five feet, easing to around four feet tomorrow. The water is a warm eighty degrees. Trade-wind chop, nothing scary, but boaters should keep an eye on the drizzle bands blowing through.

Maya: Looking up tonight, the sky should treat us well. The moon is a waning crescent, just twenty-seven percent lit, and it sets in the mid-afternoon, so it will not wash out the stars at all.

Devon: Saturn is the headliner tonight, hanging high in the southeast after dark, unmistakable with that golden glow. No International Space Station passes tonight, though. And a friendly reminder, if the clouds part, Mauna Kea's summit sits above the cloud layer, so the stars up there are as good as it gets anywhere on this planet.

Maya: On to arts and entertainment, where the coming weekend is stacking up nicely. First, a free one for the keiki. Youth Arts Saturdays at the East Hawaii Cultural Center on Kalakaua Street returns this Saturday, October tenth, at ten in the morning. It is free, it is open to kids of all ages, and it happens on the second Saturday of every month.

Devon: Then, for the cat lovers, One Gallery in Hilo hosts its October Halloween Paint and Purr on Saturday at five thirty in the evening. It is a paint night where the

pickup truck crashed through the storefront of the Longs Drugs at Prince Kuhio Plaza on Thursday afternoon, injuring six people inside the store.

Maya: Officers say a white Toyota Tacoma crashed through the glass storefront just before four o'clock in the afternoon, striking shoppers and store fixtures before coming to a stop inside the business. Six people, ages twenty-four to seventy-six, were hurt. Four were treated at the scene, and two were taken to Hilo Benioff Medical Center. Both were later released in stable condition.

Devon: The driver, an eighty-six-year-old Hilo man, was evaluated at the scene and was not injured. Police say a second-degree negligent injury investigation is underway, and they are asking anyone who saw what happened to come forward.

Maya: In development news, Hilo could be getting a bowling alley again. The Windward Planning Commission voted unanimously last week to send a favorable recommendation to the County Council for a plan by KBXtreme to build a bowling alley and entertainment complex here in Hilo, similar to its Kailua-Kona facility.

Devon: That vote gives the company a ten-year extension to complete construction on a five-acre parcel in Hilo. Anyone who remembers the old bowling alleys on the east side knows this one has been a long time coming.

Maya: And one for your calendar. The state Public Utilities Commission is holding public informational meetings on Hawaiian Electric's response to the recent storms, and the Hilo meeting is set for Tuesday, October twentieth, at six in the evening, in the Waiakea High School cafeteria.

Devon: Similar meetings are also planned for Kailua-Kona on October twenty-first and Pahala on October twenty-seventh. It is a chance to hear directly from the utility and the commission about storm recovery and reliability.

Maya: That is your briefing for Monday, October fifth. A drizzly start, clearing by midweek, Saturn in the evening sky, and a weekend full of art, cats, and breathwork. We will see you tomorrow morning.

Devon: Aloha, Hilo. Have a great Monday, and stay dry out there.