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

Devon: Aloha, and welcome in. A classic windward morning, Maya, with the trades doing their thing.

Maya: They really are. Today brings a high near eighty and a low near sixty-nine, with a sixty-one percent chance of rain. Expect bands of light drizzle blowing through on gentle winds of around seven miles an hour. And here is the sneaky part: the UV index hits eight today, so the sun is strong between the clouds. Sunscreen, even on a drizzly day.

Devon: Wednesday looks like the drier day of the week. A high near eighty-one, a low near sixty-eight, and only an eighteen percent chance of rain. If you have something outdoors, Wednesday morning is your window.

Maya: Then Thursday is the warmest day ahead, with a high near eighty-four and a low near seventy-one. The rain chance climbs back to fifty-five percent, and the trade winds pick up to around sixteen miles an hour, so expect choppiest water and quicker-moving showers.

Devon: Friday runs a high near eighty-three, a low near seventy-four, with a fifty-one percent chance of rain. Saturday cools off to a high near seventy-six, with a forty-nine percent chance and thicker clouds. And Sunday brings a high near eighty, a low near sixty-seven, with a forty-five percent chance under partly cloudy skies. So the pattern is steady all week: warm, humid, passing showers, never a washout.

Maya: Down at the water today, seas are running around four feet off the east side, with the water a warm eighty-one degrees. Comfortable for paddling close in, but boaters should keep an eye on the drizzle bands. Waves build a touch on Thursday, closer to five feet.

Devon: Looking up tonight, the moon will not get in the way at all. It is a waning crescent, just seventeen percent lit, and it sets in the mid-afternoon. Saturn is the main event after dark, glowing golden high in the southeast. No International Space Station passes tonight, though.

Maya: On to arts and entertainment. Opening this Friday at the Hilo Palace Theater, the Friends of the Palace present their twenty twenty-six fall musical, Little Shop of Horrors. Shows Friday and Saturday at seven in the evening, and a Sunday matinee at three. It runs through October twenty-fifth at the historic theater on Haili Street.

Devon: Then on Saturday, the heavy stuff lands at the Grand Naniloa Hotel. The third annual Big Island Metal Bash kicks off at noon, with bands running all day and into the night. If metal is your thing, this is the loudest Saturday of the year.

the East Hawaii Veterans Cemetery Number Two here in Hilo.

Maya: The project will realign four thousand four hundred ninety-five grave markers so every headstone is uniform in height and spacing, regrade about five and a half acres, restore the soil and turf, and install new watering stations. Work begins in January and will take about a year and a half, wrapping up around June of twenty twenty-eight. Veterans from World War One through the Iraq War are interred there.

Devon: In downtown news, the owners of the Wild Ginger Hotel say they intend to rebuild the historic boutique hotel, which was destroyed in a deadly fire almost a year ago. That is according to the Hawaii Tribune-Herald today. But there is resistance to their plans, so this one is far from settled. Expect a fight at the planning table.

Maya: And in sports, the Vulcans are rolling at home. The University of Hawaii at Hilo women's volleyball team swept Jessup in straight sets on Saturday night here in Hilo, in front of seven hundred eleven fans. That win kicks off a six-match homestand, and it gets real tonight: number twenty-five Biola comes to town for a six o'clock first serve.

Devon: That is your briefing for Tuesday, October sixth. Passing showers all week, four-foot seas, Saturn after dark, a musical opening Friday, metal on Saturday, and free hula next Tuesday. We will see you tomorrow morning.

Maya: Aloha, Hilo. Have a great Tuesday, and keep that umbrella close.