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Maya: Good morning, Key West! This is the very first Key West Morning Briefing, and it's Monday, October fifth, twenty twenty-six.

Devon: Welcome aboard, everybody. I'm Devon, and this is your new daily briefing from the very end of the road. Weather, water, night skies, what's on, and the local headlines, every morning at five.

Maya: I'm Maya. And we start with the weather, because the last few days around here have been something else.

Devon: They really have. Here's the week ahead. Today, Monday: partly cloudy, a high of eighty-seven and a low of eighty, about an eight percent chance of rain, winds around eleven miles per hour.

Maya: Tuesday looks similar: high of eighty-seven, low of seventy-eight, but breezy, with winds around twenty miles per hour.

Devon: Then it turns wetter midweek. Wednesday and Thursday both top out in the low eighties, with a fifty-five percent chance of rain each day.

Maya: That lines up with what forecasters are saying about a front stalling over Florida this week, bringing an extended stretch of rain.

Devon: Friday brings some relief: high of eighty-four, twenty-eight percent chance of rain. Saturday: high of eighty-four, a thirty-four percent chance, with a chance of thunderstorms.

Maya: And the UV index stays high, around seven point seven all week, so the sunscreen still matters, even under the clouds.

Devon: On the water this morning: waves are running about three and a half feet, easing to around two feet tomorrow, and down to about a foot by Tuesday. Water temperature is a bath-like eighty-six degrees.

Maya: Now the night skies. Sunset tonight is at seven ten, and it gets truly dark by about eight twenty-six. The moon is a waning crescent, only about thirty-two percent lit, and it doesn't rise until after two twenty in the morning, so the evening sky stays nice and dark.

Devon: And Saturn is the showstopper tonight, glowing in the east at about thirty-seven degrees above the horizon after dark. No notable space station passes tonight, so it's all Saturn and the stars.

Maya: Now, arts and entertainment. The big announcement: Fantasy Fest is officially on the calendar, running October sixteenth through the twenty-fifth.

Devon: This year's theme is Musical Icons and Iconic Musicals, and the big parade rolls down Duval Street on Saturday, October twenty-fourth.

Maya: Right before it, the Goombay Festival takes over Bahama Village on October sixteenth and seventeenth, with food, arts and crafts, and live music from noon to midnight.

Maya: That shattered the daily record of two and a half inches set way back in nineteen forty-three. Duval Street turned into a river, a tree toppled onto a car and brought down power lines, and water stood on many streets.

Devon: With that stalled front we mentioned, forecasters are warning of an extended stretch of rain and more possible flash flooding this week. So keep an eye on the low-lying streets.

Maya: Related to that: Monroe County shut down its Key West government offices on Friday, including the library and courthouse operations, over flooding and king tide concerns. The king tide peaked around four thirty Friday morning.

Devon: The airport kept operating as normal, and county staff worked remotely where they could.

Maya: And in city business: Key West is looking into using tourist development dollars to bring back the Duval Loop shuttle, which has been suspended since last December.

Devon: The city's finance director has asked the county attorney for a written opinion on whether the loop's operating costs qualify. And it matters beyond the Loop, because the same funding conversation touches the new Island Hopper service, set to replace Key West Rides and the Workforce Express.

Maya: That's your launch-day briefing, Key West. Thanks for starting your Monday with us.

Devon: We're here every morning at five with your day ahead. I'm Devon.

Maya: And I'm Maya. We'll see you tomorrow.