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Maya: Good morning, Key West, and welcome to the Key West Morning Briefing for Tuesday, October sixth, twenty twenty-six. I'm Maya.

Devon: And I'm Devon. It's five o'clock in the morning on the island, the sun is still sleeping, and the day ahead is shaping up warm and calm. Let's get you ready for it.

Maya: Starting with the week ahead. Today looks like a classic October day in the Keys. A high near eighty-seven, a low around seventy-seven, and only about a sixteen percent chance of rain. Winds stay light, near nine miles an hour, so the morning should feel easy and warm.

Devon: Wednesday cools just a touch, a high of eighty-six and a low of seventy-six, rain chances up to twenty-eight percent, and breezes near fourteen miles an hour. Thursday looks similar, eighty-four and seventy-eight, rain at twenty-eight percent, and winds easing to ten miles an hour.

Maya: Then the pattern shifts toward the weekend. Friday brings a high of eighty-four, but notice the low, eighty-three. The overnight temperatures barely budge, which tells you the humidity is thick. Rain chances jump to thirty-six percent, winds near eighteen miles an hour, and thunderstorms are possible.

Devon: Saturday keeps the storms in play, a high of eighty-four, a low of eighty-two, a sixty-one percent chance of rain, and winds around twenty miles an hour. Sunday looks much the same, eighty-four and eighty-three, sixty-one percent rain again.

Maya: But Monday dries out, a high of eighty-four, a low of eighty-three, rain chances down to twelve percent. So the takeaway is simple. Plan your outdoor fun for today through Thursday, and keep an eye on the sky over the weekend.

Devon: Now to the water. If you are heading out on the harbor today, conditions are about as friendly as they get. Waves are running just over a foot, and the water is sitting near eighty-seven degrees, basically bathwater.

Maya: And it gets even calmer. Waves drop to under a foot by tomorrow and stay light through Thursday, with water temperatures holding in the high eighties. No trouble for the boats, but with weekend winds picking up, check conditions again before you head out Saturday.

Devon: Tonight's skies are shaping up beautifully. The moon is a thin waning crescent, only about twenty percent lit, and it sets in the late afternoon, so it won't be around to wash out the stars.

Maya: And the star of the show is Saturn, shining bright and high in the eastern sky after dark. That's the one steady golden point of light you can't miss. Astronomical darkness settles in around eight twenty-four tonight, so find somewhere dark after that and look up.

Devon: One honesty note. No International Space Station passes tonight, so don't go

Margarita Bar Stroll, with two routes covering twenty-one bars. Yes, twenty-one.

Maya: Two Sunset Pier concerts anchor the weekend. Roger Bartlett and the Nautical Wheelers play Saturday, and Will Kimbrough takes the stage Monday. Monday also brings a Pencil Thin Mustache contest at the Chart Room at the Pier House, which is about as Key West as it gets.

Devon: And the nightly Sunset Celebration at Mallory Square rolls on every single evening, free street performers and vendors as the sun drops into the Gulf. That's the island's standing invitation.

Maya: Looking further ahead, the Key West Theater on Eaton Street has some big nights coming. Garrison Keillor and Erica Rhodes play October twenty-seventh. And on October thirtieth, Will Kimbrough plays at five in the evening, followed by Buffett Through the Years at eight.

Devon: In local news, Key West is still drying out from a soaking last Thursday. The island recorded three point six four inches of rain in one day, shattering a daily record of two and a half inches that had stood since nineteen forty-three.

Maya: Floodwaters turned Duval Street into a river. The Key West Police Department said water was standing on many streets and warned drivers not to create wakes that could push water into nearby properties. A tree toppled onto a car, knocking down power lines.

Devon: The outlook keeps the umbrellas handy. Fox Weather says a front could stall over Florida with an extended stretch of downpours possible, and parts of the state could see up to eight inches of rain all told. That weekend rain chance deserves your respect.

Maya: Governor Ron DeSantis has named three members to the Lower Florida Keys Hospital District. Peter Batty Senior is appointed, and Erica Sterling and Kathryn Ovide are reappointed. The district oversees the hospital serving the lower Keys.

Devon: And in the ongoing saga of Key West restaurant inspections, Ocean Grill on Duval Street was emergency-closed by state inspectors on August twenty-fifth after roach activity was found in the kitchen. That was the fourth shutdown in the restaurant's history.

Maya: Inspectors cleared it to reopen that same week. It's a reminder that those state inspection reports are public, and worth a glance before you pick a dinner spot.

Devon: That's your Tuesday, Key West. Warm and calm today, a stormy weekend on the horizon, a sky full of stars tonight, and a festival weekend on deck. We'll be back tomorrow morning with the latest.

Maya: Until then, have a great day on the island.