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Maya: Good morning, Monte Carlo, and happy Monday. It's October fifth, twenty twenty-six, and this is your Monte Carlo Morning Briefing.

Devon: I'm Devon.

Maya: And I'm Maya. Coming up: your week-ahead weather, a calm Mediterranean, tonight's moonless sky, what's on in the Principality, and three local stories.

Devon: Let's start with the weather. The week opens calm and dry. Today, a high of seventy-five degrees and a low of seventy, light winds around seven miles per hour, and only a ten percent chance of rain. Tuesday is breezier winds up to thirteen miles per hour with a high of seventy-three and a low of sixty-eight, and rain chances down near five percent.

Maya: But midweek, the pattern breaks. Wednesday brings rain: a high of seventy-two, a low of sixty-eight, and a fifty-nine percent chance of rain. Thursday is the stormiest day of the week thunderstorms are likely, with a sixty-two percent chance of rain. Interestingly, it's also the warmest: a high of seventy-nine, though the low drops to sixty-four.

Devon: Friday starts the recovery: a high of seventy-two, a low of sixty-one, rain chances easing to forty-four percent. And next weekend looks settled again Saturday and Sunday both around seventy-two degrees, lows in the low sixties, and rain chances of just ten percent.

Maya: The takeaway: enjoy today and Tuesday, because Wednesday and Thursday bring real rain and even thunderstorms. U V is moderate on the dry days, so the autumn sun still has some strength.

Devon: Onto the sea. It's calm in the harbor. Waves are just over two feet gentle swells rolling into the Mediterranean. The water temperature is holding at seventy-six degrees, still lovely for a Monday swim off the coast.

Maya: Those gentle seas stick around for the next few days, so it's good news for the boats in Port Hercule.

Devon: Tonight's sky: sunset is at seven oh four P M, and true astronomical darkness arrives at eight forty P M. The moon is a waning crescent, thirty-two percent lit, but it doesn't rise until one sixteen in the morning so the evening sky is moonless and dark.

Maya: Perfect conditions for planet spotting. Saturn is the standout tonight, glowing in the southeast at thirty degrees above the horizon after dark. A pair of binoculars will pick it out nicely. No bright space station passes tonight.

Devon: Now, arts and entertainment. If you're looking for something to see, the new exhibition *Memoir des Lieux* runs through January twenty-fourth at the Salle d'Exposition du Quai Antoine 1er. It explores how Monaco's urban landscape has transformed over the decades, and admission is free.

of Italian President Sergio Mattarella, which wrapped up on Saturday. He arrived with his daughter Laura on Friday, received full military honours at the Prince's Palace, and joined Prince Albert and Princess Charlene at the Monte-Carlo Opera for a performance by mezzo-soprano Cecilia Bartoli.

Devon: It was the first state visit to the Principality by a President of the Italian Republic. At Friday's state banquet, honours were exchanged Mattarella received the Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Charles and on Saturday, the two heads of state visited the Oceanographic Museum together, putting Monaco's ocean conservation at the center of the visit.

Maya: Our second story: Princess Charlene officially launched Pink October on Saturday night, lighting up Casino Square in pink. For the sixteenth consecutive year, twenty-four buildings across the Principality including the Prince's Palace will be illuminated in pink throughout October to raise awareness for breast and gynaecological cancer prevention, screening, and treatment.

Devon: And third: big racing news for Monaco. Formula One has announced that the Monaco Grand Prix will stage a sprint race for the first time in twenty twenty-seven, as the sport expands from six to ten sprints a season. Overtaking may be near-impossible on Monaco's tight streets, but F One believes the extra qualifying and race will add drama.

Maya: Reigning world champion Lando Norris gave a memorable reaction asked about the Monaco sprint, he simply repeated: "Interesting." He added that the real challenge will be going straight from a single practice session into competition on the most demanding circuit in the world.

Devon: That's the briefing for this Monday. Dry and calm to start, real rain midweek, a moonless sky with Saturn tonight, and ABBA and football on the horizon.

Maya: We'll be back tomorrow morning. Until then, have a wonderful Monday in Monte Carlo.