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Maya: Good morning, Sarasota! It is Monday, October fifth, twenty twenty-six, and this is the Sarasota Morning Briefing. I am Maya.

Devon: And I am Devon. We have a wet week ahead, a system to watch in the Gulf, and a packed arts calendar.

Maya: Let us start with the weather, because the umbrellas are about to get a workout. Today stays hot, with a high near eighty-eight and a heat index near ninety-six, with scattered storms building this afternoon.

Devon: And the rain chances only climb from there. Tuesday brings storms with a high near eighty-four and a seventy percent chance of rain. Wednesday and Thursday look like the soggiest days of the week, with highs in the mid eighties and storm chances climbing to eighty or ninety percent.

Maya: Friday stays unsettled with storms likely, and even the weekend only eases a little, with highs back near eighty-seven and lingering downpours.

Devon: So if you have outdoor plans this week, make them early in the day. This week rewards the early birds.

Maya: Turning to the tides, and the news from Noah is calm. All seven days stay within the normal range, with nothing flagged above normal on either side of town.

Devon: On the bay side, today brings a high tide of about two point two feet around eight this morning, then a low of about a quarter foot late this afternoon. The highs hold between about two point one and two point four feet all week.

Maya: The Gulf side near Hayden Roberts Bay looks nearly identical, with today topping out near two point two feet just before eight this morning. Small, easy tides on both sides.

Devon: One tropical note while we are on the water. The National Hurricane Center is watching a disturbance in the southwestern Gulf, giving it a forty percent chance of developing into a tropical depression later this week as it drifts northward.

Maya: Nothing is threatening Florida right now, and most models keep it a rain event for the central Gulf Coast. But we will keep watching it.

Devon: Now golf, because Sarasota is a golf town, and the forecast matters on every tee box. Today is your best shot of the week: warm and humid, with southeast winds around five to ten miles per hour and only about a thirty percent chance of rain. Get out early, though, because the storms build in the afternoon.

Maya: Tuesday through Thursday carry seventy to ninety percent rain chances, so book early, bring the rain glove, and be ready to dodge the lightning.

Devon: In local golf news, the Sarasota High boys had a big weekend at the Terrapin Invitational in Tampa. The Sailors finished second as a team with a score of two hundred ninety-two, and sophomore Jude Menard won the individual title with a four under par sixty-eight, beating a Florida State commit on the second playoff

Maya: That gives Saturn a long, dark stage. It just reached opposition, so the ringed planet is up all night and near its brightest of the year. Look east after sunset for a steady golden light.

Devon: Before dawn, the show moves east. The thin crescent moon sits near brilliant Jupiter tomorrow morning, with reddish Mars glowing above them. And mark Thursday night on the calendar, because the Draconids meteor shower peaks on the eighth and ninth.

Maya: The honest caveat is the clouds. With storms building this evening, stargazing tonight is a maybe, but keep looking up.

Devon: Arts and entertainment now, and it is a rich week. Tonight at seven thirty, the Grammy-winning vocal ensemble Roomful of Teeth joins en S R Q at the First Congregational Church in Sarasota for an evening of contemporary music for voices. Tickets are forty dollars, with a ten-dollar livestream option.

Maya: Over at Selby Gardens, Lights at Spooky Point is now open nightly through Halloween at the Historic Spanish Point campus, with Halloween-themed light displays across the gardens. General tickets are thirty-four dollars.

Devon: And on Friday night at eight, The Lee Boys featuring Roosevelt Collier bring their sacred steel funk to Fogartyville. That is a dance floor, not a sit-down show, so bring comfortable shoes.

Maya: Three local stories to close. First, River Road is officially open. The governor cut the ribbon Friday on the sixty-one million dollar project that widened River Road from two lanes to six between U S forty-one and Interstate seventy-five, tripling capacity on one of the county's key hurricane evacuation routes.

Devon: Second, local budgets are tightening. Sarasota and Venice are both bracing for Amendment three with spending cuts, and Venice's new one hundred sixty-one point five million dollar budget trims about eleven million in spending while adding two police officers.

Maya: And third, a serious crash on Interstate seventy-five Saturday night. A fifty-nine-year-old Sarasota man was seriously injured when his pickup overturned near Big Bend Road. The Highway Patrol says he was not wearing a seat belt.

Devon: That is the briefing for Monday, October fifth. Stay dry, watch the Gulf, and we will see you tomorrow morning.

Maya: Have a great day, Sarasota.