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Maya: Good morning! It's Saturday, October third, and this is the Sarasota Morning Briefing. I'm Maya.

Devon: And I'm Devon. The show has a fresh new shape starting today weather and tides, plus golf, tonight's night skies, and what's on in Sarasota arts. Let's get into it.

Maya: First, your week ahead. It's a hot one, Sarasota. Right now it's partly cloudy and eighty-four degrees, but it feels like ninety-five with the humidity. Today's high hits eighty-nine, and the heat index could touch one hundred and two. Scattered showers and thunderstorms build mainly after three P M, so if you've got outdoor plans, morning is your friend. Thirty percent chance of rain today.

Devon: Tonight those storms linger before midnight, then it clears to a low around seventy-five. Sunday is the pick of the weekend mostly sunny, high near ninety, though the heat index may hit one hundred and five. Just a ten percent chance of rain, with only an isolated storm possible after five P M.

Maya: The work week turns wetter. Monday brings scattered storms after eleven A M with a fifty percent chance of rain and a high near eighty-eight. Tuesday and Wednesday look properly soggy showers likely both days, highs in the mid eighties, rain chances up to eighty percent. Keep the umbrella handy.

Devon: Tides now. Our Noah data for Sarasota Bay shows a high of two point four five feet early this morning and a low of just zero point one eight feet this afternoon. The Gulf side looks similar. Nothing near our three-foot above-normal flag, so tides are running right in the normal range all week.

Maya: And the tropics are quiet. The National Hurricane Center says no tropical cyclone formation is expected anywhere in the Atlantic or the Gulf over the next seven days. Tropical Storm Hanna fizzled out earlier this week, and the remnants of Fay are fading near Bermuda. Enjoy the calm.

Devon: Time for golf. Conditions today: hot and humid with a southeast breeze around eight to ten miles per hour, and those afternoon storms building after three. Book the morning tee time, drink water like it's your job, and you should get eighteen in before the sky does anything dramatic.

Devon: Now look up tonight. The moon hit its last quarter phase this morning, so it's half-lit and won't rise until around midnight meaning the early evening sky is nice and dark. And here's your headline: Saturn reaches opposition tomorrow, October fourth. That's when it's closest to Earth and brightest all year, rising in the east right after sunset. You can't miss it it's the brightest star-like object in that part of the sky.

Maya: Before dawn, the show continues. Brilliant Jupiter dominates the eastern sky, with reddish Mars hanging above it, and the half moon nearby in Gemini. And one for the romantics Venus is still hanging low in the western twilight after sunset, but it's fading fast toward the sun. Catch it this week or wait a while. Heads up: scattered clouds tonight could get in the way, so check the sky before you commit to the beach blanket.

Devon: Arts and entertainment. If you're free today, the Venice Reggae Fest runs from three to ten P M at Maxine Barritt Park in Venice live reggae on the waterfront with food trucks. The Fabulous Independent Film Festival screens all weekend at Burns Court Cinema downtown. Tomorrow evening at six, Jesse Daniels plays a free show at The Oval at The Bay. And Monday night, the Grammy-winning vocal ensemble Roomful of Teeth joins en S R Q at the First Congregational Church tickets forty dollars, with a ten-dollar livestream option.

Maya: Looking ahead, Selby Gardens opens its annual Orchid Show on October tenth, and Boz Scaggs plays the Van Wezel on October eleventh.

Devon: Three quick local stories. Governor DeSantis cut the ribbon Friday on the sixty-one million dollar River Road expansion two lanes to six between U S forty-one and Interstate seventy-five, a project decades in the making that should ease commutes and hurricane evacuations.

Maya: Health watch dengue fever cases are climbing statewide, up to four hundred eighty-five this year. No local cases in Sarasota or Manatee counties yet, but mosquito control is spraying, so dump standing water and use repellent at dawn and dusk.

Devon: And some good news the Gulf Coast Community Foundation awarded more than nine hundred thousand dollars to seventy-nine nonprofits across Sarasota, Charlotte, and DeSoto counties, guided by input from over fifteen hundred residents.

Maya: That's your Sarasota Morning Briefing for Saturday, October third. Golf early.