DAILY BRIEFING · 6 AM CT

Thursday, November 19, 2026

Last 24 hours · Live from McAllen, Texas

TEST BUILD · daily mode, data as of Nov 18

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NEXT SHOW · Monday, November 23 · 8:00-9:00 AM CT · 60 min · Monday 8 AM rundown (story bank below feeds it)

A Cold Open | B Up To | C Local News | D Local Politics | E School Boards | F City Hall | G Econ Dev | H Family+Kids | I Statewide | J National | K Listeners | L Meme+Close

COLD OPEN Good morning, Rio Grande Valley! It's Thursday, November 19th, and this is your Drew in the Morning daily briefing. Today: the local stories everyone's talking about, starting with the county saying no to SpaceX's tax break, plus Mission heading to a December 12th runoff. On the National Desk, the FAA's nationwide ground stop and what it means for Valley flyers. In Trending, Ella Langley's big night at the CMA Awards. And in How We'd Talk to Our Kids, Jess and I take on strangers online and what to say when the group chat turns mean. It's 78 and a slight chance of rain showers outside, the coffee's hot, so stick around, this is Drew in the Morning. ♪ **Drew in the Morning. Your Valley, your news, your morning.** CONFIRM

TOP HEADLINES · RGV FIRST

last 24 hours



- **County says no to SpaceX's 10-yr, 100% tax break hearing (3-2)** MyRGV · Nov 17
- **State air permit issued Nov 16 after Abbott's Sept pause** Politico · Nov 17
- **Flight 15: ship caught by tower Nov 14; booster aborted** Spaceflight Now · Nov 13
- **Mission mayor, council races go to Dec 12 runoffs** KRGV
- **Texas A&M McAllen: $50M health building, starts Dec** Daily McAllen · Nov 18
- **USDA: another screwworm case in Starr County** The RGV News · Nov 17

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TEXAS

- Democrats ask for probe of ~$7.5B Big Bend border contracts Texian Partisan

THE NATIONAL DESK

smaller · local leads

FAA nationwide ground stop CONFIRM

Nov 13: FAA grounded all U.S. flights ~3:30-8:15 PM ET; legacy network swamped; FAA sees no cyberattack.

TAKE: Everybody wants it modernized; nobody wants it down for the upgrade. **VALLEY:** HRL, MFE, BRO issued advisories; Brownsville had 5 cancellations.

Mullin on outages and the LSU-Texas flight CONFIRM

DHS Sec. Mullin told House Homeland Security (Nov 18) the outages weren't a coordinated attack; defended flying to the LSU-Texas game.

TAKE: Fair question or cheap shot? The optics of flying to a game during a grounding. **VALLEY:** DHS runs the border: what are RGV ranchers, bridges and Border Patrol seeing?

SNL: Mulaney, Bridgers, the 'Sister' sketch CONFIRM

Nov 14: Mulaney hosted (7th time), Bridgers sang; 'CIA Meeting' cold open roasted tech CEOs.

TAKE: A cold open that skips politics and still lands; 'Sister' hit people in the gut. **VALLEY:** It roasted the same ground stop that put HRL, MFE, BRO on advisory.

MLB · OFFSEASON, NO SCORES

hot stove

Skubal talks: Mets, Jays, Dodgers, Padres; deal expected before CBA expires Dec 1

Gray to Twins (2y, $55M); May to White Sox (3y, ~$52.5M)

MCALLEN / RGV WEATHER

hi / lo / rain %

Thu 19	Fri 20	Sat 21	Sun 22	Mon 23	Tue 24	Wed 25
78°	80°	84°	83°	75°	74°	69°
61°	63°	68°	65°	64°	59°	–°
23%	0%	2%	50%	30%	28%	10%

Now 68°F (clear). **Today (Thu Nov 19):** Slight Chance Rain Showers, high 78°, rain 23%, wind NNE 5 to 8 mph. No NWS alerts. NWS BRO · updated Nov 18 9:30 PM CT · forecast

RGV HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

latest results

PSJA North 64, Edinburg 10
Weslaco 43, Los Fresnos 3
Harlingen 51, La Joya 50
Vela 42, B'ville Vets 20
McAllen 62, Weslaco East 19
McAllen Rowe 44, Flour Bluff 28
Mercedes 44, M. Vets 42

UPCOMING GAMES

Thu: Weslaco @ SA Brennan 6; McAllen v Boerne Champion 7; Mercedes v Boerne 7; Sharyland v Alamo Heights 7

Fri: Harlingen v SA Harlan; PSJA North v SA Warren; Rowe v Smithson Valley; La Villa v Chilton (all 7)

Sat: SA Sotomayor @ Vela 3 PM

NFL · NBA · MLB

scores + notable

NFL WEEK 10 NFL.com

WAS 24, NYG 21
DET 35, NE 10 (Munich)
KC 35, ATL 13
CLE 27, HOU 24
MIN 30, GB 10
IND 24, MIA 22
CAR 20, NO 17
BUF 31, NYJ 12
JAX 40, TEN 23
LAR 34, ARI 6
SEA 21, LV 13
SF 46, DAL 40
CIN 38, PIT 18 (SNF)
LAC 23, BAL 20 (MNF)

NBA + TEXAS TEAMS Basketball-Ref

NYK 111, TOR 102
MIN 106, POR 105
DET 105, SAS 93
UTA 132, LAC 107
LAL 118, CHA 114 (OT)
MIA 128, HOU 110
BOS 131, DAL 94

TRENDING: WAIT, DON'T TELL ME

riff material

CULTURE **CMAs: Ella Langley wins 3 for 'Choosin' Texas'; Swift performs**

POLITICS **Musk at DealBook: 'I'm not MAGA'**

VIRAL **Empty quince turns into all-night stadium party**

SPORTS **Giannis faces the Bucks for the first time; Heat win** CONFIRM

MEME OF THE WEEK

what the kids are talking about

ELEMENTARY

Roblox: 'Steal An Egg' & 'Throw Food For Animals'

Roblox's #1 game: pet-collecting 'Steal An Egg' (1.17M playing); other players can grab your eggs.

Say: **Ask 'who's stealing your eggs?' Friends-only chat, spending limit.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL

'Talk To Me Doja' MEME OF THE WEEK CONFIRM

TikTok dance copying a scene from anime 'Yamada-kun and the Seven Witches' set to Doja Cat's 'Like That.'

Say: **Ask 'show me the dance?' Check the anime's rating first.**

HIGH SCHOOL

The Door Kick Challenge CONFIRM

TikTok trend: pound on a stranger's door, film it, run. Police say vandalism, trespass or worse.

Say: **A crime, not a prank; parents can be held accountable. What if friends filmed it?**

WHAT I'VE BEEN UP TO

4 item(s) found · CONFIRM BEFORE AIR

D Talk proposal: ResCon New Orleans 2027 (shelter Wi-Fi) CONFIRM

D Talk proposal: South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo 2027 CONFIRM

D Talk proposals: IAFC WUI (Austin) + CALNENA 2027 CONFIRM

D Talk proposal: IAEM-USA Region 6 Symposium 2027 CONFIRM

Proposals sent, none accepted yet. Source: Drew's sent mail; no calendar connected.

Sources: NWS · RGVSports · KRGV · Texas Tribune · ABC · NFL.com · Basketball-Ref · MLB.com · Know Your Meme · full list in sources file

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