DAILY BRIEFING · 6 AM CT

Thursday, November 19, 2026

Last 24 hours · Live from McAllen, Texas

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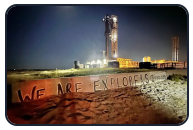
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COLD OPEN Good morning, Rio Grande Valley! It's Thursday, November 19th, and this is your Drew in the Morning daily briefing. Today: the local stories everyone's talking about, starting with Hidalgo County's first screwworm case, plus SpaceX's quiet data-center air permit. On the National Desk, the first-ever Trump, Xi and Putin summit. In Trending, GTA Six finally dropping. And in How We'd Talk to Our Kids, Jess and I take on energy drinks, caffeine and what a 14-year-old actually needs to know. It's 67 and cloudy 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

- **Hidalgo Co. confirms 1st screwworm case; 4-county quarantine** KRGV · Nov 18
- **SpaceX got data-center air permit a day before county's 'no'** MyRGV · Nov 18
- **La Joya ISD: $160M repairs, half-empty schools, closures weighed** KRGV · Nov 18
- **McAllen: $17.5B retail, 28% from Mexican shoppers** Texas Border Business · Nov 18
- **Cameron Co. elections chief Remi Garza resigns (last day Dec 14)** KRGV · Nov 18
- **Cameron Co. in 1st statewide election audit (3 races)** KRGV · Nov 18



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TEXAS

- Texas schools lose ~135K students, a record drop Community Impact

THE NATIONAL DESK

smaller · local leads

Trump, Xi and Putin hold the first-ever three-way summit (Shenzhen, APEC) CONFIRM

Nov 19: Xi hosted Trump and Putin in Shenzhen, the first-ever three-way summit; Ukraine, nukes on agenda.
TAKE: History, or the world's most expensive photo op? **VALLEY:** Trade shifts hit our bridges and ports first.

Iran targets a U.S. air base in Kuwait and sites in Bahrain

Nov 18: Iran fired drones at a U.S. base in Kuwait and at Bahrain after a U.S. strike; intercepted.
TAKE: Two quiet months just ended. **VALLEY:** Military families; watch gas prices.

Democrats flip a 9th Senate seat, their biggest midterm gain since 1958

Peltola wins Alaska: Democrats flip 9 Senate seats, 56-44 majority, most since 1958.
TAKE: The lame duck is the preview. **VALLEY:** Pulido starts in a Democratic Congress.

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
79°	81°	84°	82°	74°	73°	68°
61°	63°	68°	63°	62°	57°	–°
23%	0%	2%	55%	23%	28%	2%

Now 67°F (cloudy). **Today (Thu Nov 19):** Slight Chance Rain Showers, high 79°, rain 23%, wind N 5 to 8 mph. No NWS alerts. NWS BRO · updated Nov 19 5:45 AM 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

GAMING HOT **GTA VI launches: 212 GB, 13-year wait**
CULTURE **CMAs: Ella Langley wins 3 for 'Choosin' Texas'; Swift performs**
TECH **Instagram Stories now editable for 15 minutes**
SPORTS **Cowboys give D play-calling to Pettine**
TECH WIRES **Big-city school districts weigh dropping Google Search · How to tell a cyberattack from a plain old outage**
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 · Links 112 ok / 8 bot-blocked / 2 bad

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