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Ossoff, Rubio ahead in early 2028 primary poll



A new AtlasIntel poll shows Democratic Georgia Sen. Jon Ossoff leading a hypothetical Democratic primary for the White House in 2028. EDGAR SU/REUTERS

Senator holds slim lead; GOP race a bit clearer

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Days before Democrats' historic midterm election victory, a new AtlasIntel poll showed surprising front-runners for the 2028 presidential primaries.

The poll, released on Nov. 1, showed Democratic Georgia Sen. Jon Ossoff and Republican Secretary of State Marco Rubio leading hypothetical primaries for their respective parties.

According to the poll, Ossoff held a tight lead of less than a percentage point over Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-New York. Former Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg ranked third, with former Vice President Kamala Harris coming in fourth.

For Republicans, the picture was a bit clearer, with Rubio holding a commanding lead over Vice President JD Vance. The primary could be a two-horse race,

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with Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, Tucker Carlson and President Donald Trump's son Donald Trump Jr. all polling under 5 percentage points.

The AtlasIntel poll surveyed 3,566 respondents from Oct. 28 to Nov. 1 with a 2 percentage point margin of error.

The latest AtlasIntel poll significantly differs from other 2028 primary polls.

In late October, a Harvard/HarrisX poll found Harris and Vance leading their respective primaries, with both holding comfortable leads.

Among Democrats, Harris led California Gov. Gavin Newsom by 14 percentage points. However, in the latest AtlasIntel poll, Harris came in a distant fourth with 12.6%, with Newsom at 9%.

Also in the Harvard/HarrisX poll, Republicans ranked Vance 19 points ahead of Trump Jr. and Rubio, while in the



In the AtlasIntel survey, Secretary of State Marco Rubio leads the field of potential 2028 GOP presidential candidates by 13 points. KEVIN LAMARQUE/REUTERS FILE

31 things happening this week

Veterans Day events, Pack basketball, more

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Veterans Day observances, family-friendly theater and a pair of nostalgic music draws headline a busy week around Reno-Tahoe.

The region will pause to honor veterans with parades and ceremonies in Reno, Virginia City and Truckee, while fundraisers such as the Veterans Bowl and Veterans Day Fun Run offer additional ways to recognize those who served. Arts and entertainment options are plentiful as well, from the orchestral spectacle of "Outlander" in Concert to a new production of "Charlie & The Chocolate Factory."

Keep an eye on the skies over the next several days. Rain and snow are in the forecast later this week for Reno-Sparks and the Sierra.

Here's what's on the agenda for the week of Nov. 9-15.

Reno-Tahoe events, Nov. 9-15

Dragon Lights Reno, through Nov. 29: Hundreds of illuminated lantern displays return to Rancho San Rafael Park for this year's "Many Worlds Aglow" experience. Visitors can wander through glowing exhibits inspired by Asian wildlife, African landscapes and even dinosaurs. It takes place at the Wilbur D. May Arboretum and Botanical Gardens within Rancho San Rafael Park, 1595 N. Sierra St. in Reno. Ticket prices vary. For details and tickets, visit dragonlightsreno.org.

'Burst,' Nov. 9: Restless Artists Theatre Company presents this dark comedy about a tech company founder whose vision of saving the planet collides with a difficult interview, a lawsuit from her past and challenges within her own company. Performances are at Restless Artists Theatre Company, 295 20th St. in Sparks. Ticket information and showtimes are available at rattheatre.com.

Veterans Bowl, Nov. 10: Bowlers can support local veterans during the annual Veterans Bowl, a fundraiser benefiting Veterans Alliance USA. It's at 6 p.m. at the National Bowling

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Reno police chief sounds off on e-bikes

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"Absolutely not."

That's how Reno Police Chief Corey Solferino responded when asked whether he would let his teen daughter ride an e-bike on a city street.

As complaints and crashes involving e-bikes and scooters increase across Northern Nevada, Solferino said Nevada lawmakers are likely to consider restrictions, permitting requirements and other regulations during the 2027 legislative session.

A recent USA Today report said ER visits related to e-bikes and e-scooters have increased by 671% for children and adolescents. More than one-third of those hurt suffered head or neck injuries.

"People understand the responsibility that comes with driving a car," Solferino said. "I don't think they always understand the responsibility that comes with an e-bike."

He said many e-bikes are more like motorcycles than bicycles.

"Parents and adults often look at an e-bike and think, 'It's just a bicycle.' But it's not. It's a motorized vehicle," he said.

Solferino said officers regularly encounter e-bike riders without proper safety equipment or a basic understanding of traffic laws.

"They are everywhere," he said.

Solferino said education should be the first priority, but he wants lawmakers to consider whether some e-bike riders should face requirements similar to those imposed on young drivers, including supervised driving hours and a way to demonstrate competency before receiving a license.

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