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## Duos data center opens downtown



Bill Radford, Vice President of Technology for Duos Edge AI, explains what one of the data halls in the data center does. Radford gave a tour of one of their new data halls on May 28, in Lubbock. MARK ROGERS/FOR THE LUBBOCK AVALANCHE-JOURNAL

### What the facility actually does

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USA TODAY NETWORK

As data centers continue to be a contentious point of the national conversation, one on a small scale opened recently in Lubbock. The company said it

uses no water, and as much electricity as a local McDonald's.

Here's what to know about the new Duos Edge AI-ready data center at 1634 18th St.

The facility, leased from Lubbock ISD, cost about \$1.2 million to build, according to Bill Radford, Vice President of Technology for Duos Edge Technology.

"This site is designed to be unmanned completely, because we know we're putting them out in a lot of places

and part of the way we keep the business model working is out overhead has to stay low," Radford said. "There is no water in this facility. It's not something that's designed to be a drain. We're here to be a benefit."

Radford said Duos' smaller centers, designed with the same infrastructure as larger ones, use similar amounts of power to a McDonald's and have a zero-water usage policy. The facility stays

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## Poll says Paxton trailing Talarico

### Attorney general won Texas Senate runoff

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Just days after Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton defeated Sen. John Cornyn in the Texas Senate Republican runoff, a new poll finds that he is trailing the Democratic challenger, but only narrowly.

A new poll by the Texas Public Opinion Research showed that Democrat candidate state Rep. James Talarico is pulling ahead as Paxton and he vie to become the next senator from Texas in November.

Talarico is trying to become the first Democrat to hold the seat since Sen. Bob Krueger in 1993. Paxton is trying to maintain Republican control of the seat

The poll comes as both campaigns work to consolidate their parties for the November general election.

### Talarico leads Paxton within the poll's margin of error

The poll was conducted from May 27 to May 28, polling 1,670 likely general election voters, with a margin of error of plus or minus 2.8 percentage points.

It found Talarico leads Paxton 47% to 44% in the U.S. Senate general election, aided by 72% of moderates and 64% of independents.

Another key finding was that Paxton did not gain prospective voters who voted for Cornyn in the runoff.

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## How a warm Gulf shapes Texas' early hurricane risk

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The 2026 Atlantic hurricane season is just three days away, and experts say Texans should be watching nearby Gulf waters — not distant waves rolling off Africa — for the first signs of trouble. Their main early concern runs from the central and eastern Gulf toward Florida and the northern Gulf Coast, but the same warm water that fuels those systems can also raise the stakes if anything drifts closer to Texas.

Already, warm Gulf and southwest Atlantic waters could support tropical development close to the Gulf Coast in early June, while forecasters also track increasing activity in the eastern Pacific.

"While we always monitor the tropics for potential threats, we'll be keeping a close eye on the central and eastern Gulf and the southwestern Atlantic," AccuWeather Lead Hurricane Ex-

pert Alex DaSilva said. "Climatologically, this region can experience early-season tropical development."

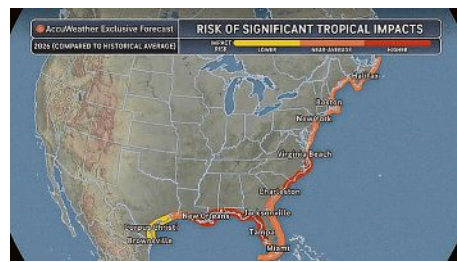
For now, forecasters say the greatest early-season threat is east of Texas, but a warm Gulf means any storm that does reach the western side of the basin could strengthen quickly before landfall.

### Below-normal season still requires preparation

While predictions are for a "below-normal" season, forecasters continue to warn residents to prepare, and the earlier, the better.

People often suffer from a false sense of lead time, thinking big storms are going to come across the Atlantic with plenty of time, but that's not generally the case, said Ken Graham, National Weather Service director.

"Every Category 5 that's made land-



**Risk of significant tropical impacts during the 2026 Atlantic hurricane season.** GRAPHIC PROVIDED BY ACCUWEATHER

fall in this country was a tropical storm or less at three days out. They rapidly intensify and get here quickly," he said. "Preparedness early is absolutely key."

Hurricane forecasters fear supercharged, early-season storms in 2026

### Is there a tropical storm or hurricane in the Atlantic?

The National Hurricane Center's tropical outlook early May 28 showed nothing in the Atlantic basin to be concerned about for the next two to seven days.

Texas shouldn't be concerned

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