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TEXAS GOVERNOR'S RACE

Governor Greg Abbott touts tech at SXSW



Gov. Greg Abbott talks about public safety at a South Texans' Property Rights Association meeting on Oct. 17, 2024, in Corpus Christi, Texas. ANGELA PIAZZA/CALLER-TIMES FILE

Hinojosa touts polling data showing governor's support slipping

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Gov. Greg Abbott touted the state's technology innovation at a recent reception at the annual South by Southwest festival in Austin.

On Thursday, March 12, Abbott delivered remarks at the Governor's Mansion outlining Texas' economic dominance and leadership in emerging technology. For 40 years, SXSW has been a home for innovators, tech leaders, and global creators worldwide to showcase their technology.

"Texas ranks No. 1 for technology, innovation, and semiconductors," said Governor Abbott. "This is because of the policies that we have passed prioritiz-

ing, our large and small businesses. This may be your first visit for some of you, but for most of you it is the place you call home. We are proud to have you here and proud to have you at South by Southwest."

Abbott, joined by business and technology leaders from around the world, invited attendees to explore and network. Abbott also underscored that Texas' business-friendly climate and "common-sense regulatory environment are attracting innovative industry leaders across all sectors, including defense, artificial intelligence, energy, aerospace, and advanced manufacturing and technology," said a news release on Thursday, March 12.

Abbott also highlighted that, through collaborative events like SXSW, sound

policy, and investments in industry and workforce, Texas is cultivating a robust technology and innovation ecosystem.

Gina Hinojosa continues to energize voters with polling data

Democratic candidate for Texas governor Gina Hinojosa continued to capitalize on her positive polling numbers in traditional Republican districts.

"This is huge. Not only did Democrats outvote Republicans in a midterm primary for the first time in 24 years, but Abbott's support is plummeting," her campaign said in a donation news release on Friday,

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The north gate sign at Goodfellow Air Force Base on Friday.

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Goodfellow Air Force Base gate hours changing

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Starting on March 23, the hours for the South Gate and North Gate at Goodfellow Air Force base will be changing, according to a media release from the base.

The hours will swap due to the Visitor Control Center remodel, a news release stated.

Here are the new hours:

- North Gate: Open 24 hours
- South Gate (Jacobson Gate): Open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The gate will be closed weekends and federal holidays.

Also, the temporary VCC located in the parking lot next to the North Gate will handle all pass and registration functions beginning March 23.

"All rideshare and food delivery drivers will need to come through the North Gate as there will be no access to any of the parking spaces surrounding the main VCC (next to the Jacobson Gate) during the remodel," the release stated.

For more information, contact Goodfellow Public Affairs at 17trw.pa2@us.af.mil.

New Texas license plate program to promote spaying and neutering pets

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You can be the first person on the block to have a car sporting the new animal-friendly license plate that helps support spay and neuter initiatives across the state.

The Texas Humane Legislation Network, in collaboration with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), is excited to share the release of a newly designed Animal-Friendly License Plate, available for purchase for \$30, with \$22 going toward supporting spay/neuter initiatives

across Texas, according to a news release from the network.

Like the iconic dog and cat license plates many Texans know well, these new plates are part of the Animal-Friendly License Plate Program. Established in 1997, the program set up the Animal-Friendly Fund, which directly supports spay and neuter initiatives at local shelters and nonprofit organizations across Texas. This fund ensures Texans and their pets have access to free and low-cost spay and neuter services.

The funds raised from the original license plates resulted in more than \$6 million in

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