On Nov. 1, Rep. Jim Bridenstine, the president’s nominee to be the next administrator of NASA, appeared before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

"NASA is an extraordinary agency with an extremely talented and diverse workforce. It has brought about civilization changing events and scientific discoveries. It has inspired billions of people and it represents what is exceptional about the United States of America.

I am truly humbled by the prospect of leading this agency.”

Bridenstine, a pilot in the U.S. Navy Reserve and former executive director of the Tulsa Air and Space Museum and Planetarium, was elected to the U.S. Congress in 2012 to represent Oklahoma’s First Congressional District.

If confirmed, he would become NASA’s 13th
NASA is evaluating how astronauts and ground crew would quickly and safely exit our Orion spacecraft in the event of an emergency on the launch pad.

A test at our Johnson Space Center in Houston on Oct. 31 used a mockup of Orion, the new spacecraft which will launch on our Space Launch System rocket, and take humans farther into the solar system than ever before.

Flight and ground crew are required to exit Orion within two minutes in case of a launch pad emergency.

Astronaut Jack Fischer shared imagery and experiences from his recent time in space, during a Nov. 3 public presentation at the Smithsonian’s National Air & Space Museum in Washington.

Fischer served as a Flight Engineer aboard the International Space Station’s Expedition 51/52 crew.
He returned to Earth on Sep. 3.

During his 136 days in space, Fischer worked with hundreds of scientific experiments, and conducted two spacewalks.

Thanks to the availability of smaller, better cameras, our Mars 2020 mission will have more "eyes" than any rover before it.

23 cameras will help capture sweeping panoramas, reveal obstacles, study the atmosphere, and assist in science investigations.

Mars 2020's camera package will also have more color and 3-D imaging than the Curiosity rover - including an improved stereoscopic and zoom-capable version of the Mastcam, called Mastcam-Z.

It can spot features like erosion and soil textures from as far away as the length of a soccer field.
And that’s what’s up this week @NASA …

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