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00:00:07,909 --> 00:00:05,430
welcome to this sts-134 post-launch

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00:00:10,390 --> 00:00:07,919
briefing with u.s representative

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00:00:11,910 --> 00:00:10,400
gabriel gifford's office we have with us

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00:00:13,990 --> 00:00:11,920
at nasa's kennedy space center members

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00:00:15,509 --> 00:00:14,000
from the representative giffords

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00:00:17,029 --> 00:00:15,519
congressional office to discuss how the

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00:00:18,950 --> 00:00:17,039
congresswoman experience was seeing

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00:00:21,189 --> 00:00:18,960
endeavour lift off this morning along

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00:00:22,070 --> 00:00:21,199
with her husband sts-134 commander mark

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00:00:23,269 --> 00:00:22,080
kelly

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00:00:25,670 --> 00:00:23,279
first we have

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00:00:29,189 --> 00:00:25,680
representative giffords chief of staff

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00:00:33,200 --> 00:00:33,190

our press advisor mark kimball

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00:00:38,229 --> 00:00:37,350

and new media strategist ashley nashon

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00:00:39,670 --> 00:00:38,239

we'll

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00:00:40,950 --> 00:00:39,680

start with opening comments and then

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00:00:42,310 --> 00:00:40,960

take questions

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00:00:44,630 --> 00:00:42,320

thanks allard

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00:00:47,910 --> 00:00:44,640

first i want to say thanks to the whole

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00:00:49,510 --> 00:00:47,920

public affairs team here at nasa uh

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00:00:51,750 --> 00:00:49,520

everyone at kennedy space center and

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00:00:53,350 --> 00:00:51,760

johnson space center in houston um we've

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00:00:54,630 --> 00:00:53,360

been very supported throughout this

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00:00:56,790 --> 00:00:54,640

whole process so i just want to thank

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00:00:57,910 --> 00:00:56,800

everybody that played a role in that and

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00:00:59,590 --> 00:00:57,920

thanks to all of you guys for sticking

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00:01:02,069 --> 00:00:59,600

around this is just going to be quick

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00:01:04,229 --> 00:01:02,079

i'm going to say a few words and then

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00:01:05,509 --> 00:01:04,239

you know happy to answer some questions

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00:01:07,510 --> 00:01:05,519

um

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00:01:10,550 --> 00:01:07,520

first of all i'll kind of run through

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00:01:13,590 --> 00:01:10,560

the timeline here we arrived yesterday

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00:01:15,030 --> 00:01:13,600

around noon we flew out of ellington

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00:01:16,070 --> 00:01:15,040

field in houston

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00:01:18,230 --> 00:01:16,080

nasa

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00:01:20,870 --> 00:01:18,240

provides transportation for the spouses

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00:01:22,469 --> 00:01:20,880

we were on a flight with

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00:01:23,590 --> 00:01:22,479

greg johnson astronaut greg johnson's

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00:01:26,070 --> 00:01:23,600

family

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00:01:27,749 --> 00:01:26,080

we as you guys may have seen if you sign

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00:01:29,990 --> 00:01:27,759

up for our twitter facebook accounts we

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00:01:31,670 --> 00:01:30,000

did a flyby of the launch pad yesterday

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00:01:33,270 --> 00:01:31,680

upon landing which was which was very

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00:01:35,429 --> 00:01:33,280

neat congressman really enjoyed seeing

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00:01:38,069 --> 00:01:35,439

that um

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00:01:41,350 --> 00:01:38,079

we landed here at ksc and then we went

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00:01:44,870 --> 00:01:41,360

to the beach house where the spouses and

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00:01:46,469 --> 00:01:44,880

and 134 crew were able to um have a

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00:01:48,310 --> 00:01:46,479

little lunch and

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00:01:50,469 --> 00:01:48,320

spend some time having their kind of

51
00:01:51,429 --> 00:01:50,479
last goodbyes so we're there for about

52
00:01:53,030 --> 00:01:51,439
um

53
00:01:55,190 --> 00:01:53,040
about two hours i think we went over to

54
00:01:57,990 --> 00:01:55,200
the gator pond i think it's called saw

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00:01:58,870 --> 00:01:58,000
my first florida gator um

56
00:01:59,990 --> 00:01:58,880
and

57
00:02:01,429 --> 00:02:00,000
then

58
00:02:03,670 --> 00:02:01,439
you know that that was it really we went

59
00:02:06,149 --> 00:02:03,680
back to the hotel in cocoa beach and

60
00:02:07,590 --> 00:02:06,159
congresswoman was able to see some staff

61
00:02:08,389 --> 00:02:07,600
members that were here

62
00:02:10,150 --> 00:02:08,399
working

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00:02:12,309 --> 00:02:10,160

mark kimball and ashley next to me were

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00:02:14,309 --> 00:02:12,319

able to see her for the first time

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00:02:15,190 --> 00:02:14,319

since the shooting

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00:02:18,070 --> 00:02:15,200

um

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00:02:20,550 --> 00:02:18,080

and then this morning we left you know

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00:02:23,670 --> 00:02:20,560

about 6 30 arrived at the launch control

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00:02:25,270 --> 00:02:23,680

center roof uh we arrived at lcc around

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00:02:27,190 --> 00:02:25,280

seven um

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00:02:29,190 --> 00:02:27,200

and we uh we held in a conference room

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00:02:31,110 --> 00:02:29,200

until we went up to the roof uh at about

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00:02:32,710 --> 00:02:31,120

20 20 after eight

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00:02:34,070 --> 00:02:32,720

obviously we saw a beautiful lift off

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00:02:36,630 --> 00:02:34,080

this morning

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00:02:39,030 --> 00:02:36,640

spent about 15 minutes after liftoff on

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00:02:42,150 --> 00:02:39,040

the roof uh with the rest of the spouses

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00:02:44,790 --> 00:02:42,160

and some of their children and then we

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00:02:46,869 --> 00:02:44,800

went uh back downstairs and and um and

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00:02:48,630 --> 00:02:46,879

i've been i've been here since

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00:02:50,470 --> 00:02:48,640

um so it was it was a great day

82

00:02:51,589 --> 00:02:50,480

obviously we we've been looking forward

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00:02:52,790 --> 00:02:51,599

to this for

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00:02:54,630 --> 00:02:52,800

many months

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00:02:57,509 --> 00:02:54,640

mark was assigned this flight in august

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00:02:58,869 --> 00:02:57,519

2009 and

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00:03:00,949 --> 00:02:58,879

gabby and all of us have been really

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00:03:03,270 --> 00:03:00,959

excited ever since now in the last you

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00:03:05,030 --> 00:03:03,280

know four and a half months since since

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00:03:06,869 --> 00:03:05,040

the shooting it's obviously been much

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00:03:08,390 --> 00:03:06,879

more challenging um

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00:03:09,990 --> 00:03:08,400

you know being with mark and gabby as

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00:03:12,550 --> 00:03:10,000

they made the decision that that he

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00:03:14,550 --> 00:03:12,560

would fly and uh and obviously with nasa

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00:03:16,550 --> 00:03:14,560

also that that he would still keep this

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00:03:18,550 --> 00:03:16,560

mission um you know it was a big one

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00:03:20,630 --> 00:03:18,560

from that for their family so it was a

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00:03:23,670 --> 00:03:20,640

real sense of relief from all of us that

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00:03:24,949 --> 00:03:23,680

uh that this went off safely and uh and

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00:03:26,390 --> 00:03:24,959

you know and it's a very exciting

101
00:03:28,070 --> 00:03:26,400
mission also so

102
00:03:29,430 --> 00:03:28,080
um that's kind of just the lay of the

103
00:03:30,869 --> 00:03:29,440
land i know there's plenty of questions

104
00:03:32,550 --> 00:03:30,879
and i'm gonna just i'm gonna start with

105
00:03:34,630 --> 00:03:32,560
questions and we'll go into other stuff

106
00:03:35,990 --> 00:03:34,640
i'm sure so

107
00:03:37,350 --> 00:03:36,000
okay like you said we'll start taking

108
00:03:38,630 --> 00:03:37,360
questions now um wait till the

109
00:03:40,229 --> 00:03:38,640
microphone gets to you please save your

110
00:03:41,589 --> 00:03:40,239
name and news affiliation whom you'd

111
00:03:43,750 --> 00:03:41,599
like to answer your question we'll start

112
00:03:45,830 --> 00:03:43,760
with stephanie i'm stephanie ennis from

113
00:03:48,229 --> 00:03:45,840

the arizona daily star i wondered if the

114

00:03:51,270 --> 00:03:48,239

congresswoman had any reaction if she

115

00:03:53,509 --> 00:03:51,280

spoke at all um during or or after the

116

00:03:54,309 --> 00:03:53,519

launch happened

117

00:03:56,309 --> 00:03:54,319

she

118

00:03:58,630 --> 00:03:56,319

um you know for all of us we were sort

119

00:03:59,670 --> 00:03:58,640

of speechless during this process so you

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00:04:01,190 --> 00:03:59,680

know i can't say there were a lot of

121

00:04:03,830 --> 00:04:01,200

words um

122

00:04:06,149 --> 00:04:03,840

you know during the the viewing but

123

00:04:07,830 --> 00:04:06,159

uh but she did at the end say to me i'm

124

00:04:09,670 --> 00:04:07,840

sort of standing to her left and and she

125

00:04:12,309 --> 00:04:09,680

looked up at me and she said good stuff

126

00:04:14,949 --> 00:04:12,319

good stuff uh that was the thing i

127

00:04:16,310 --> 00:04:14,959

remember but you know it wasn't a lot of

128

00:04:17,909 --> 00:04:16,320

of talking at that moment we were more

129

00:04:19,749 --> 00:04:17,919

cheering clapping

130

00:04:20,550 --> 00:04:19,759

you know kind of really taking a moment

131

00:04:21,749 --> 00:04:20,560

to

132

00:04:24,310 --> 00:04:21,759

you know absorb what we were what we

133

00:04:36,070 --> 00:04:26,550

here we go to steve

134

00:04:40,629 --> 00:04:38,550

abc affiliate tucson

135

00:04:43,830 --> 00:04:40,639

can you describe exactly what she was

136

00:04:46,790 --> 00:04:43,840

doing before during and after

137

00:04:48,390 --> 00:04:46,800

what her emotions were like

138

00:04:50,629 --> 00:04:48,400

sure um

139

00:04:52,870 --> 00:04:50,639

well i think we all were looking up in

140

00:04:55,110 --> 00:04:52,880

the sky and seeing some clouds uh at

141

00:04:57,110 --> 00:04:55,120

about you know 7 7 30 we were wondering

142

00:04:58,790 --> 00:04:57,120

is this going to be scrubbed you know we

143

00:05:00,870 --> 00:04:58,800

can have an issue here so

144

00:05:02,230 --> 00:05:00,880

before we were you know we're sort of

145

00:05:03,029 --> 00:05:02,240

tentatively

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00:05:05,510 --> 00:05:03,039

uh

147

00:05:07,670 --> 00:05:05,520

you know excited but but you know

148

00:05:09,189 --> 00:05:07,680

a little a little worried um but

149

00:05:10,629 --> 00:05:09,199

obviously as the sun kind of came up and

150

00:05:11,670 --> 00:05:10,639

the clouds burned off a bit it became

151

00:05:13,749 --> 00:05:11,680

clear that this was probably going to

152

00:05:15,909 --> 00:05:13,759

happen so

153

00:05:17,749 --> 00:05:15,919

you know she got very excited that you

154

00:05:20,390 --> 00:05:17,759

know look looked like it was looked like

155

00:05:22,230 --> 00:05:20,400

it was a go um and then you know when we

156

00:05:24,230 --> 00:05:22,240

got up to the roof it was the first time

157

00:05:25,590 --> 00:05:24,240

she was seeing the spouses that morning

158

00:05:27,830 --> 00:05:25,600

you know they've known each other as you

159

00:05:29,189 --> 00:05:27,840

guys know that report on on

160

00:05:30,950 --> 00:05:29,199

on flights you know the spouses really

161

00:05:32,310 --> 00:05:30,960

get to know one another pretty well

162

00:05:34,629 --> 00:05:32,320

throughout this process so she hadn't

163

00:05:35,830 --> 00:05:34,639

seen them uh yet today so you know that

164

00:05:40,070 --> 00:05:35,840

was exciting

165

00:05:41,909 --> 00:05:40,080

um and and after you know we

166

00:05:44,070 --> 00:05:41,919

i mean i think relief was is was her

167

00:05:46,390 --> 00:05:44,080

biggest feeling um

168

00:05:48,310 --> 00:05:46,400

she was very proud is always proud of

169

00:05:50,390 --> 00:05:48,320

mark and what he does but you know i

170

00:05:51,590 --> 00:05:50,400

mean that's a it was an exciting moment

171

00:05:54,629 --> 00:05:51,600

for her to watch

172

00:05:57,189 --> 00:05:54,639

scott delivered scott kelly's delivered

173

00:05:59,830 --> 00:05:57,199

flowers to gabby and to claire and

174

00:06:01,590 --> 00:05:59,840

claudia mark's daughters right at a main

175

00:06:03,270 --> 00:06:01,600

engine shutoff

176
00:06:06,390 --> 00:06:03,280
and that happened obviously on the roof

177
00:06:08,550 --> 00:06:06,400
and then and then we went downstairs

178
00:06:09,830 --> 00:06:08,560
just a quick was she holding anyone's

179
00:06:11,590 --> 00:06:09,840
hand

180
00:06:13,110 --> 00:06:11,600
no

181
00:06:14,790 --> 00:06:13,120
yeah there was hugs all around

182
00:06:17,350 --> 00:06:14,800
absolutely i mean it was very

183
00:06:18,550 --> 00:06:17,360
celebratory among the spouses and and

184
00:06:21,189 --> 00:06:18,560
her family her mom was with her

185
00:06:24,950 --> 00:06:21,199
obviously watching and she was standing

186
00:06:29,749 --> 00:06:26,710
okay evan

187
00:06:31,430 --> 00:06:29,759
hi evan brown fox news radio um

188
00:06:33,029 --> 00:06:31,440

could you tell us about the

189

00:06:34,629 --> 00:06:33,039

congresswoman's schedule how long will

190

00:06:36,629 --> 00:06:34,639

she stay in florida will she be here for

191

00:06:37,990 --> 00:06:36,639

the landing or is she going and come

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00:06:39,270 --> 00:06:38,000

back or we'll hang out for the next

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00:06:41,110 --> 00:06:39,280

couple of weeks

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00:06:43,430 --> 00:06:41,120

she we don't know whether or not she'll

195

00:06:46,390 --> 00:06:43,440

come back for the landing um i believe

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00:06:47,990 --> 00:06:46,400

it's at you know sometime after 1am so

197

00:06:49,350 --> 00:06:48,000

it's it's unclear whether or not she'll

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00:06:50,550 --> 00:06:49,360

be able to make that trip for no other

199

00:06:52,629 --> 00:06:50,560

reason that it's just for it'll be

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00:06:55,110 --> 00:06:52,639

disruptive to her therapy so it'll

201
00:06:56,309 --> 00:06:55,120
frankly be up to her uh in part whether

202
00:06:59,110 --> 00:06:56,319
or not she wants to make it and also the

203
00:07:02,629 --> 00:06:59,120
doctors um and as far as her travel back

204
00:07:04,550 --> 00:07:02,639
she will be leaving soon to go back

205
00:07:08,070 --> 00:07:04,560
to

206
00:07:13,029 --> 00:07:08,080
shortly here in just an hour or so

207
00:07:16,790 --> 00:07:14,469
christopher signed with the abc

208
00:07:18,469 --> 00:07:16,800
affiliate in phoenix um two questions

209
00:07:20,550 --> 00:07:18,479
really number one it's my understanding

210
00:07:23,029 --> 00:07:20,560
the last time she arrived here when that

211
00:07:24,870 --> 00:07:23,039
launch was scrubbed that a nurse

212
00:07:26,390 --> 00:07:24,880
traveled with her was there a nurse or

213
00:07:28,150 --> 00:07:26,400

doctor with her this time and then the

214

00:07:29,990 --> 00:07:28,160

second question is

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00:07:32,309 --> 00:07:30,000

uh it's my understanding that her and

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00:07:34,629 --> 00:07:32,319

her husband had exchanged rings if you

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00:07:36,230 --> 00:07:34,639

will was she clinching his ring holding

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00:07:37,830 --> 00:07:36,240

his ring during the launch anything like

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00:07:39,510 --> 00:07:37,840

that you can describe please

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00:07:42,629 --> 00:07:39,520

sure uh well the first question about

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00:07:44,950 --> 00:07:42,639

the nurses um we have two nurses with us

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00:07:47,589 --> 00:07:44,960

darlene and vivian terrific nurses from

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00:07:50,150 --> 00:07:47,599

tier memorial hermann in houston

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00:07:51,270 --> 00:07:50,160

we have two because one is one sleeps in

225

00:07:53,029 --> 00:07:51,280

the other works so they're you know

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00:07:54,309 --> 00:07:53,039

12-hour shifts

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00:07:55,189 --> 00:07:54,319

and that's just really for precaution

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00:07:56,629 --> 00:07:55,199

she

229

00:07:58,550 --> 00:07:56,639

doesn't have a lot of need for any

230

00:08:00,070 --> 00:07:58,560

medical staff at this point but she's

231

00:08:01,990 --> 00:08:00,080

still you know under the care of the

232

00:08:03,510 --> 00:08:02,000

hospital as an you know as an inpatient

233

00:08:04,869 --> 00:08:03,520

full-time patient at the hospital so

234

00:08:05,830 --> 00:08:04,879

it's appropriate for her to have medical

235

00:08:08,309 --> 00:08:05,840

staff

236

00:08:10,869 --> 00:08:08,319

with her um and your second question

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00:08:12,629 --> 00:08:10,879

about the ring yes they they exchanged

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00:08:14,790 --> 00:08:12,639

rings mark had brought her wedding ring

239

00:08:17,510 --> 00:08:14,800

to space for the last two launches

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00:08:20,070 --> 00:08:17,520

uh and this time she wanted his back uh

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00:08:21,589 --> 00:08:20,080

his in return for her so so uh his

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00:08:23,589 --> 00:08:21,599

fingers are a little bit bigger than

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00:08:25,189 --> 00:08:23,599

hers just a little bit so it doesn't

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00:08:26,869 --> 00:08:25,199

quite fit around her finger so she's

245

00:08:29,110 --> 00:08:26,879

wearing it around a chain on her

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00:08:30,710 --> 00:08:29,120

necklace under her necklace yeah and i i

247

00:08:33,190 --> 00:08:30,720

don't i don't remember seeing her

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00:08:35,350 --> 00:08:33,200

clasping it um

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00:08:37,909 --> 00:08:35,360

yeah i don't think so

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00:08:41,990 --> 00:08:40,389

yes definitely then for italian state

251
00:08:43,110 --> 00:08:42,000
radio and television

252
00:08:45,269 --> 00:08:43,120
um

253
00:08:46,470 --> 00:08:45,279
a question that crossed my mind when you

254
00:08:48,790 --> 00:08:46,480
said that she

255
00:08:50,230 --> 00:08:48,800
but ms gifford said

256
00:08:52,870 --> 00:08:50,240
good stuff

257
00:08:55,190 --> 00:08:52,880
is she in a state of sort of aphasia or

258
00:08:57,509 --> 00:08:55,200
recovering from that or

259
00:08:59,910 --> 00:08:57,519
is it just because she doesn't he didn't

260
00:09:01,190 --> 00:08:59,920
feel like talking more than

261
00:09:03,430 --> 00:09:01,200
what she did

262
00:09:05,190 --> 00:09:03,440
um i think it was a combination of the

263
00:09:06,389 --> 00:09:05,200

two it's a combination of two i mean i'm

264

00:09:08,790 --> 00:09:06,399

not going to get into you know the

265

00:09:11,670 --> 00:09:08,800

medical details of her recovery or or

266

00:09:13,750 --> 00:09:11,680

challenges but um but i mean for you

267

00:09:15,590 --> 00:09:13,760

know for all of us it was

268

00:09:17,269 --> 00:09:15,600

really there's not many words to

269

00:09:20,150 --> 00:09:17,279

describe obviously watching a shuttle

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00:09:21,110 --> 00:09:20,160

launch in person so

271

00:09:24,949 --> 00:09:21,120

seth

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00:09:27,269 --> 00:09:24,959

there's often

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00:09:29,829 --> 00:09:27,279

a time where you can have family new uh

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00:09:31,670 --> 00:09:29,839

crew family crew conferences

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00:09:34,870 --> 00:09:31,680

uh are there arrangements being made to

276

00:09:37,670 --> 00:09:34,880

tear so she could do it from tier

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00:09:40,070 --> 00:09:37,680

and how many times

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00:09:42,230 --> 00:09:40,080

excuse me have you arranged to do that

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00:09:44,550 --> 00:09:42,240

and is there anything

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00:09:47,269 --> 00:09:44,560

excuse me besides the ring

281

00:09:48,829 --> 00:09:47,279

that he's taking for her

282

00:09:51,990 --> 00:09:48,839

on your first question

283

00:09:53,750 --> 00:09:52,000

we yes the hope is that that we will

284

00:09:57,430 --> 00:09:53,760

arrange for a

285

00:09:59,750 --> 00:09:57,440

a video conference at some point and

286

00:10:02,230 --> 00:09:59,760

where is still being determined we may

287

00:10:04,150 --> 00:10:02,240

be able to do it at tier but she has

288

00:10:05,990 --> 00:10:04,160

gone down to johnson space center

289

00:10:08,230 --> 00:10:06,000

multiple times in the last couple weeks

290

00:10:09,750 --> 00:10:08,240

when mark was in quarantine for for crew

291

00:10:12,389 --> 00:10:09,760

dinner so that's an easy trip for her to

292

00:10:14,230 --> 00:10:12,399

make if if she needs

293

00:10:16,069 --> 00:10:14,240

and anything else

294

00:10:18,389 --> 00:10:16,079

he's brought

295

00:10:20,870 --> 00:10:18,399

she sent him with a note uh which which

296

00:10:22,630 --> 00:10:20,880

has been reported um

297

00:10:24,230 --> 00:10:22,640

which they hid on the shuttle

298

00:10:25,829 --> 00:10:24,240

so he's got that up there and i don't

299

00:10:27,030 --> 00:10:25,839

know that he's brought anything else of

300

00:10:28,310 --> 00:10:27,040

hers

301

00:10:30,069 --> 00:10:28,320

with him

302

00:10:31,350 --> 00:10:30,079

i don't know he's got a picture i know

303

00:10:34,069 --> 00:10:31,360

he's got a picture

304

00:10:35,829 --> 00:10:34,079

of the two of them

305

00:10:37,430 --> 00:10:35,839

okay and

306

00:10:38,630 --> 00:10:37,440

ken kramer space flight magazine i

307

00:10:40,630 --> 00:10:38,640

wonder if you could tell us anything

308

00:10:42,710 --> 00:10:40,640

about uh gabrielle's future when she

309

00:10:44,710 --> 00:10:42,720

might be able to return to congress and

310

00:10:47,030 --> 00:10:44,720

will her husband continue as an

311

00:10:48,949 --> 00:10:47,040

astronaut or what's his future thanks

312

00:10:51,350 --> 00:10:48,959

certainly don't want to talk for mark

313

00:10:53,509 --> 00:10:51,360

he'll he'll um he'll be back in 16 days

314

00:10:55,269 --> 00:10:53,519

you can ask him that um

315

00:10:57,990 --> 00:10:55,279

as far as the congresswoman you know as

316

00:11:00,069 --> 00:10:58,000

we've said we we don't have a a timeline

317

00:11:01,990 --> 00:11:00,079

necessarily uh every patient is

318

00:11:04,949 --> 00:11:02,000

different that recovers from these these

319

00:11:07,350 --> 00:11:04,959

brain injuries um all we can say is that

320

00:11:09,190 --> 00:11:07,360

she's focused on her recovery and really

321

00:11:10,870 --> 00:11:09,200

is every day she works extremely hard

322

00:11:12,870 --> 00:11:10,880

for people that know her she's a very

323

00:11:15,509 --> 00:11:12,880

determined person

324

00:11:17,590 --> 00:11:15,519

and you know we our hope is that she can

325

00:11:19,269 --> 00:11:17,600

return to her life both personally and

326

00:11:21,030 --> 00:11:19,279

professionally as quickly as possible

327

00:11:22,949 --> 00:11:21,040

but we don't we don't have a sense yet

328

00:11:24,350 --> 00:11:22,959

of when it's it's just too early to to

329

00:11:32,630 --> 00:11:24,360

really to

330

00:11:36,870 --> 00:11:34,790

we'll come back to this side

331

00:11:38,790 --> 00:11:36,880

hi uh rory o'neill with metro networks

332

00:11:40,310 --> 00:11:38,800

radio i know there was a large

333

00:11:42,949 --> 00:11:40,320

delegation from congress that flew with

334

00:11:44,310 --> 00:11:42,959

the president last time um did she get a

335

00:11:45,350 --> 00:11:44,320

chance to see any of them at that time

336

00:11:47,509 --> 00:11:45,360

and were there any members of the

337

00:11:50,069 --> 00:11:47,519

congressional delegation at the viewing

338

00:11:52,230 --> 00:11:50,079

location where she was today

339

00:11:54,310 --> 00:11:52,240

no there were no members of of congress

340

00:11:56,870 --> 00:11:54,320

or anyone else at the viewing location

341

00:11:58,550 --> 00:11:56,880

it was you know strictly a family small

342

00:12:00,150 --> 00:11:58,560

group of family

343

00:12:01,910 --> 00:12:00,160

during the last trip

344

00:12:03,350 --> 00:12:01,920

uh congresswoman wasserman schultz who's

345

00:12:05,509 --> 00:12:03,360

a close friend of hers was able to come

346

00:12:06,790 --> 00:12:05,519

over after had been scrubbed and you

347

00:12:08,710 --> 00:12:06,800

know we still went over to the launch

348

00:12:10,470 --> 00:12:08,720

control center and she joined us over

349

00:12:16,790 --> 00:12:10,480

there for lunch

350

00:12:21,350 --> 00:12:19,190

chris again from phoenix

351

00:12:22,389 --> 00:12:21,360

is she fully aware

352

00:12:29,030 --> 00:12:22,399

of

353

00:12:31,190 --> 00:12:29,040

uh media questioning if you will for

354

00:12:33,190 --> 00:12:31,200

lack of a better term and is she now

355

00:12:35,829 --> 00:12:33,200

fully aware of what happened on that

356

00:12:38,230 --> 00:12:35,839

january day i know that mark was waiting

357

00:12:40,069 --> 00:12:38,240

to tell her bits and pieces if you will

358

00:12:40,949 --> 00:12:40,079

to put the entire puzzle together for

359

00:12:42,389 --> 00:12:40,959

her

360

00:12:45,350 --> 00:12:42,399

so she aware of everything that took

361

00:12:49,190 --> 00:12:46,629

she

362

00:12:50,389 --> 00:12:49,200

is not aware of everything

363

00:12:52,550 --> 00:12:50,399

but

364

00:12:54,629 --> 00:12:52,560

she you know as she

365

00:12:57,829 --> 00:12:54,639

processes this as anyone would she's

366

00:12:59,590 --> 00:12:57,839

learned more um the question about the

367

00:13:01,829 --> 00:12:59,600

press it's funny we you know we try to

368

00:13:04,310 --> 00:13:01,839

tell her you know there's really extreme

369

00:13:06,550 --> 00:13:04,320

interest in your story here and she's

370

00:13:08,310 --> 00:13:06,560

sort of she's still a bit surprised to

371

00:13:09,590 --> 00:13:08,320

hear maybe i mean she hasn't for

372

00:13:11,509 --> 00:13:09,600

instance been exposed she hasn't had

373

00:13:12,870 --> 00:13:11,519

done an interview so she hasn't really

374

00:13:14,949 --> 00:13:12,880

fully you know personally understood

375

00:13:16,710 --> 00:13:14,959

what what that's like but but we tell

376

00:13:18,550 --> 00:13:16,720

her you know i told her just now i'm hey

377

00:13:20,870 --> 00:13:18,560

i'm going down to do a press conference

378

00:13:22,949 --> 00:13:20,880

you know what do you want me to say um

379

00:13:24,550 --> 00:13:22,959

uh we joke around stuff like that but

380

00:13:26,710 --> 00:13:24,560

you know i think she's getting a sense

381

00:13:27,590 --> 00:13:26,720

of it i mean she certainly understands

382

00:13:29,110 --> 00:13:27,600

the

383

00:13:30,470 --> 00:13:29,120

outpouring of support that's come from

384

00:13:31,990 --> 00:13:30,480

around the country

385

00:13:33,910 --> 00:13:32,000

well around the state first of all which

386

00:13:35,990 --> 00:13:33,920

is you know prior to january 8th to have

387

00:13:37,910 --> 00:13:36,000

people in you know the far corners of

388

00:13:40,470 --> 00:13:37,920

arizona know who she is and care so

389

00:13:41,829 --> 00:13:40,480

deeply in sending her cards um but then

390

00:13:44,389 --> 00:13:41,839

around the country and world i mean it's

391

00:13:46,069 --> 00:13:44,399

really made a difference so it's

392

00:13:47,430 --> 00:13:46,079

you know for somebody that's day in day

393

00:13:49,829 --> 00:13:47,440

out in a hospital recovering from

394

00:13:52,310 --> 00:13:49,839

something like this to you know be

395

00:13:53,750 --> 00:13:52,320

reminded regularly that they're loved

396

00:13:55,189 --> 00:13:53,760

and supported and

397

00:13:57,430 --> 00:13:55,199

and you know

398

00:14:00,230 --> 00:13:57,440

thought of around the world is it's it's

399

00:14:04,949 --> 00:14:03,590

alan boyle with msnbc um

400

00:14:07,990 --> 00:14:04,959

the congresswoman has been looking

401
00:14:09,910 --> 00:14:08,000
forward to this for so long uh is there

402
00:14:12,710 --> 00:14:09,920
something else that's in the plans for

403
00:14:15,509 --> 00:14:12,720
after this is there some thought that uh

404
00:14:17,269 --> 00:14:15,519
mark and gabby will get away somewhere

405
00:14:20,069 --> 00:14:17,279
is there anything special that's being

406
00:14:22,069 --> 00:14:20,079
planned to mark his return

407
00:14:23,750 --> 00:14:22,079
that's a good question i would have to

408
00:14:25,590 --> 00:14:23,760
let him answer that i know he has

409
00:14:28,069 --> 00:14:25,600
thought about that topic

410
00:14:29,509 --> 00:14:28,079
it's hard to think beyond the flight it

411
00:14:32,550 --> 00:14:29,519
has been hard to think beyond the flight

412
00:14:34,949 --> 00:14:32,560
because it's that's a big you know uh

413
00:14:37,350 --> 00:14:34,959

set of you know tasks ahead of all of us

414

00:14:39,030 --> 00:14:37,360

for but mostly mark so i i would suspect

415

00:14:41,509 --> 00:14:39,040

that they'll try to do something

416

00:14:43,030 --> 00:14:41,519

um soon after his arrival obviously you

417

00:14:44,870 --> 00:14:43,040

guys know you know the crew is always

418

00:14:46,949 --> 00:14:44,880

busy after arrival on you know all the

419

00:14:48,470 --> 00:14:46,959

debriefing and press that happens but i

420

00:14:50,470 --> 00:14:48,480

think that as the summer goes on they'll

421

00:14:54,790 --> 00:14:50,480

try to catch them alone time and

422

00:14:58,389 --> 00:14:57,110

scott powers orlando sentinel i want to

423

00:14:59,910 --> 00:14:58,399

ask you about a tiny moment that

424

00:15:01,990 --> 00:14:59,920

occurred earlier this morning on the

425

00:15:03,910 --> 00:15:02,000

astronaut walkout and commander kelly

426
00:15:05,110 --> 00:15:03,920
reached up and pointed upward would do

427
00:15:06,790 --> 00:15:05,120
you know what by any chance that was a

428
00:15:08,230 --> 00:15:06,800
gesture toward her and whether she saw

429
00:15:10,310 --> 00:15:08,240
it

430
00:15:12,550 --> 00:15:10,320
um she didn't she did not she we were

431
00:15:13,829 --> 00:15:12,560
not here during the walkout so he may

432
00:15:16,150 --> 00:15:13,839
have been pointing at the roof of the

433
00:15:18,150 --> 00:15:16,160
launch control center where the spouses

434
00:15:21,030 --> 00:15:18,160
watched it but we weren't there

435
00:15:24,870 --> 00:15:21,040
none of the spouses were

436
00:15:29,189 --> 00:15:27,110
todd halverson of florida today this one

437
00:15:32,230 --> 00:15:29,199
might be uh for one of your colleagues

438
00:15:34,949 --> 00:15:32,240

but i was just wondering how uh

439

00:15:37,189 --> 00:15:34,959

gabby is putting her tweets out whether

440

00:15:40,470 --> 00:15:37,199

she is actually you know keyboarding

441

00:15:41,910 --> 00:15:40,480

them in or whether she's uh you know

442

00:15:45,030 --> 00:15:41,920

telling you what

443

00:15:47,990 --> 00:15:45,040

she wants to express and then uh gets

444

00:15:49,829 --> 00:15:48,000

put online how how is that all working

445

00:15:51,910 --> 00:15:49,839

i will actually speak to that if there's

446

00:15:53,829 --> 00:15:51,920

anything you want to add but um but you

447

00:15:56,470 --> 00:15:53,839

know we had some confusion early on

448

00:15:59,590 --> 00:15:56,480

about who was tweeting so that we we are

449

00:16:03,350 --> 00:15:59,600

careful as you can see that we say staff

450

00:16:05,350 --> 00:16:03,360

or office or me so it you know

451

00:16:07,430 --> 00:16:05,360

no it's not it's not her it's us but we

452

00:16:13,590 --> 00:16:07,440

do discuss with her like we discussed

453

00:16:17,030 --> 00:16:15,590

well i'd just like to say that prior to

454

00:16:18,870 --> 00:16:17,040

the shooting the congresswoman was an

455

00:16:21,590 --> 00:16:18,880

avid tweeter

456

00:16:23,350 --> 00:16:21,600

she often used her ipad or her iphone to

457

00:16:24,230 --> 00:16:23,360

do those kinds of things

458

00:16:26,790 --> 00:16:24,240

and

459

00:16:28,310 --> 00:16:26,800

since then we're continuing to keep them

460

00:16:29,749 --> 00:16:28,320

engaging and fun

461

00:16:33,269 --> 00:16:29,759

which is what you always like to use

462

00:16:36,870 --> 00:16:33,279

those tools for that's right

463

00:16:38,550 --> 00:16:36,880

okay we'll go bob in the middle hey uh

464

00:16:39,749 --> 00:16:38,560

bob would you from abc

465

00:16:41,189 --> 00:16:39,759

uh you know i talked to some other

466

00:16:43,030 --> 00:16:41,199

family members and they said that they

467

00:16:44,230 --> 00:16:43,040

were standing and watching this when it

468

00:16:46,550 --> 00:16:44,240

launched

469

00:16:48,710 --> 00:16:46,560

was gabby walking was she standing or

470

00:16:49,590 --> 00:16:48,720

sitting she was sitting she was sitting

471

00:16:51,350 --> 00:16:49,600

um

472

00:16:52,310 --> 00:16:51,360

you know sometimes when you're looking

473

00:16:54,470 --> 00:16:52,320

up

474

00:16:55,430 --> 00:16:54,480

you know you can get off balance so we

475

00:16:57,269 --> 00:16:55,440

wanted to make sure that she was

476

00:16:58,949 --> 00:16:57,279

comfortable and able to

477

00:17:01,269 --> 00:16:58,959

you know really gaze at that and not

478

00:17:03,590 --> 00:17:01,279

have to focus on standing and balancing

479

00:17:04,390 --> 00:17:03,600

which um for her you know is something

480

00:17:06,390 --> 00:17:04,400

that she

481

00:17:07,669 --> 00:17:06,400

works on i mean she is doing a great job

482

00:17:09,270 --> 00:17:07,679

but we wanted her to feel very

483

00:17:11,110 --> 00:17:09,280

comfortable so

484

00:17:13,510 --> 00:17:11,120

she she had the option she i think did

485

00:17:16,230 --> 00:17:13,520

stand to greet the spouses but she sat

486

00:17:17,590 --> 00:17:16,240

for the actual launch

487

00:17:19,750 --> 00:17:17,600

okay

488

00:17:22,230 --> 00:17:19,760

john bracken from wrdj here in merritt

489

00:17:24,230 --> 00:17:22,240

island and congratulations to you and to

490

00:17:25,510 --> 00:17:24,240

congressman giffords on uh making it as

491

00:17:27,429 --> 00:17:25,520

far as you have

492

00:17:29,750 --> 00:17:27,439

obviously she's a great inspiration to

493

00:17:31,669 --> 00:17:29,760

people who have been through uh

494

00:17:33,909 --> 00:17:31,679

deep trauma

495

00:17:37,350 --> 00:17:33,919

how has that affected her relationship

496

00:17:40,150 --> 00:17:37,360

or concept of god

497

00:17:41,510 --> 00:17:40,160

i don't know i can't i can't begin to

498

00:17:42,950 --> 00:17:41,520

answer that question i think we'd have

499

00:17:45,270 --> 00:17:42,960

to ask her

500

00:17:47,669 --> 00:17:45,280

i think for anyone involved in

501
00:17:48,950 --> 00:17:47,679
something like this you obviously take

502
00:17:50,710 --> 00:17:48,960
stock of

503
00:17:52,549 --> 00:17:50,720
how valuable and

504
00:17:55,110 --> 00:17:52,559
precious life is but i don't

505
00:17:57,830 --> 00:17:55,120
specifically i can't tell you

506
00:17:59,990 --> 00:17:57,840
first time i've had that question irene

507
00:18:02,549 --> 00:18:00,000
irene klotz with reuters

508
00:18:05,669 --> 00:18:02,559
since the shooting you all have really

509
00:18:07,990 --> 00:18:05,679
stepped out as uh as spokespeople and

510
00:18:10,150 --> 00:18:08,000
representatives for the representative

511
00:18:11,909 --> 00:18:10,160
and i'm just wondering at the time when

512
00:18:13,510 --> 00:18:11,919
there was the discussion underway about

513
00:18:15,590 --> 00:18:13,520

whether mark

514

00:18:17,669 --> 00:18:15,600

kelly would resume

515

00:18:20,630 --> 00:18:17,679

his work at nasa and go on commanding

516

00:18:22,870 --> 00:18:20,640

this flight if you all personally had

517

00:18:25,510 --> 00:18:22,880

any concerns about that and just what

518

00:18:26,549 --> 00:18:25,520

you know your lives have been

519

00:18:27,990 --> 00:18:26,559

what work you did with the

520

00:18:30,150 --> 00:18:28,000

congresswoman's office prior to the

521

00:18:32,470 --> 00:18:30,160

shooting and and what sorts of things

522

00:18:36,150 --> 00:18:32,480

you're taking on now and if um

523

00:18:39,830 --> 00:18:36,160

if uh if mark's uh decision to

524

00:18:41,590 --> 00:18:39,840

to fly this mission had has impacted

525

00:18:43,909 --> 00:18:41,600

you know your your work at all in that

526

00:18:49,110 --> 00:18:46,470

well first um

527

00:18:51,190 --> 00:18:49,120

you know i think we have all provided

528

00:18:53,669 --> 00:18:51,200

we've all been a sounding board for mark

529

00:18:54,549 --> 00:18:53,679

and gabby going through this process

530

00:18:56,630 --> 00:18:54,559

but

531

00:18:58,470 --> 00:18:56,640

you know i never would question his

532

00:18:59,990 --> 00:18:58,480

decision in terms of you know whether or

533

00:19:01,669 --> 00:19:00,000

not i thought it was right or wrong i

534

00:19:03,510 --> 00:19:01,679

mean i personally speaking personally

535

00:19:06,310 --> 00:19:03,520

hoped that he would do it because i know

536

00:19:08,310 --> 00:19:06,320

i knew that gabby would want him to um

537

00:19:09,750 --> 00:19:08,320

especially as it became clear that she

538

00:19:11,909 --> 00:19:09,760

you know thank god was going to survive

539

00:19:14,150 --> 00:19:11,919

the shooting and uh

540

00:19:15,669 --> 00:19:14,160

and you know and then weeks later we

541

00:19:17,669 --> 00:19:15,679

realized she was going to make a you

542

00:19:18,549 --> 00:19:17,679

know begin to make a good recovery right

543

00:19:20,549 --> 00:19:18,559

away

544

00:19:22,150 --> 00:19:20,559

so um

545

00:19:23,830 --> 00:19:22,160

at that point it was you know we were

546

00:19:26,710 --> 00:19:23,840

happy that he decided to do it as far as

547

00:19:29,270 --> 00:19:26,720

how our jobs have changed you know

548

00:19:30,630 --> 00:19:29,280

it's funny the the last launch

549

00:19:32,950 --> 00:19:30,640

um i mean

550

00:19:34,710 --> 00:19:32,960

for gabby's spouse to be an astronaut is

551
00:19:36,549 --> 00:19:34,720
you know it has a unique impact on our

552
00:19:38,150 --> 00:19:36,559
office obviously we work for

553
00:19:39,830 --> 00:19:38,160
the congresswoman we don't work for mark

554
00:19:41,909 --> 00:19:39,840
but you know during these times when

555
00:19:44,150 --> 00:19:41,919
their personal lives become the center

556
00:19:46,230 --> 00:19:44,160
of you know attention publicly and in

557
00:19:48,950 --> 00:19:46,240
the press there is some sort of overlap

558
00:19:50,390 --> 00:19:48,960
there especially um you know in the work

559
00:19:52,549 --> 00:19:50,400
that congress does in regards to the

560
00:19:54,789 --> 00:19:52,559
human space flight program so we you

561
00:19:57,750 --> 00:19:54,799
know we've certainly been supporting

562
00:19:59,190 --> 00:19:57,760
you know mark via gabby if you will um

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00:20:01,830 --> 00:19:59,200

throughout this process just because

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00:20:03,350 --> 00:20:01,840

there's a lot of interest in it but um

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00:20:05,830 --> 00:20:03,360

you know yeah i'd say our jobs have

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00:20:07,590 --> 00:20:05,840

changed since the eighth but the core of

567

00:20:09,190 --> 00:20:07,600

it has not you know we remain committed

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00:20:11,510 --> 00:20:09,200

to serving the constituents of arizona's

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00:20:13,750 --> 00:20:11,520

eighth district and we've got a huge um

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00:20:15,990 --> 00:20:13,760

and very productive successful casework

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00:20:18,070 --> 00:20:16,000

team in tucson and service so that you

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00:20:20,470 --> 00:20:18,080

know kind of day in day out provide the

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00:20:22,549 --> 00:20:20,480

bread and butter service that

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00:20:26,789 --> 00:20:22,559

a member of congress does so

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00:20:31,270 --> 00:20:28,630

jim siegel and with the celebration

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00:20:35,029 --> 00:20:31,280

independent newspaper celebration

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00:20:37,590 --> 00:20:35,039

is a a suburb of orlando

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00:20:39,669 --> 00:20:37,600

i'm interested in um

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00:20:43,190 --> 00:20:39,679

how her office in washington is

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00:20:43,990 --> 00:20:43,200

continuing to operate um and are there

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00:20:47,110 --> 00:20:44,000

any

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00:20:49,350 --> 00:20:47,120

i i understand she can't cast votes but

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00:20:51,590 --> 00:20:49,360

is there any influence that she has

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00:20:54,549 --> 00:20:51,600

through you

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00:20:56,549 --> 00:20:54,559

back in washington and

586

00:20:57,590 --> 00:20:56,559

who makes decisions in her absence is it

587

00:21:01,110 --> 00:20:57,600

you

588

00:21:02,789 --> 00:21:01,120

little bit about how that works

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00:21:04,630 --> 00:21:02,799

sure well first i was just

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00:21:05,830 --> 00:21:04,640

speaking about the tucson service

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00:21:07,750 --> 00:21:05,840

offices where

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00:21:08,789 --> 00:21:07,760

a lot of the let's say the majority of

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00:21:10,230 --> 00:21:08,799

our work

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00:21:11,750 --> 00:21:10,240

is focused right now i mean that's

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00:21:13,750 --> 00:21:11,760

that's like i said where the bread and

596

00:21:15,830 --> 00:21:13,760

butter work of this office happens i

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00:21:17,270 --> 00:21:15,840

mean you know before the shooting that's

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00:21:19,909 --> 00:21:17,280

that was the case

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00:21:21,510 --> 00:21:19,919

um especially in a congress and in an

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00:21:23,190 --> 00:21:21,520

environment that's often bitter and

601
00:21:24,710 --> 00:21:23,200
divided the where you actually can have

602
00:21:26,950 --> 00:21:24,720
an impact and help people is often in

603
00:21:30,149 --> 00:21:26,960
your home offices but to your question

604
00:21:32,149 --> 00:21:30,159
in washington um you know we well a

605
00:21:34,870 --> 00:21:32,159
great example is last week the defense

606
00:21:36,230 --> 00:21:34,880
authorization bill passed past the uh

607
00:21:38,149 --> 00:21:36,240
the armed services committee that the

608
00:21:40,789 --> 00:21:38,159
congresswoman sits on and we had a

609
00:21:43,029 --> 00:21:40,799
number of amendments most notably an

610
00:21:44,870 --> 00:21:43,039
amendment uh addressing traumatic brain

611
00:21:47,270 --> 00:21:44,880
injury for returning soldiers from

612
00:21:48,549 --> 00:21:47,280
afghanistan and iraq right now tricare

613
00:21:49,990 --> 00:21:48,559

the insurance program that covers

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00:21:52,390 --> 00:21:50,000

veterans doesn't

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00:21:54,789 --> 00:21:52,400

cover rehab from traumatic brain injury

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00:21:56,470 --> 00:21:54,799

so you know you have a situation where

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00:21:58,470 --> 00:21:56,480

the congresswoman is receiving better

618

00:21:59,909 --> 00:21:58,480

care than a soldier who was injured

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00:22:01,990 --> 00:21:59,919

similarly

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00:22:03,830 --> 00:22:02,000

at war that's not right

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00:22:07,110 --> 00:22:03,840

most people agree that's not right and

622

00:22:08,870 --> 00:22:07,120

you know we've taken that issue on so

623

00:22:10,549 --> 00:22:08,880

you know as folks know adam smith who's

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00:22:11,990 --> 00:22:10,559

the ranking member of the armed services

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00:22:14,310 --> 00:22:12,000

committee is a close friend of the

626
00:22:15,669 --> 00:22:14,320
congresswomans and you know he and

627
00:22:17,750 --> 00:22:15,679
others on that committee have been very

628
00:22:20,070 --> 00:22:17,760
supportive and were able to help us get

629
00:22:21,110 --> 00:22:20,080
some amendments into that bill that you

630
00:22:22,549 --> 00:22:21,120
know you were able to feel the

631
00:22:24,710 --> 00:22:22,559
congresswoman's impact without her

632
00:22:26,149 --> 00:22:24,720
actually being physically in dc so we're

633
00:22:28,230 --> 00:22:26,159
very thankful for their friendship and

634
00:22:31,590 --> 00:22:28,240
and allegiance when it comes to helping

635
00:22:33,830 --> 00:22:31,600
veterans in the military community

636
00:22:35,990 --> 00:22:33,840
back another question

637
00:22:38,310 --> 00:22:36,000
oh stephanie from the daily star i just

638
00:22:40,950 --> 00:22:38,320

want to ask mark kimball i guess you

639

00:22:42,390 --> 00:22:40,960

hadn't seen gabby since january 8th and

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00:22:45,350 --> 00:22:42,400

you were there that day and i just want

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00:22:48,070 --> 00:22:45,360

to know your reaction to seeing her and

642

00:22:49,990 --> 00:22:48,080

um you know in her recovery

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00:22:52,230 --> 00:22:50,000

well it was certainly a

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00:22:54,549 --> 00:22:52,240

a very emotional moment to see the

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00:22:58,310 --> 00:22:54,559

congresswoman for the first time

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00:23:01,830 --> 00:22:58,320

in uh in about four months um but it was

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00:23:04,870 --> 00:23:01,840

also extremely inspirational um it

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00:23:07,110 --> 00:23:04,880

it i think reminds all of us why we're

649

00:23:08,950 --> 00:23:07,120

so devoted to her why we enjoy working

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00:23:11,909 --> 00:23:08,960

for her

651
00:23:14,470 --> 00:23:11,919
and it was extremely encouraging

652
00:23:16,390 --> 00:23:14,480
we've heard such such good reports about

653
00:23:19,750 --> 00:23:16,400
her recovery but

654
00:23:20,789 --> 00:23:19,760
to actually see her and talk with her

655
00:23:26,470 --> 00:23:20,799
it was

656
00:23:27,669 --> 00:23:26,480
and i'm very glad i did

657
00:23:29,350 --> 00:23:27,679
okay we have a few more minutes left i

658
00:23:30,950 --> 00:23:29,360
want to make sure that as nasa is good

659
00:23:32,630 --> 00:23:30,960
hosts we get all the questions that we

660
00:23:34,470 --> 00:23:32,640
can but make sure arizona media get a

661
00:23:36,630 --> 00:23:34,480
chance so anybody in arizona media that

662
00:23:37,990 --> 00:23:36,640
has not had a question yet

663
00:23:40,549 --> 00:23:38,000

all right that's good all right well i

664

00:23:41,909 --> 00:23:40,559

guess we'll go in the middle end quickly

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00:23:42,950 --> 00:23:41,919

yeah i'm steve helling with people

666

00:23:45,269 --> 00:23:42,960

magazine

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00:23:47,510 --> 00:23:45,279

and two quick questions you'd mentioned

668

00:23:49,590 --> 00:23:47,520

that she was sitting during the launch

669

00:23:50,390 --> 00:23:49,600

was she sitting on a wheelchair or in a

670

00:23:52,549 --> 00:23:50,400

regular

671

00:23:53,909 --> 00:23:52,559

stationary chair what was she sitting on

672

00:23:56,230 --> 00:23:53,919

and my other question is you mentioned

673

00:23:57,990 --> 00:23:56,240

that scott kelly had given her flowers i

674

00:24:00,230 --> 00:23:58,000

need to know what kind of flowers were

675

00:24:03,669 --> 00:24:02,390

they were red roses we actually have we

676
00:24:05,590 --> 00:24:03,679
actually have a picture and we have a

677
00:24:07,269 --> 00:24:05,600
picture that we're flashing there

678
00:24:10,870 --> 00:24:07,279
um

679
00:24:13,269 --> 00:24:10,880
the yes beautiful flowers the the the

680
00:24:15,269 --> 00:24:13,279
vase here with the bigger bouquets for

681
00:24:16,630 --> 00:24:15,279
for for gabby and then each

682
00:24:18,630 --> 00:24:16,640
single rose for

683
00:24:20,230 --> 00:24:18,640
his daughters claire and claudia

684
00:24:21,430 --> 00:24:20,240
she was in a wheelchair

685
00:24:23,110 --> 00:24:21,440
which was for

686
00:24:24,070 --> 00:24:23,120
ease because the distance on the roof

687
00:24:26,149 --> 00:24:24,080
was kind of large they were moving

688
00:24:29,750 --> 00:24:26,159

around it was much quicker to move that

689

00:24:33,110 --> 00:24:31,990

jennifer london which with hdnet you

690

00:24:35,510 --> 00:24:33,120

mentioned that

691

00:24:37,430 --> 00:24:35,520

a note was sent up with commander kelly

692

00:24:39,190 --> 00:24:37,440

and placed on the space shuttle did

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00:24:40,950 --> 00:24:39,200

congresswoman giffords write that note

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00:24:42,549 --> 00:24:40,960

did she have help writing that note she

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00:24:47,990 --> 00:24:42,559

did write it

696

00:24:52,390 --> 00:24:49,510

thank you jackie goddard for the times

697

00:24:54,149 --> 00:24:52,400

of london just wondering if you yet um

698

00:24:56,390 --> 00:24:54,159

know at what point she might be

699

00:24:57,830 --> 00:24:56,400

considering making a first

700

00:25:01,029 --> 00:24:57,840

public appearance or appearance in

701
00:25:03,029 --> 00:25:01,039
public and what uh what is the milestone

702
00:25:05,590 --> 00:25:03,039
maybe that that might determine what

703
00:25:07,590 --> 00:25:05,600
that is and when it happens

704
00:25:09,909 --> 00:25:07,600
you know we're far from that we you know

705
00:25:11,110 --> 00:25:09,919
that's not not a discussion we've had i

706
00:25:12,470 --> 00:25:11,120
mean her next

707
00:25:15,190 --> 00:25:12,480
uh

708
00:25:17,350 --> 00:25:15,200
medical hurdle is the cranioplasty which

709
00:25:18,870 --> 00:25:17,360
will replace the portion of her skull

710
00:25:22,390 --> 00:25:18,880
that had been removed

711
00:25:23,990 --> 00:25:22,400
after the shooting it was taken taken

712
00:25:26,149 --> 00:25:24,000
off on january 8th

713
00:25:27,990 --> 00:25:26,159

in a very good split decision made by

714

00:25:29,990 --> 00:25:28,000

the trauma team at the university

715

00:25:31,750 --> 00:25:30,000

medical center in tucson allowed for the

716

00:25:33,909 --> 00:25:31,760

brain to swell it's it's what's being

717

00:25:35,029 --> 00:25:33,919

credited with saving her life among a

718

00:25:37,029 --> 00:25:35,039

lot of luck

719

00:25:38,870 --> 00:25:37,039

um

720

00:25:40,830 --> 00:25:38,880

so that surgery needs to happen and

721

00:25:43,909 --> 00:25:40,840

that's that's a that's kind of the

722

00:25:46,230 --> 00:25:43,919

next you know step we're looking at is

723

00:25:47,269 --> 00:25:46,240

before we begin to think of you know

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00:25:48,789 --> 00:25:47,279

what happens after that this is

725

00:25:50,470 --> 00:25:48,799

certainly a slow process i mean it

726

00:25:53,029 --> 00:25:50,480

requires a lot of patience and

727

00:25:58,070 --> 00:25:53,039

understanding that recovering from being

728

00:26:02,789 --> 00:25:59,909

manuel reich franzia from the washington

729

00:26:05,269 --> 00:26:02,799

post uh can you give us some

730

00:26:08,710 --> 00:26:05,279

sense of her level of comprehension can

731

00:26:11,909 --> 00:26:08,720

she understand complex concepts and

732

00:26:15,669 --> 00:26:11,919

speak in more than uh simple uh

733

00:26:17,269 --> 00:26:15,679

sentences and two what's her voice sound

734

00:26:20,310 --> 00:26:17,279

like now

735

00:26:24,230 --> 00:26:22,549

if not everything close to everything

736

00:26:27,190 --> 00:26:24,240

there's hardly a moment that we have

737

00:26:29,110 --> 00:26:27,200

that we feel like she's not

738

00:26:31,269 --> 00:26:29,120

quite grasping um

739

00:26:33,510 --> 00:26:31,279

to the point that she understands

740

00:26:35,669 --> 00:26:33,520

sarcastic humor which as we all know is

741

00:26:38,390 --> 00:26:35,679

a you know i mean that's generally a

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00:26:41,029 --> 00:26:38,400

more complex set of uh

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00:26:43,669 --> 00:26:41,039

complex ability to comprehend so

744

00:26:45,510 --> 00:26:43,679

um her voice sounds

745

00:26:47,909 --> 00:26:45,520

very normal a lot of people have asked

746

00:26:49,510 --> 00:26:47,919

that question it sounds as it did before

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00:26:50,870 --> 00:26:49,520

the shooting

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00:26:53,350 --> 00:26:50,880

she's able to

749

00:26:55,269 --> 00:26:53,360

you know fluctuate you know her volume

750

00:26:57,430 --> 00:26:55,279

level and the

751
00:26:59,909 --> 00:26:57,440
quality in terms of you know if she's

752
00:27:01,510 --> 00:26:59,919
being serious or light-hearted or

753
00:27:03,350 --> 00:27:01,520
whispering i mean all of that she's all

754
00:27:05,269 --> 00:27:03,360
of that function and uh you know her

755
00:27:07,430 --> 00:27:05,279
speech is getting better with with the

756
00:27:09,669 --> 00:27:07,440
constant therapy she's doing so we're

757
00:27:10,950 --> 00:27:09,679
still seeing a lot of progress

758
00:27:13,190 --> 00:27:10,960
i'm just about out of time to make sure

759
00:27:15,990 --> 00:27:13,200
i get any first time questions um i

760
00:27:24,389 --> 00:27:19,990
clara

761
00:27:26,630 --> 00:27:24,399
tell us anything about just how trying

762
00:27:28,389 --> 00:27:26,640
the travel was on the congresswoman and

763
00:27:30,149 --> 00:27:28,399

um how much maybe it takes out of her to

764

00:27:32,149 --> 00:27:30,159

have to make the trip

765

00:27:34,630 --> 00:27:32,159

sure um you know actually

766

00:27:37,190 --> 00:27:34,640

not a lot of uh of effort

767

00:27:38,470 --> 00:27:37,200

probably as much effort as any of us go

768

00:27:39,590 --> 00:27:38,480

through in

769

00:27:41,750 --> 00:27:39,600

packing

770

00:27:43,190 --> 00:27:41,760

anticipating a flight you travel to the

771

00:27:45,430 --> 00:27:43,200

airport the flight i mean you know that

772

00:27:46,870 --> 00:27:45,440

whole thing you know you i think for all

773

00:27:48,870 --> 00:27:46,880

of us you know sometimes you get tired

774

00:27:50,710 --> 00:27:48,880

at the end of that but she doesn't have

775

00:27:52,549 --> 00:27:50,720

any particular

776

00:27:55,029 --> 00:27:52,559

medical concerns about flying or

777

00:27:56,870 --> 00:27:55,039

traveling that you know that would leave

778

00:27:58,789 --> 00:27:56,880

her in a more difficult position than

779

00:28:00,950 --> 00:27:58,799

any of us so it was a really smooth

780

00:28:05,110 --> 00:28:00,960

flight thanks to thanks to nasa and all

781

00:28:10,070 --> 00:28:07,909

lona o'connor from the palm beach post

782

00:28:11,830 --> 00:28:10,080

uh seems so trivial compared to these

783

00:28:14,830 --> 00:28:11,840

other questions but did she pick the

784

00:28:17,190 --> 00:28:14,840

song this morning and what was it

785

00:28:18,950 --> 00:28:17,200

um she

786

00:28:20,230 --> 00:28:18,960

so i it's a question a lot of folks have

787

00:28:22,870 --> 00:28:20,240

asked i believe that mark has two

788

00:28:24,870 --> 00:28:22,880

wake-up songs on this 16 day mission

789

00:28:26,710 --> 00:28:24,880

and mark and gabby have spoken about

790

00:28:28,149 --> 00:28:26,720

them and i can't quite tell you yet i

791

00:28:30,630 --> 00:28:28,159

think it's a secret and i'm checking on

792

00:28:31,909 --> 00:28:30,640

it and i'll let folks know when when

793

00:28:33,269 --> 00:28:31,919

we're able to

794

00:28:35,909 --> 00:28:33,279

to announce that

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00:28:39,510 --> 00:28:37,350

okay any other

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00:28:44,950 --> 00:28:39,520

first time questions

797

00:28:50,230 --> 00:28:48,310

seth bornstein aap again thanks um p you

798

00:28:51,990 --> 00:28:50,240

mentioned about the cranioplasty last i

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00:28:54,950 --> 00:28:52,000

recall it was you were looking at may

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00:28:56,950 --> 00:28:54,960

for that and obviously the mission goes

801
00:28:59,110 --> 00:28:56,960
till june 1 now

802
00:29:00,870 --> 00:28:59,120
are you going to wait till after

803
00:29:02,710 --> 00:29:00,880
the mission um you're not that's not or

804
00:29:04,950 --> 00:29:02,720
is it going to be done well well

805
00:29:06,310 --> 00:29:04,960
commander kelly's that's a decision the

806
00:29:07,750 --> 00:29:06,320
doctors are going to make you know when

807
00:29:09,190 --> 00:29:07,760
she's ready they're going to do it so i

808
00:29:10,070 --> 00:29:09,200
can't i can't tell you anything more but

809
00:29:12,230 --> 00:29:10,080
you know

810
00:29:13,750 --> 00:29:12,240
you all will be the first to know and in

811
00:29:15,990 --> 00:29:13,760
terms of the other thing that's coming

812
00:29:18,070 --> 00:29:16,000
up is uh she's got a birthday coming up

813
00:29:19,590 --> 00:29:18,080

are there plans but to be done or is

814

00:29:20,789 --> 00:29:19,600

this something that

815

00:29:22,710 --> 00:29:20,799

um

816

00:29:25,190 --> 00:29:22,720

it i guess is it going to be a

817

00:29:27,269 --> 00:29:25,200

celebration or a loki thing or

818

00:29:30,230 --> 00:29:27,279

or sometimes when you get to be my age

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00:29:32,549 --> 00:29:30,240

you just try to ignore it completely um

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00:29:35,350 --> 00:29:32,559

wondering what what's going on with that

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00:29:36,630 --> 00:29:35,360

that's a good question we we uh mark and

822

00:29:38,230 --> 00:29:36,640

i had spoken about it he started

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00:29:41,269 --> 00:29:38,240

thinking about it but now with the june

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00:29:42,630 --> 00:29:41,279

1 landing um you know they're definitely

825

00:29:44,470 --> 00:29:42,640

going to do something but the plans are

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00:29:46,230 --> 00:29:44,480

kind of up in the air still but but he

827

00:29:47,590 --> 00:29:46,240

he's not one to let things like that go

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00:29:48,470 --> 00:29:47,600

by so

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00:29:49,990 --> 00:29:48,480

um

830

00:29:52,950 --> 00:29:50,000

they will do something i'm sure when he

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00:29:56,310 --> 00:29:54,389

okay that's all the apparently the time

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00:29:57,750 --> 00:29:56,320

we have so i want to thank the

833

00:29:59,190 --> 00:29:57,760

congresswoman staff from joining us here

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00:30:00,870 --> 00:29:59,200

i will now return to nasa's johnson

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00:30:02,310 --> 00:30:00,880

space center in houston for continuing

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00:30:04,070 --> 00:30:02,320

coverage of space shuttle endeavour's