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This Week at NASA...

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@MarsCuriosity

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00:00:10,670 --> 00:00:16,090
The most advanced robot ever sent to another
world is nearing its destination, and NASA

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scientists and managers at a Headquarters
news briefing called the Curiosity Rover mission

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the hardest one attempted in the history of
robotic planetary exploration.

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"It truly is a major step forward both in
technology and in science, potential science

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return and science capability to unlock the
mysteries of mars in places that have never

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been accessible to humankind in the past."

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00:00:40,310 --> 00:00:46,370
Curiosity is being transported to the Red
Planet by NASA's Mars Science Laboratory spacecraft.

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00:00:46,370 --> 00:00:51,239
MSL will deliver Curiosity to Mars at approximately
1:31 a.m.

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00:00:51,239 --> 00:00:56,890
Eastern on Aug. 6.

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00:00:56,890 --> 00:01:01,960
When it does land, Curiosity will then use a suite of laboratory instruments to analyze

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samples of rocks, soil and the atmosphere, in an effort to determine whether Mars is,

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00:01:07,830 --> 00:01:11,229
or ever was able to sustain microbial life.

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00:01:11,229 --> 00:01:14,320
“This is going to be a mission that requires a lot of patience.

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00:01:14,320 --> 00:01:21,280
And as a scientist, this is not something for which there is a slam-dunk discovery,

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but many bits of information come together to build this and it's going to take us a

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00:01:25,750 --> 00:01:27,329
while to get there.”

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00:01:27,329 --> 00:01:33,130
Unveiled during the briefing was a new Xbox 360 game developed in collaboration with Microsoft

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called “Mars Rover Landing.”

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Users take control of their own spacecraft while facing the extreme challenges of landing

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a rover in a specific location on Mars.

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The "Mars Rover Landing" game is free and is available for download at the Xbox

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00:01:49,440 --> 00:01:53,479

#SLS

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A 550-second test of the J-2X rocket engine has been successfully conducted on the A-2

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00:02:03,130 --> 00:02:05,450

Test Stand at the Stennis Space Center.

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00:02:05,450 --> 00:02:10,890

It was the first flight-duration test of the engine's nozzle extension, a bell-shaped device

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00:02:10,890 --> 00:02:13,760

designed to increase engine performance.

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The J-2X will power the upper-stage of NASA's planned two-stage Space Launch System, the

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SLS, which will propel the Orion crew capsule beyond low Earth orbit.

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This test is the latest in a series of firings to gather critical data for development of

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the J-2X.

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#Orion

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In Yuma, Arizona, NASA completed another successful drop test of the Orion crew capsule's parachutes.

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This was the first such test using an actual-size Orion test article.

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00:02:46,040 --> 00:02:51,870

The vehicle was dropped from a C-17 plane at an altitude of about 25-thousand feet.

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00:02:51,870 --> 00:02:56,790

The main objective was to see how the system would respond if one of the three main 'chutes

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00:02:56,790 --> 00:02:58,110

inflated too quickly.

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00:02:58,110 --> 00:03:04,270

It's another milestone on the road to Orion's orbital flight test, Exploration Flight Test

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00:03:04,270 --> 00:03:08,370

-1, scheduled for 2014.

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00:03:08,370 --> 00:03:10,180

#ISS

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00:03:10,180 --> 00:03:16,760

Expedition 32/33 Soyuz Commander Yuri Malenchenko, NASA Flight Engineer Suni Williams and Flight

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00:03:16,760 --> 00:03:22,159

Engineer Aki Hoshide of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency are settling into their

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00:03:22,159 --> 00:03:25,269

new digs aboard the International Space Station.

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The trio was welcomed aboard the orbiting laboratory by station Commander Gennady Padalka,

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00:03:30,630 --> 00:03:35,569

NASA Flight Engineer Joe Acaba and Russian Flight Engineer Sergei Revin.

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00:03:35,569 --> 00:03:40,689

The docking of their spacecraft came on the 37th anniversary of the historic link up of

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00:03:40,689 --> 00:03:49,120

Apollo and Soyuz spacecraft in 1975 that began U.S.-Russian cooperation in human spaceflight.

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00:03:49,120 --> 00:03:50,920

#ISS

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International Space Station Program Scientist Julie Robinson was at the Marshall Space Flight

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Center's Payload Operations Center to encourage ISS Ambassadorship among employees.

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Robinson is traveling to NASA centers to promote a better understanding of the research and

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00:04:06,560 --> 00:04:11,629

technology development being done in the world's only laboratory in microgravity.

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"Those scientific discoveries and the way

that they benefit us here on Earth are really

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00:04:16,310 --> 00:04:22,140

some of the most important messages that NASA needs to share with our taxpayers about how

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00:04:22,140 --> 00:04:24,880

valuable the space station is and how much it's driving our economy.

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00:04:24,880 --> 00:04:29,910

So we're just trying to make sure that our own employees know those messages and then

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00:04:29,910 --> 00:04:32,381

we're also trying to share them with the world."

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00:04:32,381 --> 00:04:36,720

The Payload Operations Center at Marshall coordinates all research activities aboard

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00:04:36,720 --> 00:04:39,540

the station.

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NASA astronaut Dan Burbank visited Goddard Space Flight Center to share experiences from

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his five-month stay aboard the ISS as a member of the Expedition 29 and 30 crews.

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00:04:50,130 --> 00:04:54,950

"If you ride a rocket to space, as soon as the engines quit – within the first hour

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00:04:54,950 --> 00:04:56,670

you're already becoming a creature of space.

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00:04:56,670 --> 00:05:01,390
Your body is doing exactly what it needs to do to optimize all of the resources you have

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00:05:01,390 --> 00:05:04,780
to live in this new, novel environment that it finds itself in.”

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00:05:04,780 --> 00:05:10,020
Burbank and his crewmates, Anton Shkaplerov and Anatoly Ivanishin, returned to Earth on

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00:05:10,020 --> 00:05:12,460
April 27.

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00:05:12,460 --> 00:05:13,680
#NASAAero

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00:05:13,680 --> 00:05:18,331
Aero Day on the Hill provided an opportunity for representatives of NASA’s Aeronautics

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00:05:18,331 --> 00:05:23,410
Research Mission Directorate to visit Capitol Hill and brief members of Congress on the

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00:05:23,410 --> 00:05:29,200
research the agency is conducting to make air transportation more efficient, safe, and

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00:05:29,200 --> 00:05:30,630
environmentally friendly.

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00:05:30,630 --> 00:05:33,260
“We are setting the vision for the country.

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00:05:33,260 --> 00:05:41,910
We are leading the aeronautics community, so it’s all about direct tangible compelling

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benefits that you can enjoy today and for years to come.”

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00:05:45,930 --> 00:05:50,630

ARMD works to solve the challenges that exist in our nation's air transportation system

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00:05:50,630 --> 00:05:56,120

through innovative technical concepts, and dedicated research and development.

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00:05:56,120 --> 00:05:57,510

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00:05:57,510 --> 00:06:02,770

Space Shuttle Enterprise made its official debut before New York's public as the centerpiece

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00:06:02,770 --> 00:06:10,120

of the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum's newest attraction, "Space Shuttle Pavilion".

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00:06:10,120 --> 00:06:16,680

"Today we turn Enterprise over to the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum.

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00:06:16,680 --> 00:06:22,770

This magnificent machine is a tangible example that our dreams of exploration, of reaching

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00:06:22,770 --> 00:06:28,190

our higher potential are always within our reach if we try for them.”

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00:06:28,190 --> 00:06:33,070

Also part of the Grand Opening Celebration – a host of NASA exhibits, displays, and

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00:06:33,070 --> 00:06:38,750
educational demonstrations showcasing the
past, present and future of aeronautics and

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00:06:38,750 --> 00:06:41,000
space exploration.

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00:06:41,000 --> 00:06:48,190
Event guests met and mingled with a number
of current and former NASA astronauts.

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00:06:48,190 --> 00:06:52,590
Noted space historian John Logsdon spoke at
the Kennedy Space Center to detail some of

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00:06:52,590 --> 00:06:57,250
the decisions then-President John F. Kennedy
made to set the nation on a course to send

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00:06:57,250 --> 00:06:59,050
astronauts to the moon.

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00:06:59,050 --> 00:07:05,900
“It was the Gagarin flight and in particular
the domestic and international reaction to

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00:07:05,900 --> 00:07:12,170
the Gagarin flight that stimulated Kennedy
to pay attention to human spaceflight and

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00:07:12,170 --> 00:07:19,730
as he paid attention to come to realize the
symbolic importance of not being in a leading

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00:07:19,730 --> 00:07:21,100
position.”

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00:07:21,100 --> 00:07:25,860
Logsdon said Kennedy made defining contributions

to keep the Apollo program on course during

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the rest of his presidency.

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00:07:27,510 --> 00:07:32,650

“Get to the moon before the Soviets, that was Kennedy's overriding motivation.”

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00:07:32,650 --> 00:07:38,030

Logsdon, who has written extensively about the American space program and space policy,

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00:07:38,030 --> 00:07:42,150

said the president spoke often about involving the Soviet Union in a joint venture to the

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00:07:42,150 --> 00:07:46,860

moon, even going as far as to propose the idea before the United Nations.

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00:07:46,860 --> 00:07:50,680

“Kennedy's first choice would have been to cooperate.

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From the start.”

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00:07:51,680 --> 00:07:54,560

“It was Khrushchev that said no.”

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00:07:54,560 --> 00:07:58,880

Of course, Apollo 11 met Kennedy's challenge by putting two men on the moon before the

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00:07:58,880 --> 00:08:00,190

end of the 19-60s.

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And, six years later, the United States and Russia began their cooperation in human spaceflight

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00:08:06,250 --> 00:08:09,760

that eventually led to our partnership on the International Space Station.

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“more forward drifting to the right a little ... 30 seconds ... contact light.

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00:08:17,790 --> 00:08:19,370

Ok engines stop.

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Tranquility base here ... the Eagle has landed.”

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00:08:23,060 --> 00:08:27,310

July 20 marks two important events in NASA history.

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Forty-three years ago, on that date in 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz

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Aldrin helped NASA accomplish the challenge set forth by President Kennedy of putting

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00:08:38,909 --> 00:08:44,880

Americans on the moon before 1970 when the duo became the first humans to step foot on

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00:08:44,880 --> 00:08:46,660

another heavenly body.

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While Armstrong and Aldrin collected the first lunar soil and rock samples on the surface,

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command module pilot Michael Collins kept vigil in the Columbia module orbiting above.

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The three reunited and landed safely in the Pacific Ocean four days later.

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And 36 years ago, on July 20, 1976, the Viking 1 Lander separated from the Orbiter and touched

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down at Chryse Planitia to become the first spacecraft to successfully land on Mars and

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00:09:16,680 --> 00:09:18,780

perform its mission.

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Together with Viking 2, which landed a month later, the orbiter imaged the entire surface

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of the Red Planet, transmitting high resolution photographs of its terrain that characterized

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the structure and makeup of its atmosphere.

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Viking 1 also took and analyzed surface samples for composition and signs of life.

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Much like its successors, the twin rovers Spirit and Opportunity, the Viking spacecraft

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00:09:42,870 --> 00:09:50,770

were designed for 90-day missions but produced valuable data for years.

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00:09:50,770 --> 00:09:58,530

Forty years ago, on July 23, 1972, NASA, in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey

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00:09:58,530 --> 00:10:04,270

launched the first Landsat satellite from California's Vandenberg Air Force Base.

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Known at that time as the Earth Resources Technology Satellite, it was the first Earth-observing

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00:10:10,430 --> 00:10:17,000

satellite launched with the expressed intent to study and monitor our planet's landmasses.

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Landsat 1 operated until January 1978, five years past its designed life span.

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Five Landsat satellites have since been sent into orbit.

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The program represents the world's longest continuously acquired collection of space-based,

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moderate-resolution, land remote sensing data -- imagery that provides a unique resource

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for everything from agriculture and geology to education and emergency response and disaster

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relief.

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And that's This Week @NASA!

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