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"Here's some of the stories trending This Week at NASA!"

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This week, the Orbiting Carbon Observatory-2 mission was discussed during a prelaunch briefing

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at NASA headquarters.

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OCO-2, the first NASA spacecraft dedicated to studying carbon dioxide in Earth's atmosphere,

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will provide a more complete, global picture of CO-2, the leading human-produced greenhouse

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gas affecting our climate.

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Launch is scheduled for July 1 from California's Vandenberg Air Force Base.

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During a National Aeronautic Association luncheon in Arlington, Virginia, NASA Administrator

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Charlie Bolden spoke about the wide array of technologies NASA is working on ... including

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those that will enable future missions to deep space, research to reduce aircraft noise

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and emissions in our skies and the capabilities needed to protect us from asteroids and other

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near Earth objects.

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The National Aeronautic Association holds annual events to recognize achievements in

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aeronautics.

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NASA astronaut Mike Hopkins visited the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland

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to discuss his recent mission on the International Space Station and the research being conducted

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aboard the station in human biology, life sciences and other areas, including NIH-funded

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investigations.

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Hopkins spent 166 days in space as a flight engineer for ISS Expeditions 37 and 38.

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The Russian Progress cargo ship that previously undocked from the ISS in late April to test

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an upgraded rendezvous system, has finally departed the station for good -- separating

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from the station as the two spacecraft passed
over Mongolia.

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The Progress, filled with trash and other
unnneeded items, later burned up while reentering

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Earth's atmosphere.

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NASA and Lockheed Martin engineers have installed
the largest heat shield ever constructed...

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on the Orion spacecraft crew module -- a major
milestone on the path toward Exploration Flight

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Test-1 -- Orion's first spaceflight targeted
for early December.

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The heat shield is made with a coating called
Avcoat, which protects the crew module from

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the extreme heat of reentry into the Earth's
atmosphere and the cold of space

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Eighteen robotics teams from across the nation
participated in NASA's 2014 Sample Return

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Robot Challenge at Worcester Polytechnic Institute
in Massachusetts.

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Robots in the competition were designed to locate and retrieve geologic samples from

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wide and varied terrains -- without human controls.

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The challenge is meant to encourage innovations in automatic navigation and robotic manipulator

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technologies.

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Innovations from the challenge may improve NASA's capability to explore a variety of

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space destinations.

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The Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Washington presented a program Thursday

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called Sally Ride: Life Stories, about the life and historical impact of America's First

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Woman in Space and the history of women entering the astronaut corps.

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On June 18, 1983, Ride became the first U.S. female astronaut in space when she launched

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on space shuttle Challenger's STS-7 mission.

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Ride passed away in 2012.

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And that's what's up this week @NASA ...