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“Here’s some of the stories trending This Week at NASA!”

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“ ... and liftoff of the space shuttle Discovery with the Hubble Space Telescope, our window

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on the universe.”

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On April 24, 1990, NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope rode to space aboard space shuttle Discovery

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– on a mission to do just that – discover.

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The results over the past 25 years have been nothing short of remarkable.

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“We knew that this was going to be an important mission, we didn’t know how important.

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None of us thought that people would be rewriting textbooks the way that they continue to do

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even today.”

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The storied and historic journey into the cosmos that Hubble’s eyes have taken us

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on has led to groundbreaking discoveries,

captivated imaginations and given humans a

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better understanding of our place in the universe.

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“Humanity has always looked out there to
the heavens to get the meaning and the hope

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of the life here.

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You see, it’s that kind of gap that you’re
bridging, so people understood that about

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Hubble before we carried it up there.”

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“Because of the work of the Hubble along
comes the next generation, which is the James

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Webb, which will take us farther, see more,
learn more than any other telescope.”

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NASA’s celebration of Hubble’s Silver
anniversary included a variety of events ...

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Administrator Charlie Bolden, other agency
officials and representatives from the Space

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Telescope Science Institute were on hand for
the unveiling of the official Hubble 25th

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anniversary image at the Newseum in Washington.

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A short distance away, many of the astronauts, scientists, engineers, technicians, educators,

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and others who have contributed to Hubble's success were honored at the Smithsonian's

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National Air and Space Museum.

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NASA Glenn Research Center employees and the Cleveland Sight Center helped visually-impaired

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students experience Hubble with a variety of tactile-based activities.

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And the Hubble experience is also available in 3-D, with the IMAX movie Hubble 3D playing

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at select theatres through April, and with downloadable files available at NASA's 3-D

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Resources site -- you can 3-D print your own Hubble model ... for details, go to <http://nasa3d.arc.nasa.gov/>.

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NASA also participated in events and activities celebrating our home planet in observation

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of the 45th annual Earth Day on April 22 – including

the Global Citizen 2015 Earth Day event at

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the Washington Monument.

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The event featured NASA exhibits and hands-on activities, a message from the International

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Space Station, views of Earth from space and NASA Administrator Charlie Bolden on the concert

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stage, with entertainer Will.i.am -- discussing how NASA uses the unique vantage point of

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space to better understand our home planet.

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"I want everybody to walk out of here, having heard the many stories that came from around

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the globe and know that they can make a difference.

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But it takes every single one of us doing some one little thing."

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Earth Day activities at Washington's Union Station featured NASA Associate Administrator

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for Science John Grunsfeld and Chief Scientist Ellen Stofan.

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The event also included imagery shown on NASA's Hyperwall, science gallery exhibits and hands-on

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demonstrations.

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And, using the hashtag #NoPlaceLikeHome, people from all over the world helped NASA celebrate

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environmental awareness online by sharing images of their favorite places or sights

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on Earth.

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Observing our home planet is at the core of NASA's mission.

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The agency knows that Earth is changing – and with a fleet of orbiting spacecraft gathering

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scientific data on carbon dioxide in the air, water reserves below ground, the planet's

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temperature, and more – we're on it!

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The first 3-D printed full-scale copper rocket engine part manufactured at Marshall Space

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Flight Center is a milestone and potential cost saver.

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The properties of copper make it an ideal material for some engine parts, but the material

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is challenging to work with when using the 3-D printing or additive manufacturing process.

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Successfully using this technology could reduce the time and cost of making rocket engine

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parts.

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So far, only a handful of copper rocket engine parts have been made with additive manufacturing.

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The annual Human Exploration Rover Challenge took place recently at the U.S. Space & Rocket

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Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

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The two-day event, managed by Marshall Space Flight Center, challenges students to design,

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build, test and race lightweight, and human-powered vehicles both as a research project and to

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investigate and test technologies that could potentially be used on future deep-space exploration

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missions.

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