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

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On Aug. 2, NASA’s Associate Administrator for Aeronautics Jaiwon Shin, representatives

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from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), aviation industry leaders and the academic

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research community participated in a workshop hosted by the White House Office of Science

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and Technology Policy (OSTP) to discuss Drones and the Future of Aviation.

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The event was designed to explore airspace integration issues; public and commercial

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uses; and safety, security, and privacy concerns related to this emerging technology.

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NASA is working with the FAA on a traffic management system that will enable pilots

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of these aircraft to fly safely in the national airspace.

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After analyzing data from space, NASA has created images and animations of the slow-moving

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storms that dumped as much as 6 to 7 inches
of rain over central Maryland in about two

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hours' time, on July 30 – causing devastating
flooding in historic Ellicott City.

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The imagery was created from data captured
by sensors on the Global Precipitation Measurement

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(GPM) mission satellite, and others.

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GPM is a joint mission between NASA and the
Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency.

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According to a new study by NASA-funded researchers,
Jupiter's shadow has a freezing effect on

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the atmosphere surrounding Io, the planet's
volcanic moon.

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Observations during the study confirmed that
Io's thin atmosphere, which consists primarily

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of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) gas emitted from volcanoes,
collapses as the gas freezes onto the moon's

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surface, due to the drop in temperature when
Jupiter shades Io during daily eclipses.

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Then the atmosphere is restored when the ice warms and transforms from solid back to gas

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as the moon moves out of eclipse back into sunlight.

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The observations, which occurred over two nights in November 2013, are the first time

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scientists have witnessed this phenomenon directly, improving our understanding of this

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geologically active moon.

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At NASA's Kennedy Space Center, in Florida, time-lapse footage was captured as the Orion

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crew module was moved from the birdcage test stand to an enclosed clean room inside the

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Neil Armstrong Operations and Checkout Building high bay.

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Work will continue to prepare Orion for the first un-crewed flight on the agency's Space

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Launch System rocket, targeted for November 2018.

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Orion is the spacecraft that will carry astronauts on missions to deep space destinations, including

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on NASA's Journey to Mars.

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With the 2016 summer Olympic games underway, NASA's Chandra X-ray observatory program

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has posted the AstrOlympics project.

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This online resource compares the physics involved in the impressive feats performed

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by Olympic athletes to similar movement that takes place in cosmic events throughout the

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universe.

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The project shows how athletic and cosmic activities involve speed, mass, time, pressure,

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rotation, distance, and more – and how studying these forces of nature can help us learn more

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about the world around us, and the universe we live in.

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NASA celebrates two significant anniversaries on Aug. 5.

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That date is the four-year anniversary of the Curiosity rover's landing on Mars.

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Curiosity touched down in 2012 at 10:32 p.m. PDT on that date.

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In its first year, the mission achieved its goal by finding the Gale Crater region of

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the planet offered conditions suitable for microbial life in the past.

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NASA recently approved an additional two-year extension for Curiosity's mission.

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Aug. 5 also is the five-year anniversary of the launch of NASA's Juno spacecraft, which

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arrived at Jupiter on July 4 of this year for its 20-month mission to study our solar

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system's largest planet.

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