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

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We worked with our partner agencies to use space-based assets to capture imagery of Hurricane

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Harvey that impacted the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast region.

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Imagery captured from the vantage point of space, provides data that weather forecasters,

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emergency responders and other officials can use to better inform the public.

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Views from the International Space Station, and NOAA's GOES East satellite showed the

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massive size and movement of the storm.

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While our Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM) Mission analyzed the storm's record-breaking

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rainfall – which led to catastrophic flooding in Texas and Louisiana.

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Due to the storm, our Johnson Space Center in Houston is closed through Labor Day, while

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the region recovers, but Mission Control remains operational in support of the crew aboard

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the International Space Station.

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On Aug. 30, we successfully tested one of our RS-25 engines, four of which will help

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power our Space Launch System, or SLS, to deep space destinations.

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This 500-second engine test concludes a summer of successful hot fire testing for flight

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controllers at our Stennis Space Center near Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

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The controller serves as the "brain" of the engine, communicating with SLS flight

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computers to ensure engines are performing at needed levels.

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The test marked another step toward the nation's return to human deep-space exploration missions.

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Key SLS Rocket Hardware Finished

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The largest piece of hardware for SLS is ready for thermal insulation.

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Manufacturing is complete on the launch vehicle stage adapter that connects the two main launch

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vehicle stages of the rocket.

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It's been moved to our Center for Advanced Manufacturing for the application of the spray-on

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foam insulation that will surround it during its ride to space.

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The next round of research flights for the Sonic Booms in Atmospheric Turbulence, or

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SonicBAT project is underway at our Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

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Research from SonicBAT may one day lead to quiet supersonic flight over land.

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