

of elements on the planets
more hospitable to life.



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Our Webb Space Telescope – on the move ...

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New details about the atmospheres of some
Earth-sized exoplanets ...

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And, another milestone in the transformation
of an historic launch pad ... a few of the

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stories to tell you about – This Week at
NASA!

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The optical telescope and integrated science
segment of our James Webb Space Telescope

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was shipped from our Johnson Space Center
in Houston to Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems

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in southern California.

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The team there will integrate it with the
spacecraft element to form the complete observatory.

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Webb will launch in 2019 to seek out the first
luminous objects in the universe as well as

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signs of habitable planets.

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Our Hubble Space Telescope has found that

at least three of the Earth-sized planets

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in the habitable zone around the nearby star, TRAPPIST-1 do not seem to have puffy, hydrogen-rich

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atmospheres that would make them inhospitable to life.

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Instead, the results favor the presence of atmospheres more like those of Earth, Venus,

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and Mars.

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Hubble's findings are paving the way for further study by the Webb Space Telescope

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– to search for signs of oxygen, water, carbon dioxide, and other elements on the

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planets more hospitable to life.

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The SpaceX Falcon Heavy's launch from our Kennedy Space Center's historic launch Complex

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39A, marked a milestone in the successful transformation of Kennedy to the nation's

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premier, multi-user spaceport.

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In 2011, Kennedy sought partnerships with the U.S. aerospace industry to use former

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space shuttle facilities.

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Today, we partner with more than 90 companies to enable space-related activities along Florida's

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Space Coast.

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NASA researchers are part of an international effort to better predict snow conditions at

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this year's Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea.

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They are using satellite data from the Global Precipitation Measurement mission, ground

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instruments at various Olympic venues, and weather models to provide Olympic officials

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with detailed forecasts about every six hours to help them account for approaching weather.

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That's what's up this week @NASA ...