



outside the International
Space Station ...

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Our astronauts at work outside the space station

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Preparing for launch of our next planet-hunting mission ...

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And finding exploding stars - a few of the stories to tell you about - This Week at NASA!

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"Good luck.

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See you in a little bit."

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Our astronauts, Drew Feustel and Ricky Arnold conducted a spacewalk outside the International

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Space Station on March 29.

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They made the excursion to install communications equipment for a future experiment, swap out

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high definition cameras, and remove some aging hoses from cooling equipment on the station's

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truss.

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This was the 209th spacewalk in support of space station assembly, maintenance and upgrades.

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The launch of NASA's next planet-hunting spacecraft is scheduled for April 16.

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TESS - the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite - is expected to find thousands of planets

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outside our solar system, known as exoplanets, orbiting the nearest and brightest stars in

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our cosmic neighborhood.

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Powerful telescopes could then search these exoplanets for important characteristics and

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signs - including, whether they could support life.

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The planet-finding ability of our Kepler Space Telescope is well known, but a small international

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group of astronomers has also used Kepler to hunt for supernovae.

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Because it stares at single patches of space for long periods of time, Kepler is able to

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capture cosmic occurrences that change rapidly or pop in and out of view, like supernovae.

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To date, the group has found more than 20
supernovae using data from Kepler.

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"There's something we always remind ourselves
here at NASA -

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exploring Mars is really hard."

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00:01:43,600 --> 00:01:49,670
InSight, our next mission to Mars, is targeted
to launch May 5 from Vandenberg Air Force

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Base in California.

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The spacecraft will use its suite of instruments
to probe deep beneath the surface of the Red

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Planet - in hopes of learning more about how
all rocky planets and cosmic bodies, including

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Earth and its Moon, first formed.

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We're hiring new flight directors.

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If you think you have the right stuff to make
real-time decisions to keep astronauts safe

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in space and lead teams of highly trained
people on missions involving the International

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Space Station, commercial crew spacecraft,
and Orion flights to the Moon and beyond - this

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could be your opportunity.

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For details and to submit your application,
go to usajobs.gov.

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Qualifying U.S. citizens have until April
17 to submit applications.

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