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How to virtually participate in 'Launch America' ...

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Vice President Pence highlights the nation's return to human spaceflight ...

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And honoring a legendary astronomer ... a few of the stories to tell you about – This

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Week at NASA!

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On May 20, astronauts Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley arrived at our Kennedy Space Center,

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in Florida ahead of their launch on NASA's SpaceX Demo-2 test flight to the International

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Space Station.

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Two days later, the mission got the formal go ahead for a May 27 launch attempt at a

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Flight Readiness Review.

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The mission, targeted for launch from Kennedy's historic Launch Complex 39A, is being celebrated

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as 'Launch America,' marking the first

human spaceflight from the U.S. since the

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end of the space shuttle era.

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"I happen to have been one of the four astronauts that landed here almost nine years ago in

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T-38s on the Fourth of July in 2011 to close out the Space Shuttle Program.

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So it's incredibly humbling to be here to start out the next launch from the United

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States."

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"As graduates of military test pilot schools, if you gave us one thing that we could have

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put on our list of dream jobs that we would have gotten to have someday it would have

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been to be aboard a new spacecraft, be conducting a test mission aboard that spacecraft, and

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Doug and I get that chance to do it.

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So, we're thankful for that opportunity."

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While pre-launch and launch day activities are not open to the public due to social distancing

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concerns, NASA invites you to virtually participate in this historic milestone.

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In addition to continuous launch-day to docking-day coverage on NASA Television, virtual activities

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include a NASA Social, as well as activities across our social media channels including

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YouTube, Twitter, Facebook.

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Instagram and LinkedIn.

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For more about how to virtually participate go to nasa.gov/beourguest.

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“Welcome to the ‘Launch America’ edition of the National Space Council.”

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On May 19, Vice President Mike Pence convened the 7th meeting of the National Space Council

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at our headquarters in Washington, D.C.

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Our Administrator, Jim Bridenstine, as well as astronauts Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley

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joined the event via live web streams, to
highlight NASA's SpaceX Demo-2 mission to

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the space station.

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On May 20, we announced that the Wide Field
Infrared Survey Telescope currently under

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development has been named in honor of the
late Nancy Grace Roman, NASA's first chief

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astronomer.

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The telescope is targeted for launch in the
mid-2020s to investigate long-standing astronomical

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mysteries, and to search for distant planets
beyond our solar system.

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NASA received four 2020 Webby awards, and
four People's Voice awards highlighting the

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agency's diverse online offerings.

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We received an agency record 12 nominations
this year.

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The Webby Awards are presented by the International

Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences.

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The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries launched an unpiloted

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HTV-9 cargo spacecraft on May 20, loaded with more than four tons of supplies for the International

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Space Station, including the final set of new lithium-ion batteries and adapter plates

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to complete a multi-year upgrade of the station's power system.

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Annie Glenn, wife of late NASA astronaut and U.S. Senator John Glenn, died this week at

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age 100.

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A NASA statement praised Annie Glenn as a stalwart member of the space and military

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communities, whose courageous support of her legendary husband was unmatched.

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The statement also noted her lifelong public service on behalf of children, the elderly,

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and the disabled.

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