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The journey of Resilience to the space station
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The next ocean-observing satellite ...
And an update on a critical rocket test series

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for our Artemis missions ... a few of the
stories to tell you about – This Week at NASA

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On Nov. 15, NASA astronauts Mike Hopkins,
Victor Glover, Shannon Walker and Japan's

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Soichi Noguchi headed skyward from our Kennedy
Space Center, aboard the SpaceX "Resilience"

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Crew Dragon spacecraft.

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"Not even gravity contains humanity when
we explore as one for all."

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The successful launch kicked off the first
crew rotation mission to the International

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Space Station and the first of six certified
crew missions NASA and SpaceX will fly as

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a part of our Commercial Crew Program.

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“Another view from Crew Dragon, looking at its future destination, its future home

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for the next six months, the International Space Station.”

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The next day, Resilience and its crew closed in on the space station, successfully docking

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to the orbiting outpost at 11:01 p.m. EST.

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“This is Resilience.

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Excellent job, right down the center.

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SpaceX and NASA, congratulations, this is a new era of operational flights to the International

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Space Station from the Florida Coast.”

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A while later, the Expedition 64 crew aboard the station welcomed its four newest members,

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whose arrival increases the space station’s long-duration expedition crew size from six

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to seven crew members for the first time ever.

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They will conduct science and maintenance during their six-month stay, which is scheduled

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to be the longest human space mission launched from the United States.

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The Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich satellite launched Nov. 21 from California's Vandenberg

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Air Force Base.

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It is the first of two identical satellites scheduled to make global sea level observations

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for at least the next decade, as part of a U.S.-European collaboration.

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Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich's twin, Sentinel-6B, is scheduled to launch in 2025.

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Engineers at our Stennis Space Center successfully repaired a valve inside the core stage of

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our Space Launch System rocket and are now preparing for a wet dress rehearsal the week

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of Dec. 7.

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The wet dress is part of the rocket's Green Run test series in preparation for launches

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of Artemis missions to the Moon.

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A hot fire test, where all four of the rocket's engines will be fired to simulate a launch,

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is currently targeted to wrap up the testing series the week of Dec. 21.

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On Nov. 18, Russian cosmonauts Sergey Ryzhikov and Sergey Kud-Sverchkov ventured outside

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the International Space Station to prepare for the arrival of a new Russian research

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module.

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The new module, named "Nauka," Russian for "science," is being prepared for launch

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at the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

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NASA researchers, using computer models to create a COVID-free 2020 scenario for comparison,

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found that since February, fewer amounts of some pollutants have been found in Earth's

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atmosphere than usual.

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The exercise attempted to examine how much of this was a result of changes in human activity

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due to pandemic-related restrictions.

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The diminished pollutants include a nearly 20% reduction in nitrogen dioxide, which is

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primarily produced by the burning of fossil fuels used by industry and transportation.