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00:00:29,669 --> 00:00:27,429  
california this is nasa's launch

2  
00:00:32,229 --> 00:00:29,679  
coverage of the double asteroid

3  
00:00:34,310 --> 00:00:32,239  
redirection test

4  
00:00:37,910 --> 00:00:34,320  
in a galaxy where asteroids have

5  
00:00:40,180 --> 00:00:37,920  
pummeled planets for billions of years

6  
00:00:41,350 --> 00:00:40,190  
now one planet strikes back

7  
00:00:43,190 --> 00:00:41,360  
[Music]

8  
00:00:45,830 --> 00:00:43,200  
for the first time in our planet's

9  
00:00:48,790 --> 00:00:45,840  
history nasa will test an asteroid

10  
00:00:51,110 --> 00:00:48,800  
deflection technique

11  
00:00:54,310 --> 00:00:51,120  
it's the first planetary defense method

12  
00:00:59,670 --> 00:00:57,350  
nasa's double asteroid redirection test

13  
00:01:00,869 --> 00:00:59,680

will intentionally ram itself into an

14

00:01:03,990 --> 00:01:00,879

asteroid

15

00:01:06,390 --> 00:01:04,000

and alter its orbit forever

16

00:01:07,910 --> 00:01:06,400

at the crossroads of science fiction and

17

00:01:10,149 --> 00:01:07,920

reality

18

00:01:12,550 --> 00:01:10,159

dart is part of our plan to defend

19

00:01:13,670 --> 00:01:12,560

planet earth against potential future

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00:01:15,670 --> 00:01:13,680

impacts

21

00:01:17,429 --> 00:01:15,680

the test to protect the future of our

22

00:01:19,910 --> 00:01:17,439

planet

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00:01:22,310 --> 00:01:19,920

begins now

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00:01:25,429 --> 00:01:22,320

our this spacex rocket will launch the

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00:01:27,830 --> 00:01:25,439

dart spacecraft on a 6 million

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00:01:29,990 --> 00:01:27,840

and thank you for joining us here inside

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00:01:31,830 --> 00:01:30,000

the nasa hangar at the vanderberg space

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00:01:34,230 --> 00:01:31,840

force base on the central coast of

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00:01:36,630 --> 00:01:34,240

california i'm your host daryl nail and

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00:01:38,870 --> 00:01:36,640

joining me is kelly fast she is a

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00:01:41,350 --> 00:01:38,880

program scientist with the planetary

32

00:01:42,870 --> 00:01:41,360

defense coordination office welcome

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00:01:45,030 --> 00:01:42,880

kelly it's great to have you here thank

34

00:01:47,670 --> 00:01:45,040

you daryl it's fabulous to be here uh

35

00:01:49,670 --> 00:01:47,680

helping to cheer dart off the planet now

36

00:01:51,990 --> 00:01:49,680

right at the top let's talk about this

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00:01:53,510 --> 00:01:52,000

are there any asteroids threatening

38

00:01:55,990 --> 00:01:53,520

earth that we know of

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00:01:58,069 --> 00:01:56,000

now thankfully there are no known um

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00:01:59,910 --> 00:01:58,079

asteroid impact threats to earth you

41

00:02:01,510 --> 00:01:59,920

keep tracking them we don't know of any

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00:02:02,789 --> 00:02:01,520

it's the one that's that we don't know

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00:02:04,230 --> 00:02:02,799

about that we're concerned about but

44

00:02:06,149 --> 00:02:04,240

that's why nasa

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00:02:08,710 --> 00:02:06,159

surveys renew and this asteroid dart is

46

00:02:11,270 --> 00:02:08,720

going to hit what's the story there

47

00:02:13,190 --> 00:02:11,280

well the asteroid dynamos does not pose

48

00:02:15,270 --> 00:02:13,200

an impact threat to earth it keeps its

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00:02:18,390 --> 00:02:15,280

distance stays like it gets no closer

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00:02:20,470 --> 00:02:18,400

than 3.7 million miles to earth's orbit

51  
00:02:23,830 --> 00:02:20,480  
but that's what makes it a fabulous uh

52  
00:02:26,869 --> 00:02:23,840  
test uh situation for dart we can go

53  
00:02:29,510 --> 00:02:26,879  
safely test and impact uh the kinetic

54  
00:02:31,350 --> 00:02:29,520  
impact technique uh in indimos is the

55  
00:02:33,670 --> 00:02:31,360  
perfect laboratory for that okay and

56  
00:02:34,470 --> 00:02:33,680  
this spacecraft is is this something

57  
00:02:36,470 --> 00:02:34,480  
that

58  
00:02:38,070 --> 00:02:36,480  
could one day save the planet

59  
00:02:40,229 --> 00:02:38,080  
well what's nice about this i mean it's

60  
00:02:42,070 --> 00:02:40,239  
a nice mature technique kinetic impact

61  
00:02:43,910 --> 00:02:42,080  
you just impact something but now we're

62  
00:02:44,949 --> 00:02:43,920  
actually going to test it so this is

63  
00:02:46,630 --> 00:02:44,959

going to be really good to have

64

00:02:49,110 --> 00:02:46,640

something in the toolbox that we've

65

00:02:50,390 --> 00:02:49,120

actually tried taking it from modeling

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00:02:52,949 --> 00:02:50,400

to an actual

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00:02:54,869 --> 00:02:52,959

test well it is certainly exciting just

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00:02:57,750 --> 00:02:54,879

to hear you talk about it and when that

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00:02:59,350 --> 00:02:57,760

moment happens in the fall of 2022 when

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00:03:01,190 --> 00:02:59,360

that impact happens that's going to be

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00:03:02,869 --> 00:03:01,200

quite a moment it's going to be amazing

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00:03:04,710 --> 00:03:02,879

all right kelly thank you so much and

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00:03:07,350 --> 00:03:04,720

there's so much more to discuss about

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00:03:09,430 --> 00:03:07,360

android's planetary defense and the dart

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00:03:13,110 --> 00:03:09,440

mission so let's get right into it with

76  
00:03:15,070 --> 00:03:13,120  
a quick breakdown of the dart spacecraft

77  
00:03:18,710 --> 00:03:15,080  
dart has a mass of

78  
00:03:20,949 --> 00:03:18,720  
670 kilograms about a golf cart size or

79  
00:03:23,589 --> 00:03:20,959  
vending machine size

80  
00:03:26,630 --> 00:03:23,599  
machine it uses hydrazine thrusters for

81  
00:03:28,390 --> 00:03:26,640  
propulsion and roll out solar arrays for

82  
00:03:30,949 --> 00:03:28,400  
electric power

83  
00:03:32,710 --> 00:03:30,959  
now dart has just one instrument on

84  
00:03:34,869 --> 00:03:32,720  
board and there it is at the bottom and

85  
00:03:37,270 --> 00:03:34,879  
that instrument is a draco camera which

86  
00:03:40,229 --> 00:03:37,280  
will feed images to an autonomous

87  
00:03:43,030 --> 00:03:40,239  
navigation system steering its smack dab

88  
00:03:45,670 --> 00:03:43,040

into an asteroid now here's how dark got

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00:03:48,309 --> 00:03:45,680

here it was pulled by this semi truck 2

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00:03:50,869 --> 00:03:48,319

900 miles across the country from the

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00:03:53,429 --> 00:03:50,879

applied physics lab in maryland all the

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00:03:55,670 --> 00:03:53,439

way here to the vanderberg space force

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00:03:57,670 --> 00:03:55,680

base it took the team 46 hours to make

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00:03:59,429 --> 00:03:57,680

the trip you see that box right there

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00:04:01,429 --> 00:03:59,439

that's the protective container that was

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00:04:03,830 --> 00:04:01,439

removed and is being stored here in the

97

00:04:05,509 --> 00:04:03,840

nasa hangar while this dart spacecraft

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00:04:07,030 --> 00:04:05,519

was carefully prepared for the launch

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00:04:09,030 --> 00:04:07,040

and then put into that protective

100

00:04:12,070 --> 00:04:09,040

fairing what a beautiful shot that is

101  
00:04:14,070 --> 00:04:12,080  
kelly and then earlier this month

102  
00:04:16,390 --> 00:04:14,080  
engineers made it the dart spacecraft

103  
00:04:18,629 --> 00:04:16,400  
inside its protective fairing to this

104  
00:04:21,030 --> 00:04:18,639  
spacex falcon 9 rocket which you see

105  
00:04:22,950 --> 00:04:21,040  
here and darts at the top of the rocket

106  
00:04:25,909 --> 00:04:22,960  
it was then rolled out to the launch pad

107  
00:04:28,790 --> 00:04:25,919  
at space launch complex 4 east where it

108  
00:04:33,749 --> 00:04:28,800  
is now awaiting liftoff at 10 21 p.m

109  
00:04:35,830 --> 00:04:33,759  
pacific 1 21 a.m eastern time now as we

110  
00:04:37,830 --> 00:04:35,840  
follow pre-launch operations we also

111  
00:04:38,710 --> 00:04:37,840  
have some cool stuff to show you along

112  
00:04:40,550 --> 00:04:38,720  
the way

113  
00:04:42,710 --> 00:04:40,560

our own kelly fast we'll give a fun

114

00:04:45,110 --> 00:04:42,720

demonstration there she is she's going

115

00:04:47,909 --> 00:04:45,120

to help us visualize a close approach

116

00:04:49,590 --> 00:04:47,919

asteroid and she's moving quick

117

00:04:51,189 --> 00:04:49,600

we'll also head into space where two

118

00:04:53,830 --> 00:04:51,199

astronauts will demonstrate in

119

00:04:56,950 --> 00:04:53,840

microgravity the kinetic impact

120

00:04:59,110 --> 00:04:56,960

technique that dart will be using

121

00:05:01,909 --> 00:04:59,120

and also this is kind of fun we'll hear

122

00:05:03,909 --> 00:05:01,919

from a hollywood director adam mckay

123

00:05:06,310 --> 00:05:03,919

about his new science fiction comedy

124

00:05:09,510 --> 00:05:06,320

don't look up it's about an earth-ending

125

00:05:11,590 --> 00:05:09,520

comet that he'll compare with reality

126

00:05:14,150 --> 00:05:11,600

check on launch operations and introduce

127

00:05:16,550 --> 00:05:14,160

our launch commentators for today nasa's

128

00:05:18,710 --> 00:05:16,560

marie lewis and denton gibson marie

129

00:05:21,270 --> 00:05:18,720

preparations have been going on for many

130

00:05:23,110 --> 00:05:21,280

hours where do we stand right now

131

00:05:25,110 --> 00:05:23,120

uh well at the moment daryl everything

132

00:05:26,870 --> 00:05:25,120

is still go for lawn shaw we listened to

133

00:05:28,469 --> 00:05:26,880

polls just a few minutes ago internally

134

00:05:29,909 --> 00:05:28,479

with the spacecraft team and nasa

135

00:05:32,070 --> 00:05:29,919

engineering

136

00:05:34,390 --> 00:05:32,080

no red flags everything looking right on

137

00:05:37,189 --> 00:05:34,400

course i want to introduce

138

00:05:39,270 --> 00:05:37,199

our commentator who's making his debut

139

00:05:41,110 --> 00:05:39,280

uh launch commentary tonight denton

140

00:05:43,270 --> 00:05:41,120

gibson with the launch services program

141

00:05:46,070 --> 00:05:43,280

your mission manager no stranger

142

00:05:47,749 --> 00:05:46,080

certainly to falcon 9 and uh missions

143

00:05:49,590 --> 00:05:47,759

like this but this is your first time in

144

00:05:50,790 --> 00:05:49,600

the commentary booth so welcome oh thank

145

00:05:52,310 --> 00:05:50,800

you thank you thanks for having me i'm

146

00:05:54,550 --> 00:05:52,320

excited to be here it's launch day so

147

00:05:57,029 --> 00:05:54,560

i'm looking forward to this and the

148

00:05:59,189 --> 00:05:57,039

teams on console have been uh going

149

00:06:01,029 --> 00:05:59,199

through their steps methodically uh

150

00:06:02,790 --> 00:06:01,039

since a little before seven o'clock this

151

00:06:05,830 --> 00:06:02,800

evening pacific time

152

00:06:07,990 --> 00:06:05,840

there is a live view of the face and in

153

00:06:10,870 --> 00:06:08,000

less than a minute we expect to hear the

154

00:06:13,670 --> 00:06:10,880

nasa launch manager omar baez uh poll

155

00:06:15,830 --> 00:06:13,680

the nasa team uh for launch readiness

156

00:06:17,830 --> 00:06:15,840

and uh readiness for propellant load to

157

00:06:20,870 --> 00:06:17,840

go ahead and proceed with that uh if

158

00:06:23,430 --> 00:06:20,880

that that is all go that will begin at t

159

00:06:25,350 --> 00:06:23,440

minus 35 minutes right and the reason

160

00:06:27,670 --> 00:06:25,360

why you hear this poll at this point in

161

00:06:29,110 --> 00:06:27,680

time because there's so much going on

162

00:06:31,350 --> 00:06:29,120

much later

163

00:06:33,189 --> 00:06:31,360

in the the process

164

00:06:35,029 --> 00:06:33,199

so they try to have it have the poll

165

00:06:36,469 --> 00:06:35,039

early so that way the team can focus on

166

00:06:38,550 --> 00:06:36,479

the telemetry and focus on the data

167

00:06:40,070 --> 00:06:38,560

coming from the rocket and really pay

168

00:06:43,749 --> 00:06:40,080

attention everything that's going on

169

00:06:49,110 --> 00:06:48,390

and we're just standing by for that nasa

170

00:06:51,350 --> 00:06:49,120

our

171

00:06:52,870 --> 00:06:51,360

propellant loading uh poll starting with

172

00:06:55,909 --> 00:06:52,880

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00:07:00,550 --> 00:06:55,919

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00:07:02,629 --> 00:07:00,560

smd is go

175

00:07:04,469 --> 00:07:02,639

nasa mission manager

176  
00:07:05,749 --> 00:07:04,479  
nasa mim is go

177  
00:07:09,990 --> 00:07:05,759  
lsp

178  
00:07:11,510 --> 00:07:10,000  
cryo tank

179  
00:07:13,110 --> 00:07:11,520  
nasa teams to make sure that they're

180  
00:07:15,110 --> 00:07:13,120  
ready to go uh to proceed with

181  
00:07:16,790 --> 00:07:15,120  
propellant loading and launch that's the

182  
00:07:17,990 --> 00:07:16,800  
various teams that you heard the nasa

183  
00:07:19,270 --> 00:07:18,000  
launch management pulled in to make sure

184  
00:07:20,070 --> 00:07:19,280  
that they're ready to proceed with the

185  
00:07:21,589 --> 00:07:20,080  
count

186  
00:07:23,749 --> 00:07:21,599  
one thing i want to point out as we look

187  
00:07:26,629 --> 00:07:23,759  
at the rocket live on the pad on an

188  
00:07:28,230 --> 00:07:26,639

unusually clear night here at vanderberg

189

00:07:30,150 --> 00:07:28,240

is the soot on the side of the rocket

190

00:07:32,230 --> 00:07:30,160

and that is because this booster has

191

00:07:33,749 --> 00:07:32,240

already been flown twice in fact but

192

00:07:35,510 --> 00:07:33,759

this is the first time for a launch

193

00:07:37,189 --> 00:07:35,520

services program mission that's correct

194

00:07:38,390 --> 00:07:37,199

we've done a lot of work getting to this

195

00:07:40,070 --> 00:07:38,400

point where

196

00:07:41,430 --> 00:07:40,080

we've we've comfortable where we are

197

00:07:43,589 --> 00:07:41,440

with this and we're looking forward to

198

00:07:44,869 --> 00:07:43,599

this launch and this is we have very a

199

00:07:45,990 --> 00:07:44,879

lot of familiarity with this booster

200

00:07:47,589 --> 00:07:46,000

because we actually launched this the

201  
00:07:49,589 --> 00:07:47,599  
first for the first time on sentinel 6

202  
00:07:51,589 --> 00:07:49,599  
almost a year ago today yeah so

203  
00:07:53,749 --> 00:07:51,599  
interplanetary mission so really

204  
00:07:55,749 --> 00:07:53,759  
exciting stuff coming up uh by the way

205  
00:07:57,749 --> 00:07:55,759  
weather is 90 to you all right thank you

206  
00:07:59,909 --> 00:07:57,759  
marie and denton and so that's a great

207  
00:08:01,830 --> 00:07:59,919  
report they're fueling up the rocket

208  
00:08:03,749 --> 00:08:01,840  
kelly it's getting kind of exciting i'm

209  
00:08:05,270 --> 00:08:03,759  
really relieved to hear that report that

210  
00:08:06,950 --> 00:08:05,280  
uh that looks like things are going to

211  
00:08:08,309 --> 00:08:06,960  
go and i think of the dart team i mean

212  
00:08:09,029 --> 00:08:08,319  
they've been working on this for years

213  
00:08:10,869 --> 00:08:09,039

but

214

00:08:12,790 --> 00:08:10,879

they've brought a spacecraft to the

215

00:08:14,309 --> 00:08:12,800

launch pad through a pandemic and so

216

00:08:15,990 --> 00:08:14,319

they really need to be commanded that's

217

00:08:17,990 --> 00:08:16,000

great point and you are right about that

218

00:08:20,230 --> 00:08:18,000

astronomers now all over the world

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00:08:23,029 --> 00:08:20,240

what's interesting to me about this is

220

00:08:25,510 --> 00:08:23,039

after this impact happens they'll be

221

00:08:27,189 --> 00:08:25,520

able to see some kind of change right

222

00:08:30,150 --> 00:08:27,199

it's a unique mission in that there's an

223

00:08:33,430 --> 00:08:30,160

astronomical component to it when dart

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00:08:36,310 --> 00:08:33,440

impacts uh the moon of dytamos dimorphos

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00:08:39,190 --> 00:08:36,320

in fall of 2022 it will change the

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00:08:41,509 --> 00:08:39,200

orbital period of that little moonlit uh

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00:08:43,350 --> 00:08:41,519

but from the earth it's just a uh a

228

00:08:45,350 --> 00:08:43,360

point of light but that point of light

229

00:08:48,070 --> 00:08:45,360

varies in brightness because that

230

00:08:50,470 --> 00:08:48,080

moonlit travels in front of and behind

231

00:08:52,630 --> 00:08:50,480

dynamos and so that can be measured and

232

00:08:54,070 --> 00:08:52,640

that rate of that light going up and

233

00:08:56,310 --> 00:08:54,080

down is what they're going to measure

234

00:08:58,710 --> 00:08:56,320

the change in that and that's how we're

235

00:09:00,710 --> 00:08:58,720

going to see exactly what dart did to

236

00:09:02,389 --> 00:09:00,720

dimorphose that's fascinating to me

237

00:09:04,070 --> 00:09:02,399

because it's literally just light you're

238

00:09:06,150 --> 00:09:04,080

looking at we've never seen this little

239

00:09:08,070 --> 00:09:06,160

moonlit but we see the light and that's

240

00:09:09,990 --> 00:09:08,080

how we gauge it more stuff to come from

241

00:09:12,949 --> 00:09:10,000

kelly thank you very much we are t minus

242

00:09:14,790 --> 00:09:12,959

41 minutes and counting here now is

243

00:09:18,070 --> 00:09:14,800

everything you need to know about the

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00:09:22,470 --> 00:09:19,750

dart stands for the double asteroid

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00:09:25,829 --> 00:09:22,480

redirection test and the dark mission is

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00:09:30,070 --> 00:09:25,839

to basically go hit an asteroid and see

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00:09:35,030 --> 00:09:33,190

earth is surrounded by small objects

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00:09:36,870 --> 00:09:35,040

called near-earth asteroids and some of

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00:09:39,110 --> 00:09:36,880

them are potentially hazardous so

250

00:09:41,750 --> 00:09:39,120

planetary defense is cataloging figuring

251  
00:09:43,590 --> 00:09:41,760  
out where all these objects are but also

252  
00:09:46,230 --> 00:09:43,600  
trying to prevent them from hitting the

253  
00:09:50,230 --> 00:09:48,470  
so far we've only been able to predict

254  
00:09:51,990 --> 00:09:50,240  
the impact of two or three objects ahead

255  
00:09:53,110 --> 00:09:52,000  
of time those objects were small enough

256  
00:09:55,269 --> 00:09:53,120  
they burned up in the atmosphere and

257  
00:09:57,030 --> 00:09:55,279  
they were no danger to anyone but what

258  
00:09:58,470 --> 00:09:57,040  
happens when an asteroid or any object

259  
00:09:59,990 --> 00:09:58,480  
is going to impact

260  
00:10:01,030 --> 00:10:00,000  
the earth is that the earth and that

261  
00:10:02,470 --> 00:10:01,040  
object

262  
00:10:03,750 --> 00:10:02,480  
want to be at the same place at the same

263  
00:10:06,389 --> 00:10:03,760

time we can't change the speed of the

264

00:10:09,110 --> 00:10:06,399

earth so the idea would be to change the

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00:10:11,590 --> 00:10:09,120

speed of the impactor

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00:10:14,790 --> 00:10:11,600

now we chose to do this demonstration at

267

00:10:17,350 --> 00:10:14,800

a binary asteroid the main asteroid is

268

00:10:20,310 --> 00:10:17,360

called dynamos and its moon

269

00:10:23,350 --> 00:10:20,320

dart is actually targeted to the moon

270

00:10:25,509 --> 00:10:23,360

of the digimon system and

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00:10:27,350 --> 00:10:25,519

that's much smaller target than any

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00:10:28,389 --> 00:10:27,360

spacecraft has ever managed to hit

273

00:10:30,150 --> 00:10:28,399

before

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00:10:32,710 --> 00:10:30,160

this is the first mission to fly the

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00:10:34,790 --> 00:10:32,720

next sea there's the rosa the solar rays

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00:10:37,350 --> 00:10:34,800

have an italian cubesat but it's really

277

00:10:39,509 --> 00:10:37,360

all about smart navigation

278

00:10:42,630 --> 00:10:39,519

the dart starts out with the traditional

279

00:10:45,430 --> 00:10:42,640

mission design concepts where we use

280

00:10:47,430 --> 00:10:45,440

star trackers and optical navigation

281

00:10:49,110 --> 00:10:47,440

this will be the first time that the

282

00:10:52,470 --> 00:10:49,120

spacecraft will

283

00:10:55,030 --> 00:10:52,480

autonomously guide to a target

284

00:10:57,509 --> 00:10:55,040

the narrow angle camera will be used by

285

00:10:59,910 --> 00:10:57,519

the spacecraft to home in on the target

286

00:11:01,430 --> 00:10:59,920

and hit it and then the cubesat will fly

287

00:11:03,670 --> 00:11:01,440

past the target

288

00:11:05,750 --> 00:11:03,680

and it will return the data directly to

289

00:11:07,350 --> 00:11:05,760

earth on its own

290

00:11:08,870 --> 00:11:07,360

the tough part about it is that we're

291

00:11:10,790 --> 00:11:08,880

guiding ourselves

292

00:11:13,190 --> 00:11:10,800

into the asteroid we're taking pictures

293

00:11:14,389 --> 00:11:13,200

and we're sending data back all at the

294

00:11:16,550 --> 00:11:14,399

same time

295

00:11:18,069 --> 00:11:16,560

you know dynamo is a system that is

296

00:11:20,150 --> 00:11:18,079

tightly locked together so we're going

297

00:11:22,150 --> 00:11:20,160

to try to push on the little move and

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00:11:24,230 --> 00:11:22,160

try to push it away in such a way that

299

00:11:25,780 --> 00:11:24,240

it will change the orbit of the asteroid

300

00:11:27,430 --> 00:11:25,790

and it will move it

301  
00:11:28,630 --> 00:11:27,440

[Music]

302  
00:11:29,910 --> 00:11:28,640  
mostly what we're looking to do is

303  
00:11:32,630 --> 00:11:29,920  
change the

304  
00:11:34,630 --> 00:11:32,640  
speed of the incoming object by maybe a

305  
00:11:36,389 --> 00:11:34,640  
centimeter per second that's not very

306  
00:11:38,550 --> 00:11:36,399  
fast but if you do it enough seconds in

307  
00:11:39,540 --> 00:11:38,560  
advance you can cause it to miss the

308  
00:11:40,949 --> 00:11:39,550  
earth entirely

309  
00:11:42,870 --> 00:11:40,959  
[Music]

310  
00:11:44,710 --> 00:11:42,880  
dart is actually the first planetary

311  
00:11:47,990 --> 00:11:44,720  
defense mission this is a continuing

312  
00:11:49,910 --> 00:11:48,000  
series of missions for planetary defense

313  
00:11:52,790 --> 00:11:49,920

we have this unique opportunity to

314

00:11:54,389 --> 00:11:52,800

demonstrate the method and also to learn

315

00:11:56,470 --> 00:11:54,399

exactly what happens

316

00:12:02,470 --> 00:11:56,480

when you crash a spacecraft at high

317

00:12:06,710 --> 00:12:04,230

while the launch and spacecraft team are

318

00:12:08,310 --> 00:12:06,720

busy preparing for liftoff the mission

319

00:12:10,150 --> 00:12:08,320

operations team

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00:12:12,150 --> 00:12:10,160

located across the country in laurel

321

00:12:14,230 --> 00:12:12,160

maryland is preparing to communicate

322

00:12:16,949 --> 00:12:14,240

with the dart spacecraft after an

323

00:12:19,509 --> 00:12:16,959

hour-long flight on a falcon 9. let's

324

00:12:23,269 --> 00:12:19,519

bring in samson rainey now to find out

325

00:12:27,670 --> 00:12:25,110

hi daryl i'm at the johns hopkins

326

00:12:30,550 --> 00:12:27,680

applied physics laboratory which has a

327

00:12:32,710 --> 00:12:30,560

number of historic milestones in space

328

00:12:36,230 --> 00:12:32,720

we're talking about the first mission to

329

00:12:38,629 --> 00:12:36,240

orbit mercury the first flyby of pluto

330

00:12:41,269 --> 00:12:38,639

and of course here we are with our next

331

00:12:43,190 --> 00:12:41,279

major milestone with dart right now i'm

332

00:12:45,110 --> 00:12:43,200

standing outside emissions operations

333

00:12:47,430 --> 00:12:45,120

control which is essentially the nerve

334

00:12:49,350 --> 00:12:47,440

center for the spacecraft after launch

335

00:12:51,350 --> 00:12:49,360

it controls everything from propulsion

336

00:12:52,949 --> 00:12:51,360

to the power supply let me give you a

337

00:12:54,870 --> 00:12:52,959

quick lay of the land here if you look

338

00:12:57,190 --> 00:12:54,880

behind me in this corner there is a

339

00:12:59,509 --> 00:12:57,200

u-shaped configuration that's called the

340

00:13:01,430 --> 00:12:59,519

command pit and it houses the flight

341

00:13:03,670 --> 00:13:01,440

controllers as well as the mission

342

00:13:06,389 --> 00:13:03,680

operations manager now flanking the

343

00:13:09,750 --> 00:13:06,399

command pit on either side are the

344

00:13:11,670 --> 00:13:09,760

consoles for the subsystem experts right

345

00:13:13,350 --> 00:13:11,680

now the team is basically looking at

346

00:13:16,949 --> 00:13:13,360

their consoles and making sure all

347

00:13:18,790 --> 00:13:16,959

systems are green or a go for launch

348

00:13:20,629 --> 00:13:18,800

now it might seem like quite an

349

00:13:23,509 --> 00:13:20,639

uneventful scene in the back as you're

350

00:13:25,030 --> 00:13:23,519

seeing right now but i spoke to ray

351

00:13:27,590 --> 00:13:25,040

harvey earlier he's the mission

352

00:13:29,829 --> 00:13:27,600

operations manager basically in charge

353

00:13:32,069 --> 00:13:29,839

of the overall health and functioning of

354

00:13:34,949 --> 00:13:32,079

the spacecraft and he said that

355

00:13:37,190 --> 00:13:34,959

uneventful or dare i say boring is

356

00:13:40,870 --> 00:13:37,200

exactly what we're going for in this

357

00:13:42,949 --> 00:13:40,880

final countdown to launch

358

00:13:45,269 --> 00:13:42,959

so there's a lot going on here and

359

00:13:47,350 --> 00:13:45,279

what's going to happen is

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00:13:49,430 --> 00:13:47,360

what's cool about the spacecraft after

361

00:13:51,750 --> 00:13:49,440

launch is that there are a number of

362

00:13:52,949 --> 00:13:51,760

pre-programmed and automated sequences

363

00:13:55,350 --> 00:13:52,959

that will occur

364

00:13:57,590 --> 00:13:55,360

so about an hour after launch these

365

00:13:59,670 --> 00:13:57,600

spacecraft will separate from the launch

366

00:14:02,710 --> 00:13:59,680

vehicle at this time this grace the

367

00:14:05,350 --> 00:14:02,720

spacecraft will be in a rapid rotation

368

00:14:06,470 --> 00:14:05,360

so at that point thrusters will engage

369

00:14:08,870 --> 00:14:06,480

and fire

370

00:14:10,949 --> 00:14:08,880

and bring that spacecraft into

371

00:14:13,430 --> 00:14:10,959

stabilization they call that de-tumbling

372

00:14:14,870 --> 00:14:13,440

the spacecraft now after the spacecraft

373

00:14:18,150 --> 00:14:14,880

is stabilized the next part of the

374

00:14:20,710 --> 00:14:18,160

automated process happens which is the

375

00:14:23,670 --> 00:14:20,720

unfurling of the rosa solar arrays now

376

00:14:26,389 --> 00:14:23,680

remember each array is 28 feet long so

377

00:14:27,430 --> 00:14:26,399

it's going to be an intricate multi-step

378

00:14:28,550 --> 00:14:27,440

process

379

00:14:30,629 --> 00:14:28,560

to bring

380

00:14:33,269 --> 00:14:30,639

dart's wings to spread

381

00:14:35,430 --> 00:14:33,279

and so that probably will take two hours

382

00:14:37,269 --> 00:14:35,440

alone for that process to happen

383

00:14:39,670 --> 00:14:37,279

so after the spacecraft goes through

384

00:14:41,990 --> 00:14:39,680

those automated sequences successfully

385

00:14:43,430 --> 00:14:42,000

the team will then take control of the

386

00:14:46,150 --> 00:14:43,440

spacecraft

387

00:14:48,150 --> 00:14:46,160

navigation systems will be engaged and

388

00:14:50,790 --> 00:14:48,160

the team will then bring the dart

389

00:14:52,790 --> 00:14:50,800

spacecraft to a default orientation

390

00:14:55,189 --> 00:14:52,800

which includes most critically making

391

00:14:57,030 --> 00:14:55,199

sure that those solar arrays are pointed

392

00:14:59,110 --> 00:14:57,040

toward the sun and gathering energy for

393

00:15:00,550 --> 00:14:59,120

the journey so as you can see a lot is

394

00:15:03,030 --> 00:15:00,560

going to happen tonight and so the team

395

00:15:04,870 --> 00:15:03,040

expects a graveyard shift

396

00:15:06,230 --> 00:15:04,880

but stay tuned because later on the show

397

00:15:08,389 --> 00:15:06,240

we're going to come back and talk to

398

00:15:10,949 --> 00:15:08,399

some of the engineers and scientists

399

00:15:14,550 --> 00:15:10,959

and learn more about the mission so stay

400

00:15:18,470 --> 00:15:16,310

all right time to turn our attention to

401  
00:15:20,710 --> 00:15:18,480  
a critical component in the pre-launch

402  
00:15:22,629 --> 00:15:20,720  
operation and that's the weather it was

403  
00:15:25,110 --> 00:15:22,639  
a beautiful day today on the central

404  
00:15:27,030 --> 00:15:25,120  
coast of california and fortunately we

405  
00:15:28,949 --> 00:15:27,040  
also have a beautiful launch weather

406  
00:15:30,710 --> 00:15:28,959  
forecast so let's take a look at the

407  
00:15:33,189 --> 00:15:30,720  
satellite and you can see the clear

408  
00:15:34,629 --> 00:15:33,199  
areas we shift from day into night

409  
00:15:36,710 --> 00:15:34,639  
that's california in the center of

410  
00:15:38,310 --> 00:15:36,720  
course and that peninsula there that's

411  
00:15:40,710 --> 00:15:38,320  
where we're launching the rocket there

412  
00:15:42,389 --> 00:15:40,720  
are clouds to the north and to the west

413  
00:15:45,430 --> 00:15:42,399

but the area around the central part of

414

00:15:47,829 --> 00:15:45,440

the state where we are fairly clear with

415

00:15:50,389 --> 00:15:47,839

only some high cirrus clouds from a weak

416

00:15:52,550 --> 00:15:50,399

cold front that did move into the area

417

00:15:54,629 --> 00:15:52,560

and lower the temperatures here now the

418

00:15:56,629 --> 00:15:54,639

space launch delta 30 launch weather

419

00:15:59,110 --> 00:15:56,639

officer max rush says that this will

420

00:16:01,430 --> 00:15:59,120

bring elevated winds both on the ground

421

00:16:03,110 --> 00:16:01,440

and in the upper upper atmosphere so

422

00:16:05,590 --> 00:16:03,120

they are watching those closely but

423

00:16:09,189 --> 00:16:05,600

overall take a look at this launch day

424

00:16:12,870 --> 00:16:09,199

forecast it is nearly perfect 90 percent

425

00:16:15,590 --> 00:16:12,880

go the wind is 18 miles per hour that is

426

00:16:17,829 --> 00:16:15,600

the gust out of the north northwest

427

00:16:19,590 --> 00:16:17,839

temperature down to 48 degrees so it's a

428

00:16:22,550 --> 00:16:19,600

little chilly out there

429

00:16:24,470 --> 00:16:22,560

the concerns are winds and offshore

430

00:16:27,350 --> 00:16:24,480

clouds as you saw some of that cloud

431

00:16:29,269 --> 00:16:27,360

cover over the pacific now the space

432

00:16:31,189 --> 00:16:29,279

launch delta 30 weather team will be

433

00:16:34,150 --> 00:16:31,199

monitoring all of those winds and

434

00:16:35,990 --> 00:16:34,160

conditions as we move forward

435

00:16:37,990 --> 00:16:36,000

now the winds and the winds on the

436

00:16:40,230 --> 00:16:38,000

ground and the winds up in the upper

437

00:16:43,430 --> 00:16:40,240

levels of the atmosphere this is always

438

00:16:46,550 --> 00:16:43,440

being monitored by the space launch

439

00:16:47,990 --> 00:16:46,560

delta 30 team and to do that

440

00:16:50,150 --> 00:16:48,000

meteorologists will use a weather

441

00:16:52,710 --> 00:16:50,160

balloon and they invited us to watch and

442

00:16:55,189 --> 00:16:52,720

participate in that release that helps

443

00:16:57,290 --> 00:16:55,199

inform that launch weather forecast you

444

00:16:58,629 --> 00:16:57,300

just saw

445

00:17:01,350 --> 00:16:58,639

[Music]

446

00:17:02,949 --> 00:17:01,360

hey mike schmeiser daryl meteorologist

447

00:17:04,710 --> 00:17:02,959

with the space launch delta 30 good to

448

00:17:06,549 --> 00:17:04,720

see you again good to see you so what do

449

00:17:09,909 --> 00:17:06,559

you do here this is the nerve center for

450

00:17:11,669 --> 00:17:09,919

weather forecasting there's about 240

451  
00:17:13,590 --> 00:17:11,679  
sites just like this across the united

452  
00:17:14,789 --> 00:17:13,600  
states and every day

453  
00:17:17,110 --> 00:17:14,799  
twice a day

454  
00:17:18,949 --> 00:17:17,120  
all of those sites release a balloon

455  
00:17:20,949 --> 00:17:18,959  
so we're putting out the data for not

456  
00:17:23,429 --> 00:17:20,959  
only national weather service but also

457  
00:17:24,309 --> 00:17:23,439  
for our forecasters absolutely critical

458  
00:17:26,470 --> 00:17:24,319  
data

459  
00:17:28,309 --> 00:17:26,480  
can't do weather forecasting without it

460  
00:17:30,549 --> 00:17:28,319  
once you get the data then

461  
00:17:32,549 --> 00:17:30,559  
how do you look at it and study it so

462  
00:17:34,710 --> 00:17:32,559  
the data comes in 5000 foot blocks each

463  
00:17:35,510 --> 00:17:34,720

one of these dotted lines shows 5 000

464

00:17:37,029 --> 00:17:35,520

feet

465

00:17:38,630 --> 00:17:37,039

as it comes in it takes about five

466

00:17:40,789 --> 00:17:38,640

minutes for that data to come in and

467

00:17:41,750 --> 00:17:40,799

this is the wind speed and direction

468

00:17:43,270 --> 00:17:41,760

so i understand you're going to be

469

00:17:45,510 --> 00:17:43,280

releasing a balloon in just a few

470

00:17:46,950 --> 00:17:45,520

minutes yeah absolutely in fact i've

471

00:17:49,270 --> 00:17:46,960

talked to the guys out there and they

472

00:17:51,190 --> 00:17:49,280

said you're good to go to be the guy to

473

00:17:52,549 --> 00:17:51,200

release it you trust me with the weather

474

00:18:01,750 --> 00:17:52,559

blog i trust colonels with weather

475

00:18:06,760 --> 00:18:03,669

10 seconds i feel like the biggest hit

476

00:18:14,630 --> 00:18:12,830

[Music]

477

00:18:16,310 --> 00:18:14,640

perfect

478

00:18:18,870 --> 00:18:16,320

interesting fact about that blooney just

479

00:18:20,390 --> 00:18:18,880

released when it gets up to 100 000 feet

480

00:18:22,150 --> 00:18:20,400

it'll be about the size of a greyhound

481

00:18:23,990 --> 00:18:22,160

bus that's incredible

482

00:18:25,590 --> 00:18:24,000

wow well mike thank you so much for

483

00:18:30,549 --> 00:18:25,600

having us out here really enjoyed it i'm

484

00:18:34,070 --> 00:18:31,990

took me back to being a kid and just

485

00:18:36,230 --> 00:18:34,080

releasing a balloon into the air

486

00:18:38,230 --> 00:18:36,240

thank you to the 30th for doing that now

487

00:18:40,150 --> 00:18:38,240

most of the spacecraft nasa builds are

488

00:18:42,950 --> 00:18:40,160

intended to operate for many years or

489

00:18:45,590 --> 00:18:42,960

even decades but not the dark spacecraft

490

00:18:47,990 --> 00:18:45,600

it was built to be destroyed let's check

491

00:18:50,230 --> 00:18:48,000

in now with raquel villanueva just uh

492

00:18:52,070 --> 00:18:50,240

about five miles away from us at a

493

00:18:53,750 --> 00:18:52,080

launch viewing location with more and

494

00:18:57,510 --> 00:18:53,760

raquel looks like you got a little bit

495

00:18:59,350 --> 00:18:57,520

of a crowd behind you that's right daryl

496

00:19:01,350 --> 00:18:59,360

there is a crowd of about a couple

497

00:19:03,029 --> 00:19:01,360

hundred people behind me getting ready

498

00:19:05,510 --> 00:19:03,039

and braving the chilly temperatures to

499

00:19:08,710 --> 00:19:05,520

watch this launch and right next to me

500

00:19:10,870 --> 00:19:08,720

is dart deputy mechanical engineer lisa

501  
00:19:12,789 --> 00:19:10,880  
wu to talk about how the spacecraft was

502  
00:19:15,110 --> 00:19:12,799  
built thank you so much for joining us

503  
00:19:17,190 --> 00:19:15,120  
today course thank you for having me so

504  
00:19:19,590 --> 00:19:17,200  
explain to us how dart was built and

505  
00:19:22,230 --> 00:19:19,600  
tested and designed that is a great

506  
00:19:25,590 --> 00:19:22,240  
question so dart was built from the

507  
00:19:27,909 --> 00:19:25,600  
inside out we started with components on

508  
00:19:30,630 --> 00:19:27,919  
the inside including boxes such as our

509  
00:19:33,750 --> 00:19:30,640  
avionics that had the smart nav system

510  
00:19:35,029 --> 00:19:33,760  
our algorithm built by apl

511  
00:19:38,390 --> 00:19:35,039  
that's basically what's going to

512  
00:19:40,710 --> 00:19:38,400  
autonomously take us to the asteroid so

513  
00:19:42,549 --> 00:19:40,720

once we tested everything on the inside

514

00:19:44,390 --> 00:19:42,559

we closed up the box and we started

515

00:19:46,310 --> 00:19:44,400

doing everything on the outside so we

516

00:19:49,270 --> 00:19:46,320

installed and integrated our solar

517

00:19:52,390 --> 00:19:49,280

arrays our rosas

518

00:19:55,029 --> 00:19:52,400

as you will roll out solar arrays and

519

00:19:58,230 --> 00:19:55,039

then at that point afterwards

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00:20:00,070 --> 00:19:58,240

we put on our nexi engine which you can

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00:20:03,270 --> 00:20:00,080

see here in the video

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00:20:04,630 --> 00:20:03,280

uh that is our nexi ion thruster which

523

00:20:07,110 --> 00:20:04,640

is pretty cool

524

00:20:09,190 --> 00:20:07,120

we closed up the spacecraft with

525

00:20:10,710 --> 00:20:09,200

blankets to keep the spacecraft nice and

526  
00:20:12,549 --> 00:20:10,720  
warm and from there we had to take it

527  
00:20:15,190 --> 00:20:12,559  
through a series of very vigorous

528  
00:20:17,510 --> 00:20:15,200  
testing including vibration testing and

529  
00:20:19,430 --> 00:20:17,520  
thermal vacuum chamber testing all this

530  
00:20:21,750 --> 00:20:19,440  
was really cool one of our last things

531  
00:20:24,710 --> 00:20:21,760  
we installed was our lycha cube from our

532  
00:20:26,230 --> 00:20:24,720  
italian friends and then we put it in

533  
00:20:28,549 --> 00:20:26,240  
our shipping container and shipped it

534  
00:20:29,909 --> 00:20:28,559  
from maryland all the way out here to

535  
00:20:34,149 --> 00:20:29,919  
california

536  
00:20:35,990 --> 00:20:34,159  
right now it is on our rocket and we are

537  
00:20:37,990 --> 00:20:36,000  
ready to launch

538  
00:20:40,630 --> 00:20:38,000

and what was the biggest challenge the

539

00:20:42,470 --> 00:20:40,640

team faced when building the spacecraft

540

00:20:44,230 --> 00:20:42,480

you know i think the biggest challenge

541

00:20:46,549 --> 00:20:44,240

that we faced was definitely having to

542

00:20:49,909 --> 00:20:46,559

build a spacecraft under the constraints

543

00:20:51,750 --> 00:20:49,919

of a pandemic that was super difficult

544

00:20:54,390 --> 00:20:51,760

because building a spacecraft in itself

545

00:20:55,669 --> 00:20:54,400

is hard but with pandemic and all the

546

00:20:58,070 --> 00:20:55,679

restrictions

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00:21:03,190 --> 00:20:58,080

it was really hard but you know the team

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00:21:05,990 --> 00:21:03,200

adapted we did things very virtually we

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00:21:08,070 --> 00:21:06,000

did procedures online we did shift work

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00:21:10,230 --> 00:21:08,080

and in the end

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00:21:12,789 --> 00:21:10,240

the awesome team we had made a

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00:21:14,070 --> 00:21:12,799

spacecraft so hey that's why we're here

553

00:21:16,310 --> 00:21:14,080

today

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00:21:17,669 --> 00:21:16,320

it's great to see you here now and i

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00:21:20,149 --> 00:21:17,679

just like to thank you for your time

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00:21:22,710 --> 00:21:20,159

today lisa and i will send it back to

557

00:21:23,590 --> 00:21:22,720

daryl kell and lisa thank you both so

558

00:21:25,750 --> 00:21:23,600

much

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00:21:28,310 --> 00:21:25,760

dart will take flight on a pre-flown

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00:21:30,789 --> 00:21:28,320

spacex falcon 9 rocket from space launch

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00:21:33,510 --> 00:21:30,799

complex 4 here at the vanderberg space

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00:21:35,510 --> 00:21:33,520

force base but once again this pre-flown

563

00:21:38,070 --> 00:21:35,520

booster will make another return from

564

00:21:41,029 --> 00:21:38,080

space for more on that here's spacex

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00:21:43,909 --> 00:21:41,039

engineer jesse anderson

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00:21:46,149 --> 00:21:43,919

it was almost exactly a year ago when

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00:21:48,390 --> 00:21:46,159

the falcon 9 booster set to carry nasa's

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00:21:51,590 --> 00:21:48,400

dart mission first took place

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00:21:53,830 --> 00:21:51,600

on november 21st 2020 at 9 17 a.m

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00:21:55,750 --> 00:21:53,840

pacific time falcon 9 lifted off from

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00:21:57,990 --> 00:21:55,760

vandenberg space force base here in

572

00:22:00,149 --> 00:21:58,000

california carrying the sentinel 6

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00:22:01,669 --> 00:22:00,159

michael frelick mission for nasa to its

574

00:22:03,270 --> 00:22:01,679

targeted orbit

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00:22:05,270 --> 00:22:03,280

following that launch the falcon 9

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00:22:07,350 --> 00:22:05,280

booster returned to earth for a land

577

00:22:09,029 --> 00:22:07,360

landing on the pad just adjacent to

578

00:22:10,549 --> 00:22:09,039

where it had lifted off from roughly

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00:22:12,710 --> 00:22:10,559

eight minutes earlier

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00:22:14,549 --> 00:22:12,720

the same booster recently flew a

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00:22:16,950 --> 00:22:14,559

starlink mission in may of this year

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00:22:19,190 --> 00:22:16,960

from our space launch complex 40 pad out

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00:22:20,789 --> 00:22:19,200

in cape canaveral florida landing back

584

00:22:23,110 --> 00:22:20,799

on our drone ship just read the

585

00:22:24,870 --> 00:22:23,120

instructions in the atlantic ocean now

586

00:22:27,110 --> 00:22:24,880

today this booster will make its third

587

00:22:29,830 --> 00:22:27,120

flight from the pad where it all started

588

00:22:31,430 --> 00:22:29,840

with the launch of nasa's dart mission

589

00:22:33,830 --> 00:22:31,440

roughly two and a half minutes after

590

00:22:35,909 --> 00:22:33,840

liftoff today the falcon 9 first and

591

00:22:37,590 --> 00:22:35,919

second stages will separate and the

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00:22:39,590 --> 00:22:37,600

second stage will ignite its single

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00:22:41,350 --> 00:22:39,600

merlin vacuum engine to carry the dart

594

00:22:43,669 --> 00:22:41,360

spacecraft to an interplanetary

595

00:22:46,149 --> 00:22:43,679

trajectory the dart spacecraft will

596

00:22:47,830 --> 00:22:46,159

separate approximately 56 minutes into

597

00:22:50,630 --> 00:22:47,840

flight and spend the

598

00:22:51,909 --> 00:22:50,640

next 11 months cruising to its intended

599

00:22:53,510 --> 00:22:51,919

destination

600

00:22:55,190 --> 00:22:53,520

following stage separation the first

601  
00:22:57,270 --> 00:22:55,200  
stage will make its way back to our

602  
00:22:59,190 --> 00:22:57,280  
autonomous spaceport drone ship called

603  
00:23:00,789 --> 00:22:59,200  
of course i still love you which is

604  
00:23:02,070 --> 00:23:00,799  
currently stationed off the coast of

605  
00:23:04,070 --> 00:23:02,080  
california

606  
00:23:05,990 --> 00:23:04,080  
now keep in mind it can be tricky to

607  
00:23:08,470 --> 00:23:06,000  
maintain the video feed as the booster

608  
00:23:10,950 --> 00:23:08,480  
makes its way back to earth but fingers

609  
00:23:13,590 --> 00:23:10,960  
crossed will get some great views as it

610  
00:23:15,669 --> 00:23:13,600  
completes its third trip to space

611  
00:23:17,590 --> 00:23:15,679  
that's it from us here in hawthorne now

612  
00:23:19,270 --> 00:23:17,600  
back to you in vandenber

613  
00:23:20,870 --> 00:23:19,280

all right thank you very much jesse and

614

00:23:22,950 --> 00:23:20,880

now time to check back in with the

615

00:23:24,470 --> 00:23:22,960

launch team at the mission director's

616

00:23:26,870 --> 00:23:24,480

center to see how the countdown is

617

00:23:28,549 --> 00:23:26,880

progressing maria denton that booster

618

00:23:30,789 --> 00:23:28,559

looks very familiar i was out here a

619

00:23:33,590 --> 00:23:30,799

year ago and it looks great on the pad

620

00:23:35,510 --> 00:23:33,600

though you can tell it's been to space

621

00:23:37,669 --> 00:23:35,520

yeah you sure can and and that's what we

622

00:23:40,470 --> 00:23:37,679

like to see um you know the

623

00:23:41,909 --> 00:23:40,480

the reuse is is so exciting um and

624

00:23:43,350 --> 00:23:41,919

denton i know you talked about this

625

00:23:45,830 --> 00:23:43,360

already being a first for the launch

626  
00:23:47,909 --> 00:23:45,840  
services program uh but you really were

627  
00:23:51,430 --> 00:23:47,919  
able to get a lot of insight from the

628  
00:23:53,110 --> 00:23:51,440  
reuse that you saw with cargo missions

629  
00:23:56,070 --> 00:23:53,120  
and the commercial crew missions for

630  
00:23:57,669 --> 00:23:56,080  
nasa and so uh just building upon that

631  
00:23:59,590 --> 00:23:57,679  
and it's really great to see there's a

632  
00:24:01,669 --> 00:23:59,600  
live look again at the pad and now we

633  
00:24:03,990 --> 00:24:01,679  
can see the liquid oxygen venting off

634  
00:24:06,789 --> 00:24:04,000  
the side of the falcon 9 rocket uh

635  
00:24:07,990 --> 00:24:06,799  
fueling began about nine minutes ago and

636  
00:24:10,149 --> 00:24:08,000  
uh so

637  
00:24:11,750 --> 00:24:10,159  
the count has been uh really quiet these

638  
00:24:13,110 --> 00:24:11,760

last few minutes and that's a good thing

639

00:24:14,630 --> 00:24:13,120

yeah absolutely i mean that's what you

640

00:24:16,549 --> 00:24:14,640

want you want an uneventful account that

641

00:24:19,430 --> 00:24:16,559

means everything is going well we're

642

00:24:20,789 --> 00:24:19,440

moving along in account progressing

643

00:24:22,549 --> 00:24:20,799

and being where actually we're supposed

644

00:24:24,390 --> 00:24:22,559

to be at this point in time so

645

00:24:25,350 --> 00:24:24,400

that's what we want to hear

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00:24:32,149 --> 00:24:25,360

and

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00:24:33,590 --> 00:24:32,159

seconds p.m pacific time so if you are

648

00:24:36,390 --> 00:24:33,600

watching from the east coast it's going

649

00:24:37,430 --> 00:24:36,400

to be uh already early uh the next

650

00:24:39,909 --> 00:24:37,440

morning

651  
00:24:43,029 --> 00:24:39,919  
and uh there's a special reason why

652  
00:24:44,710 --> 00:24:43,039  
spacex fuels this close to liftoff yeah

653  
00:24:47,110 --> 00:24:44,720  
and that's because they use densified

654  
00:24:49,110 --> 00:24:47,120  
repellents which are very very cold

655  
00:24:51,269 --> 00:24:49,120  
and so they feel this close because they

656  
00:24:52,789 --> 00:24:51,279  
don't want it to warm up too much um and

657  
00:24:54,870 --> 00:24:52,799  
you want to keep it down in those really

658  
00:24:56,630 --> 00:24:54,880  
cool cryogenic temperatures prior to

659  
00:24:57,909 --> 00:24:56,640  
lift off and spacex has gotten very good

660  
00:24:59,350 --> 00:24:57,919  
at that at

661  
00:25:01,430 --> 00:24:59,360  
fueling this late in the game they're

662  
00:25:03,110 --> 00:25:01,440  
very efficient at it and

663  
00:25:04,630 --> 00:25:03,120

it's just normal part of the process at

664

00:25:06,950 --> 00:25:04,640

this point all right so we're going to

665

00:25:09,029 --> 00:25:06,960

continue to keep an ear on things uh

666

00:25:11,909 --> 00:25:09,039

next thing we'll be listening for is the

667

00:25:13,430 --> 00:25:11,919

space x launch conductor poll at t minus

668

00:25:15,750 --> 00:25:13,440

four minutes that's the next milestone

669

00:25:16,950 --> 00:25:15,760

you see on that progress bar on the

670

00:25:18,950 --> 00:25:16,960

bottom of your screen so we'll be

671

00:25:20,630 --> 00:25:18,960

listening in for that and for now we're

672

00:25:22,149 --> 00:25:20,640

going to toss it back over to daryl and

673

00:25:23,830 --> 00:25:22,159

kelly all right thank you very much

674

00:25:26,149 --> 00:25:23,840

marie and denton and now we want to get

675

00:25:27,830 --> 00:25:26,159

back to the science of this mission and

676  
00:25:29,510 --> 00:25:27,840  
talk a little bit about the what if

677  
00:25:31,269 --> 00:25:29,520  
kelly you know um

678  
00:25:32,630 --> 00:25:31,279  
this is a big deal a lot of people

679  
00:25:34,630 --> 00:25:32,640  
probably haven't heard of this like oh

680  
00:25:37,430 --> 00:25:34,640  
wait a second should i be worried about

681  
00:25:39,029 --> 00:25:37,440  
you know asteroids now but um it really

682  
00:25:41,110 --> 00:25:39,039  
comes down to all the documenting and

683  
00:25:43,909 --> 00:25:41,120  
cataloging that you guys are doing so

684  
00:25:45,909 --> 00:25:43,919  
how many asteroids uh are out there

685  
00:25:47,750 --> 00:25:45,919  
right well nasa funded telescopes are

686  
00:25:50,789 --> 00:25:47,760  
responsible for most of the nearest

687  
00:25:53,029 --> 00:25:50,799  
asteroid discoveries which now number

688  
00:25:55,110 --> 00:25:53,039

twenty seven thousand five hundred

689

00:25:56,870 --> 00:25:55,120

thirty two according to the center for

690

00:25:58,390 --> 00:25:56,880

near earth object studies website that's

691

00:26:00,870 --> 00:25:58,400

right well and that's an up-to-date

692

00:26:02,549 --> 00:26:00,880

number it is so what about the asteroids

693

00:26:04,230 --> 00:26:02,559

that we don't know about

694

00:26:07,110 --> 00:26:04,240

well that's the thing of the

695

00:26:09,830 --> 00:26:07,120

the subset that are a larger size that

696

00:26:11,990 --> 00:26:09,840

could really do damage that the earth's

697

00:26:14,549 --> 00:26:12,000

atmosphere doesn't protect us from uh

698

00:26:17,350 --> 00:26:14,559

that larger population we've probably

699

00:26:19,350 --> 00:26:17,360

found about 40 percent of those only 40

700

00:26:21,750 --> 00:26:19,360

percent which means there's a lot more

701  
00:26:24,149 --> 00:26:21,760  
out there so we keep searching okay well

702  
00:26:25,590 --> 00:26:24,159  
we get keep our eyes to the skies and

703  
00:26:28,549 --> 00:26:25,600  
eventually get a telescope up there

704  
00:26:30,470 --> 00:26:28,559  
right to look at this right nasa funds

705  
00:26:31,990 --> 00:26:30,480  
these ground-based telescopes that uh

706  
00:26:33,750 --> 00:26:32,000  
search for near earth asteroids and

707  
00:26:35,590 --> 00:26:33,760  
they're doing a fabulous job but it is

708  
00:26:38,230 --> 00:26:35,600  
also developing the near-earth object

709  
00:26:40,870 --> 00:26:38,240  
surveyor mission uh which will be a

710  
00:26:44,149 --> 00:26:40,880  
space-based infrared telescope really

711  
00:26:46,710 --> 00:26:44,159  
designed to do this type of survey work

712  
00:26:49,430 --> 00:26:46,720  
and accelerate the rate of discoveries

713  
00:26:51,029 --> 00:26:49,440

of narrow pathways space based telescope

714

00:26:52,310 --> 00:26:51,039

specifically purpose for looking for

715

00:26:54,070 --> 00:26:52,320

asteroids looking forward to that

716

00:26:55,909 --> 00:26:54,080

mission and so what if there wasn't

717

00:26:58,149 --> 00:26:55,919

enough time though to knock it off

718

00:27:00,310 --> 00:26:58,159

course well earlier nasa's raquel

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00:27:01,990 --> 00:27:00,320

villanueva talked to two key people

720

00:27:05,830 --> 00:27:02,000

about how fema

721

00:27:07,430 --> 00:27:05,840

and nasa are working together on this

722

00:27:09,909 --> 00:27:07,440

there's currently no threat of an

723

00:27:11,669 --> 00:27:09,919

asteroid or comet heading toward earth

724

00:27:14,310 --> 00:27:11,679

there is plenty of work being done to

725

00:27:16,710 --> 00:27:14,320

prepare for a potential threat

726

00:27:19,029 --> 00:27:16,720

i'm here today with nasa planetary

727

00:27:21,669 --> 00:27:19,039

defense officer lynley johnson and

728

00:27:23,269 --> 00:27:21,679

leviticus lewis with fema to talk about

729

00:27:25,190 --> 00:27:23,279

some of the measures being taken

730

00:27:27,110 --> 00:27:25,200

leviticus lindley thank you for joining

731

00:27:28,230 --> 00:27:27,120

us today glad to be here yeah you're

732

00:27:31,350 --> 00:27:28,240

welcome

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00:27:34,310 --> 00:27:31,360

now how do your agencies work together

734

00:27:36,710 --> 00:27:34,320

when it comes to planetary defense well

735

00:27:39,029 --> 00:27:36,720

we at nasa are tasked with

736

00:27:40,950 --> 00:27:39,039

trying to find any impact threat that

737

00:27:43,750 --> 00:27:40,960

might be out there any asteroid or comet

738

00:27:45,430 --> 00:27:43,760

that close close enough to earth

739

00:27:46,549 --> 00:27:45,440

that it could impact us

740

00:27:51,430 --> 00:27:46,559

and

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00:27:53,990 --> 00:27:51,440

that impact might occur so that we can

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00:27:55,669 --> 00:27:54,000

inform the emergency response community

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00:27:58,389 --> 00:27:55,679

if we don't have enough time to do

744

00:28:01,029 --> 00:27:58,399

something about it in space fema is the

745

00:28:03,590 --> 00:28:01,039

federal interagency coordinator and also

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00:28:05,430 --> 00:28:03,600

an all hazards organization so planetary

747

00:28:07,029 --> 00:28:05,440

defense is just one more thing on our

748

00:28:09,430 --> 00:28:07,039

list of hazards that we should be

749

00:28:10,950 --> 00:28:09,440

prepared for one of the many emergencies

750

00:28:13,750 --> 00:28:10,960

now lindley

751  
00:28:15,590 --> 00:28:13,760  
if there were to be a asteroid that

752  
00:28:17,909 --> 00:28:15,600  
posed a threat to earth

753  
00:28:19,190 --> 00:28:17,919  
what is being done to discover and track

754  
00:28:21,110 --> 00:28:19,200  
this

755  
00:28:22,789 --> 00:28:21,120  
well nasa and the planetary defense

756  
00:28:24,230 --> 00:28:22,799  
coordination office

757  
00:28:25,909 --> 00:28:24,240  
sponsors

758  
00:28:28,549 --> 00:28:25,919  
projects around the country at

759  
00:28:31,190 --> 00:28:28,559  
observatories and and universities space

760  
00:28:32,789 --> 00:28:31,200  
institutes that are searching the skies

761  
00:28:35,190 --> 00:28:32,799  
every night to

762  
00:28:37,350 --> 00:28:35,200  
find any asteroid or comet

763  
00:28:39,830 --> 00:28:37,360

that could be an impact threat to the

764

00:28:41,830 --> 00:28:39,840

earth in the future we want to find them

765

00:28:44,149 --> 00:28:41,840

far enough in the future that we have a

766

00:28:46,310 --> 00:28:44,159

chance to do something about them like

767

00:28:47,190 --> 00:28:46,320

use dart to deflect them

768

00:28:49,990 --> 00:28:47,200

off

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00:28:52,230 --> 00:28:50,000

of that impact trajectory but if the

770

00:28:53,029 --> 00:28:52,240

time is short and we're not able to do

771

00:28:53,830 --> 00:28:53,039

that

772

00:28:55,590 --> 00:28:53,840

then

773

00:28:57,350 --> 00:28:55,600

an asteroid impact is just like any

774

00:28:59,190 --> 00:28:57,360

other natural disaster and so the

775

00:29:01,350 --> 00:28:59,200

emergency response community needs to

776

00:29:02,630 --> 00:29:01,360

know when and where and what the effects

777

00:29:04,870 --> 00:29:02,640

could be

778

00:29:08,789 --> 00:29:04,880

and if an asteroid posed a significant

779

00:29:10,070 --> 00:29:08,799

threat what steps would be taken next

780

00:29:12,950 --> 00:29:10,080

well uh

781

00:29:15,590 --> 00:29:12,960

we collect uh as much information as we

782

00:29:17,350 --> 00:29:15,600

can about the asteroid through the

783

00:29:19,830 --> 00:29:17,360

remote observing and determining the

784

00:29:21,269 --> 00:29:19,840

composition and size uh it might be

785

00:29:23,350 --> 00:29:21,279

small enough that earth's atmosphere

786

00:29:24,870 --> 00:29:23,360

would disintegrate it but if not then

787

00:29:26,870 --> 00:29:24,880

there could be

788

00:29:28,870 --> 00:29:26,880

damage at the surface we want to be able

789

00:29:31,430 --> 00:29:28,880

to appraise the emergency response

790

00:29:34,070 --> 00:29:31,440

community how extensive those effects

791

00:29:36,389 --> 00:29:34,080

might be what kind of area

792

00:29:39,510 --> 00:29:36,399

might be impacted

793

00:29:40,389 --> 00:29:39,520

by by this natural disaster

794

00:29:43,110 --> 00:29:40,399

and

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00:29:45,110 --> 00:29:43,120

leviticus how would fema work with nasa

796

00:29:46,789 --> 00:29:45,120

if this type of scenario were to happen

797

00:29:48,070 --> 00:29:46,799

so we're not going to be changing our

798

00:29:49,830 --> 00:29:48,080

procedures

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00:29:51,430 --> 00:29:49,840

exactly but we want to make sure we

800

00:29:54,070 --> 00:29:51,440

account for the differences and the

801  
00:29:56,230 --> 00:29:54,080  
science and in this particular scenario

802  
00:29:59,190 --> 00:29:56,240  
so it'll be another emergency added to

803  
00:30:01,269 --> 00:29:59,200  
the list of things we handle every day

804  
00:30:02,950 --> 00:30:01,279  
leviticus lindy thank you so much for

805  
00:30:04,950 --> 00:30:02,960  
your time uh you're quite well you're

806  
00:30:06,389 --> 00:30:04,960  
welcome

807  
00:30:08,470 --> 00:30:06,399  
all right dart is the first time we've

808  
00:30:10,950 --> 00:30:08,480  
ever used a spacecraft as a kinetic

809  
00:30:12,710 --> 00:30:10,960  
impactor into an asteroid so we asked

810  
00:30:15,110 --> 00:30:12,720  
the astronauts on board the space

811  
00:30:17,830 --> 00:30:15,120  
station to demonstrate what a kinetic

812  
00:30:19,990 --> 00:30:17,840  
impact looks like in space

813  
00:30:22,549 --> 00:30:20,000

hi everyone i'm thomas k and i'm with my

814

00:30:24,789 --> 00:30:22,559

favorite astronaut shane kimbrough uh up

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00:30:27,269 --> 00:30:24,799

here on the space station uh today we're

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00:30:29,669 --> 00:30:27,279

gonna talk about a very cool new nasa

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00:30:31,750 --> 00:30:29,679

mission is called dart can you tell us

818

00:30:34,710 --> 00:30:31,760

and tell me a little bit more about what

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00:30:37,669 --> 00:30:34,720

is nasa's dart mission

820

00:30:40,070 --> 00:30:37,679

okay yeah so dart is nasa's first

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00:30:42,389 --> 00:30:40,080

planetary defense test

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00:30:44,149 --> 00:30:42,399

um so we're gonna we're gonna try to do

823

00:30:45,909 --> 00:30:44,159

something we've never done before uh

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00:30:47,350 --> 00:30:45,919

with the spacecraft and the now the

825

00:30:49,190 --> 00:30:47,360

purpose of this spacecraft in this

826

00:30:51,909 --> 00:30:49,200

mission it has one purpose that's to

827

00:30:53,669 --> 00:30:51,919

crash itself into an asteroid and try to

828

00:30:54,789 --> 00:30:53,679

redirect it or try to move it into a

829

00:30:56,310 --> 00:30:54,799

different orbit

830

00:30:57,190 --> 00:30:56,320

so today shane

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00:30:59,269 --> 00:30:57,200

uh

832

00:31:01,669 --> 00:30:59,279

we're gonna demonstrate

833

00:31:03,430 --> 00:31:01,679

some of those principles that you laid

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00:31:05,590 --> 00:31:03,440

out before

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00:31:06,950 --> 00:31:05,600

but can you tell us exactly how we're

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00:31:08,549 --> 00:31:06,960

going to do that

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00:31:11,430 --> 00:31:08,559

we're going to try to demonstrate this

838

00:31:13,669 --> 00:31:11,440

this asteroid kinetic deflection method

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00:31:15,590 --> 00:31:13,679

which is really the moment that that

840

00:31:16,710 --> 00:31:15,600

that spacecraft crashes into the

841

00:31:18,789 --> 00:31:16,720

asteroid

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00:31:20,389 --> 00:31:18,799

so here we go shane is going to be the

843

00:31:21,909 --> 00:31:20,399

asteroid

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00:31:23,990 --> 00:31:21,919

and i'm going to be the nasa dart

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00:31:26,870 --> 00:31:24,000

mission i'm going to try to throw this

846

00:31:29,509 --> 00:31:26,880

ctb and we look at the effect of that

847

00:31:32,380 --> 00:31:29,519

mass coming at him in the kinetic energy

848

00:31:34,389 --> 00:31:32,390

transfer shane will be perfectly stable

849

00:31:46,470 --> 00:31:34,399

[Music]

850

00:31:50,950 --> 00:31:49,040

i've redirected shane successfully

851  
00:31:53,830 --> 00:31:50,960

[Music]

852  
00:31:57,750 --> 00:31:56,230

a while ago we we got out the door and

853  
00:31:59,590 --> 00:31:57,760

we got some new solar arrays here on

854  
00:32:01,509 --> 00:31:59,600

space station and so the same technology

855  
00:32:03,269 --> 00:32:01,519

we have here now on the space station is

856  
00:32:05,509 --> 00:32:03,279

going to be used to power the dart

857  
00:32:08,070 --> 00:32:05,519

mission on its way to this asteroid

858  
00:32:09,269 --> 00:32:08,080

irosa um in case you didn't know but you

859  
00:32:11,669 --> 00:32:09,279

knew

860  
00:32:13,269 --> 00:32:11,679

it stands for iss rollout solar arrays

861  
00:32:15,430 --> 00:32:13,279

so we got a chance to go outside and

862  
00:32:18,149 --> 00:32:15,440

install the very first two

863  
00:32:20,149 --> 00:32:18,159

of these new irosas or roll out solar

864

00:32:22,549 --> 00:32:20,159

arrays on the very end of the space

865

00:32:23,990 --> 00:32:22,559

station out on the port side

866

00:32:26,070 --> 00:32:24,000

these are different because for one

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00:32:28,149 --> 00:32:26,080

they're much lighter and smaller they're

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00:32:29,990 --> 00:32:28,159

to me they look very fragile when we

869

00:32:31,430 --> 00:32:30,000

were picking them up and moving them but

870

00:32:33,509 --> 00:32:31,440

they're rolled up so they when they

871

00:32:35,110 --> 00:32:33,519

launch they're kind of rolled up into a

872

00:32:37,430 --> 00:32:35,120

compact cylinder

873

00:32:39,750 --> 00:32:37,440

which is great for launch conditions um

874

00:32:41,990 --> 00:32:39,760

and then once they get up on the space

875

00:32:43,350 --> 00:32:42,000

station or in space for a satellite or

876

00:32:45,909 --> 00:32:43,360

something they can then roll these

877

00:32:47,750 --> 00:32:45,919

things out to be useful and so the same

878

00:32:49,909 --> 00:32:47,760

technology we have here now on the space

879

00:32:52,630 --> 00:32:49,919

station is going to be used to power the

880

00:32:53,320 --> 00:32:52,640

dart mission on its way to crashing into

881

00:32:55,509 --> 00:32:53,330

an asteroid

882

00:32:56,870 --> 00:32:55,519

[Music]

883

00:32:58,549 --> 00:32:56,880

so that was pretty fun early in the

884

00:32:59,990 --> 00:32:58,559

piece watching shane get knocked into

885

00:33:02,230 --> 00:33:00,000

the side of the international space

886

00:33:05,190 --> 00:33:02,240

station but is that how kinetic impact

887

00:33:07,029 --> 00:33:05,200

will work on an asteroid that's in orbit

888

00:33:09,190 --> 00:33:07,039

well the nice thing is the laws of

889

00:33:10,789 --> 00:33:09,200

physics are the same in deep space as

890

00:33:14,310 --> 00:33:10,799

they are on the international space

891

00:33:15,669 --> 00:33:14,320

station uh the asteroid dimorphous might

892

00:33:18,310 --> 00:33:15,679

react a little differently from

893

00:33:20,310 --> 00:33:18,320

astronaut shane because uh in addition

894

00:33:22,149 --> 00:33:20,320

to being impacted uh you know by

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00:33:23,590 --> 00:33:22,159

something uh there might be material

896

00:33:25,269 --> 00:33:23,600

thrown off from the surface that will

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00:33:27,509 --> 00:33:25,279

affect that motion too so be a little

898

00:33:29,509 --> 00:33:27,519

different but again it's all physics i

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00:33:31,190 --> 00:33:29,519

love it okay well a lot of careful

900

00:33:33,509 --> 00:33:31,200

consideration went into choosing the

901  
00:33:35,669 --> 00:33:33,519  
right asteroid to test the effectiveness

902  
00:33:37,590 --> 00:33:35,679  
of a kinetic impact with the dart

903  
00:33:40,230 --> 00:33:37,600  
spacecraft so let's go back to the

904  
00:33:42,389 --> 00:33:40,240  
spacecraft mission operations center in

905  
00:33:43,909 --> 00:33:42,399  
maryland where samson rainey is with one

906  
00:33:45,110 --> 00:33:43,919  
of the scientists who helped choose the

907  
00:33:47,029 --> 00:33:45,120  
asteroid

908  
00:33:49,190 --> 00:33:47,039  
but first sampson has the latest from

909  
00:33:53,190 --> 00:33:49,200  
the dart spacecraft team as they prepare

910  
00:33:57,590 --> 00:33:55,350  
hi daryl welcome back to the mock so

911  
00:33:59,669 --> 00:33:57,600  
right now the team continues to simply

912  
00:34:02,870 --> 00:33:59,679  
monitor all their subsystems to make

913  
00:34:04,549 --> 00:34:02,880

sure they are um continue to be a go for

914

00:34:07,190 --> 00:34:04,559

launch and as you remember what i said

915

00:34:09,109 --> 00:34:07,200

earlier about uneventful

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00:34:11,030 --> 00:34:09,119

equaling good well that's exactly what

917

00:34:13,190 --> 00:34:11,040

we want to continue in its final

918

00:34:14,950 --> 00:34:13,200

countdown to launch

919

00:34:17,589 --> 00:34:14,960

but of course we're only seeing the tail

920

00:34:19,829 --> 00:34:17,599

end of what has been a lot of work to

921

00:34:21,829 --> 00:34:19,839

get to this point tonight throughout the

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00:34:24,710 --> 00:34:21,839

year the team era has been rehearsing

923

00:34:27,430 --> 00:34:24,720

for what are called anomalies which are

924

00:34:30,389 --> 00:34:27,440

instances where a problem arises so say

925

00:34:33,030 --> 00:34:30,399

a ground-based antenna goes down

926  
00:34:35,750 --> 00:34:33,040  
while the team has spent a lot of time

927  
00:34:38,230 --> 00:34:35,760  
flexing its responsive muscles

928  
00:34:39,829 --> 00:34:38,240  
to that in other scenarios

929  
00:34:42,710 --> 00:34:39,839  
these rehearsals were happening as

930  
00:34:44,470 --> 00:34:42,720  
recently as a few days ago

931  
00:34:46,629 --> 00:34:44,480  
to give the team an upper hand to tackle

932  
00:34:49,190 --> 00:34:46,639  
any challenges that may come its way so

933  
00:34:52,230 --> 00:34:49,200  
i just wanted to pay homage to all the

934  
00:34:54,470 --> 00:34:52,240  
engineers and technical experts that

935  
00:34:56,389 --> 00:34:54,480  
have been working hard to get us to the

936  
00:34:59,270 --> 00:34:56,399  
main event which we all know is impact

937  
00:35:00,630 --> 00:34:59,280  
with demorphos that said i want to

938  
00:35:02,870 --> 00:35:00,640

switch gears a little bit and talk about

939

00:35:04,870 --> 00:35:02,880

the science behind the mission and here

940

00:35:06,790 --> 00:35:04,880

to talk with me is

941

00:35:09,109 --> 00:35:06,800

probably the best person for the job is

942

00:35:11,829 --> 00:35:09,119

andy chang which is darts

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00:35:13,910 --> 00:35:11,839

investigation team lead andy why don't

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00:35:17,510 --> 00:35:13,920

you tell us about our target asteroid

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00:35:20,310 --> 00:35:17,520

and why we chose it yeah start is the

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00:35:22,310 --> 00:35:20,320

double asteroid redirection test

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00:35:23,910 --> 00:35:22,320

and it's a test of a kinetic impactor a

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00:35:26,950 --> 00:35:23,920

double asteroid that looks like this

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00:35:29,829 --> 00:35:26,960

model and what it is it's two asteroids

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00:35:33,829 --> 00:35:29,839

in orbit around each other and dart will

951  
00:35:35,750 --> 00:35:33,839  
come and hit the moon of this system and

952  
00:35:37,750 --> 00:35:35,760  
change the orbit of the moon around its

953  
00:35:40,230 --> 00:35:37,760  
primary

954  
00:35:42,870 --> 00:35:40,240  
and it will do that because

955  
00:35:45,109 --> 00:35:42,880  
we can measure the change in this orbit

956  
00:35:48,069 --> 00:35:45,119  
with ground-based telescopes and that

957  
00:35:49,589 --> 00:35:48,079  
works like as follows when the two orbit

958  
00:35:51,589 --> 00:35:49,599  
in during the course of the orbit the

959  
00:35:54,230 --> 00:35:51,599  
two objects move in front of and behind

960  
00:35:55,750 --> 00:35:54,240  
each other and each time that happens

961  
00:35:58,790 --> 00:35:55,760  
the amount of light that you see from

962  
00:36:01,030 --> 00:35:58,800  
the system makes a dip and so we time

963  
00:36:03,990 --> 00:36:01,040

these dips in the light very precisely

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00:36:06,069 --> 00:36:04,000

to measure the orbit period

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00:36:08,790 --> 00:36:06,079

great well thanks andy i heard you

966

00:36:11,270 --> 00:36:08,800

dreamt this up in your basement

967

00:36:13,030 --> 00:36:11,280

and you know two weeks ago i conquered a

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00:36:14,550 --> 00:36:13,040

video game and i feel like we're on you

969

00:36:15,990 --> 00:36:14,560

know equal footing now so what do you

970

00:36:17,670 --> 00:36:16,000

think about that

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00:36:19,190 --> 00:36:17,680

well

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00:36:21,190 --> 00:36:19,200

i don't know how it feels to conquer

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00:36:21,910 --> 00:36:21,200

video game i've rarely been able to do

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00:36:26,150 --> 00:36:21,920

that

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00:36:27,109 --> 00:36:26,160

big as you know thinking of this mission

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00:36:30,390 --> 00:36:27,119

so

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00:36:32,550 --> 00:36:30,400

back to you daryl thanks

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00:36:34,870 --> 00:36:32,560

all right thank you both dart is one of

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00:36:37,750 --> 00:36:34,880

a handful of asteroid missions launching

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00:36:39,430 --> 00:36:37,760

this year and next to explore asteroids

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00:36:42,390 --> 00:36:39,440

let's go back to our launch viewing

982

00:36:45,030 --> 00:36:42,400

location and join raquel villanueva who

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00:36:46,790 --> 00:36:45,040

is with a special guest and i guess the

984

00:36:48,550 --> 00:36:46,800

crowds out there have grown a little bit

985

00:36:50,710 --> 00:36:48,560

raquel

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00:36:52,310 --> 00:36:50,720

yeah that's right daryl the crowd is

987

00:36:54,069 --> 00:36:52,320

growing and you can hear the excitement

988

00:36:57,190 --> 00:36:54,079

building behind me as they get ready for

989

00:36:59,109 --> 00:36:57,200

launch and joining me now is nasa

990

00:37:01,430 --> 00:36:59,119

science associate administrator thomas

991

00:37:03,510 --> 00:37:01,440

zurbukin to talk about what darp means

992

00:37:05,510 --> 00:37:03,520

to the agency thank you for so much for

993

00:37:07,589 --> 00:37:05,520

joining us today good to be here

994

00:37:11,270 --> 00:37:07,599

good to be here exciting now can you

995

00:37:14,069 --> 00:37:11,280

tell us about dart as a nasa's first

996

00:37:15,750 --> 00:37:14,079

planetary defense test mission and how

997

00:37:16,950 --> 00:37:15,760

this mission will change how we explore

998

00:37:18,870 --> 00:37:16,960

space

999

00:37:21,589 --> 00:37:18,880

so first of all everybody should be sure

1000

00:37:24,069 --> 00:37:21,599

to know that this is not the first

1001  
00:37:26,550 --> 00:37:24,079  
not only the the first and only mission

1002  
00:37:28,069 --> 00:37:26,560  
but really the first of many missions

1003  
00:37:30,069 --> 00:37:28,079  
that we're gonna do in binary defense

1004  
00:37:32,950 --> 00:37:30,079  
the second one we're already working on

1005  
00:37:34,790 --> 00:37:32,960  
which is to find the other sixty percent

1006  
00:37:36,710 --> 00:37:34,800  
of threatening bodies what's also

1007  
00:37:39,030 --> 00:37:36,720  
exciting though is that this mission

1008  
00:37:42,069 --> 00:37:39,040  
carries technologies we're going to use

1009  
00:37:44,790 --> 00:37:42,079  
for exploration of the outer solar

1010  
00:37:47,190 --> 00:37:44,800  
system perhaps sample returns to comets

1011  
00:37:49,510 --> 00:37:47,200  
asteroids or visiting the moons out

1012  
00:37:50,870 --> 00:37:49,520  
there the amazing worlds that are there

1013  
00:37:53,670 --> 00:37:50,880

and that kind of brings me to our second

1014

00:37:55,990 --> 00:37:53,680

question how is dart different from

1015

00:37:58,790 --> 00:37:56,000

other nasa asteroid missions like lucy

1016

00:38:00,630 --> 00:37:58,800

or osiris-rex so first and foremost

1017

00:38:03,109 --> 00:38:00,640

we're not crashing those

1018

00:38:05,510 --> 00:38:03,119

at all and certainly not intensely and

1019

00:38:08,870 --> 00:38:05,520

and actually no chance of that look the

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00:38:11,349 --> 00:38:08,880

other asteroid missions are all about

1021

00:38:13,589 --> 00:38:11,359

learning from these asteroids about our

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00:38:15,589 --> 00:38:13,599

history the history of the solar system

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00:38:17,910 --> 00:38:15,599

these primordial

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00:38:20,150 --> 00:38:17,920

bodies out there tell us about the

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00:38:22,310 --> 00:38:20,160

building blocks of the solar system and

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00:38:24,870 --> 00:38:22,320

we still have a lot to learn so

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00:38:27,349 --> 00:38:24,880

asteroids are really exciting that tell

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00:38:29,510 --> 00:38:27,359

us a part of our own history

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00:38:31,030 --> 00:38:29,520

and after dart launches what other

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00:38:33,589 --> 00:38:31,040

missions are you looking forward to in

1031

00:38:36,390 --> 00:38:33,599

the future well before the end of the

1032

00:38:39,430 --> 00:38:36,400

year we have two astrophysics missions a

1033

00:38:41,750 --> 00:38:39,440

small one focused on x-rays the violent

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00:38:44,069 --> 00:38:41,760

universe kind of black holes and

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00:38:45,670 --> 00:38:44,079

exploding stars and then the biggest

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00:38:49,190 --> 00:38:45,680

mission we've ever done the james webb

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00:38:52,390 --> 00:38:49,200

space telescope uh mission in the making

1038

00:38:54,870 --> 00:38:52,400

for 20 plus years and part of dreams of

1039

00:38:57,349 --> 00:38:54,880

thousands if not ten thousands of uh

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00:38:58,950 --> 00:38:57,359

astrophysicists worldwide that's still

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00:39:01,349 --> 00:38:58,960

before the end of the year and many more

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00:39:03,270 --> 00:39:01,359

next year it's a busy end of year ahead

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00:39:04,630 --> 00:39:03,280

thank you so much for joining us thomas

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00:39:06,630 --> 00:39:04,640

thanks to you

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00:39:09,270 --> 00:39:06,640

back to you daryl all right thank you

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00:39:10,630 --> 00:39:09,280

both for that and back inside the nasa

1047

00:39:12,150 --> 00:39:10,640

hangar here but by the way that's the

1048

00:39:13,510 --> 00:39:12,160

little box that dart came in i just want

1049

00:39:16,550 --> 00:39:13,520

to point that out back there isn't that

1050

00:39:18,630 --> 00:39:16,560

great that's awesome this is where we

1051  
00:39:21,510 --> 00:39:18,640  
keep the box for dart but we don't want

1052  
00:39:23,510 --> 00:39:21,520  
dart to come back into the box no no

1053  
00:39:25,270 --> 00:39:23,520  
hey talking about uh your office the

1054  
00:39:27,190 --> 00:39:25,280  
planetary defense coordination office

1055  
00:39:28,630 --> 00:39:27,200  
you got the little patch there

1056  
00:39:30,470 --> 00:39:28,640  
in fact i was observing a little latin

1057  
00:39:31,510 --> 00:39:30,480  
phrase that at the bottom what was what

1058  
00:39:33,109 --> 00:39:31,520  
does that say

1059  
00:39:37,829 --> 00:39:33,119  
um

1060  
00:39:41,670 --> 00:39:40,870  
right what is the team doing to save the

1061  
00:39:43,670 --> 00:39:41,680  
day

1062  
00:39:46,550 --> 00:39:43,680  
well i manage the near earth object

1063  
00:39:49,910 --> 00:39:46,560

observations program which is involved

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00:39:52,310 --> 00:39:49,920

which funds projects to find and track

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00:39:54,790 --> 00:39:52,320

and characterize near earth asteroids so

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00:39:57,349 --> 00:39:54,800

uh like the at the university of hawaii

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00:39:59,270 --> 00:39:57,359

the pan-starrs and atlas

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00:40:01,109 --> 00:39:59,280

surveys and management of nasa's

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00:40:03,349 --> 00:40:01,119

infrared telescope facility or at the

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00:40:05,670 --> 00:40:03,359

university of arizona the catalina sky

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00:40:08,230 --> 00:40:05,680

survey and space watch and space watch

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00:40:10,230 --> 00:40:08,240

actually discovered ditamos the target

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00:40:11,670 --> 00:40:10,240

of the dart mission uh the center for

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00:40:13,829 --> 00:40:11,680

near earth object studies i know we're

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00:40:15,829 --> 00:40:13,839

gonna have a video from ryan park uh

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00:40:18,710 --> 00:40:15,839

about uh uh

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00:40:20,950 --> 00:40:18,720

calculating the orbits uh based on those

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00:40:22,470 --> 00:40:20,960

observations uh and from observations

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00:40:24,470 --> 00:40:22,480

around the world because if you don't

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00:40:25,990 --> 00:40:24,480

find the asteroids and you don't

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00:40:27,670 --> 00:40:26,000

find out where they're going to be in

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00:40:29,750 --> 00:40:27,680

the future by calculating their orbits

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00:40:32,069 --> 00:40:29,760

then you can't have you know a mission

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00:40:34,550 --> 00:40:32,079

like darts you have to know where the

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00:40:36,630 --> 00:40:34,560

asteroids are and so for people to

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00:40:39,349 --> 00:40:36,640

understand the difference i hear this a

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00:40:41,670 --> 00:40:39,359

lot you know okay what are asteroids and

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00:40:43,190 --> 00:40:41,680

how are they different from comets and

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00:40:44,790 --> 00:40:43,200

meteors

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00:40:46,710 --> 00:40:44,800

well and again that's something you know

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00:40:49,190 --> 00:40:46,720

maybe ryan can tell us about that if we

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00:40:51,349 --> 00:40:49,200

have the video but well we don't have

1093

00:40:53,190 --> 00:40:51,359

the video at the moment we only have you

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00:40:54,870 --> 00:40:53,200

oh darn okay well then i guess i'll have

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00:40:57,750 --> 00:40:54,880

to do that so

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00:40:59,430 --> 00:40:57,760

so asteroids are the objects in space

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00:41:02,470 --> 00:40:59,440

anything like larger than a meter in

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00:41:04,470 --> 00:41:02,480

size rocky object that's an asteroid

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00:41:07,030 --> 00:41:04,480

smaller they're meteoroids but those are

1100

00:41:09,670 --> 00:41:07,040

asteroids in space when asteroids or

1101

00:41:12,470 --> 00:41:09,680

meteoroids enter earth's atmosphere

1102

00:41:15,190 --> 00:41:12,480

and you see that that streak of light as

1103

00:41:17,190 --> 00:41:15,200

uh heats up in the atmosphere there uh

1104

00:41:19,349 --> 00:41:17,200

that phenomenon that visual phenomenon

1105

00:41:20,390 --> 00:41:19,359

is called a meteor and then the pieces

1106

00:41:23,270 --> 00:41:20,400

that survive

1107

00:41:24,790 --> 00:41:23,280

to the surface uh those are meteorites

1108

00:41:25,829 --> 00:41:24,800

that you can go and pick up and then go

1109

00:41:28,710 --> 00:41:25,839

studying

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00:41:29,750 --> 00:41:28,720

russia yes exactly some meteorites left

1111

00:41:33,430 --> 00:41:29,760

over

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00:41:35,270 --> 00:41:33,440

and then comets are the icy bodies

1113

00:41:37,430 --> 00:41:35,280

in the solar system creating those tails

1114

00:41:39,349 --> 00:41:37,440

as opposed to the asteroids thank you

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00:41:41,670 --> 00:41:39,359

for breaking that down we appreciate it

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00:41:44,069 --> 00:41:41,680

kelly and of course folks stay tuned

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00:41:46,069 --> 00:41:44,079

after liftoff for an entire hour-long

1118

00:41:48,470 --> 00:41:46,079

show we're gonna break down the dart

1119

00:41:50,470 --> 00:41:48,480

mission from a to z as well as the

1120

00:41:52,069 --> 00:41:50,480

spacecraft and then kelly will also help

1121

00:41:54,309 --> 00:41:52,079

us understand what a close approach

1122

00:41:55,910 --> 00:41:54,319

asteroid is if you kind of have heard

1123

00:41:57,589 --> 00:41:55,920

reports about it she really gives a

1124

00:41:59,109 --> 00:41:57,599

great visual we'll check that out a

1125

00:42:00,950 --> 00:41:59,119

little bit and we'll find out what other

1126

00:42:03,190 --> 00:42:00,960

missions are being planned for other

1127

00:42:05,430 --> 00:42:03,200

countries to protect this planet until

1128

00:42:07,829 --> 00:42:05,440

then let's join our commentators marie

1129

00:42:09,589 --> 00:42:07,839

lewis and den gibson inside the mission

1130

00:42:11,030 --> 00:42:09,599

director center to take us through

1131

00:42:14,150 --> 00:42:11,040

liftoff

1132

00:42:16,230 --> 00:42:14,160

all right thank you daryl it is now at t

1133

00:42:18,950 --> 00:42:16,240

minus eight minutes 12 seconds and

1134

00:42:21,670 --> 00:42:18,960

counting there is a live look at space

1135

00:42:24,390 --> 00:42:21,680

launch complex 4 east at vandenberg

1136

00:42:28,069 --> 00:42:24,400

space force base on the central coast of

1137

00:42:30,309 --> 00:42:28,079

california we can see white clouds

1138

00:42:33,990 --> 00:42:30,319

billowing around the falcon 9 rockets

1139

00:42:35,349 --> 00:42:34,000

standing 230 feet tall at the launch pad

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00:42:38,150 --> 00:42:35,359

the fairing

1141

00:42:38,950 --> 00:42:38,160

holding the dart spacecraft another 43

1142

00:42:41,270 --> 00:42:38,960

feet

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00:42:43,030 --> 00:42:41,280

on top of that the dark spacecraft only

1144

00:42:45,190 --> 00:42:43,040

the size of a vending machine tucked

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00:42:46,790 --> 00:42:45,200

safely inside that fairing and that

1146

00:42:49,430 --> 00:42:46,800

venting going on

1147

00:42:51,030 --> 00:42:49,440

is normal venting of liquid oxygen off

1148

00:42:54,150 --> 00:42:51,040

the side of the rocket

1149

00:42:56,870 --> 00:42:54,160

as we are well into the fueling process

1150

00:43:00,390 --> 00:42:56,880

and just t minus seven minutes 30

1151  
00:43:03,589 --> 00:43:00,400  
seconds away from liftoff of nasa's very

1152  
00:43:05,670 --> 00:43:03,599  
first planetary defense test yes and and

1153  
00:43:07,349 --> 00:43:05,680  
some of the the cloud you see coming off

1154  
00:43:09,430 --> 00:43:07,359  
of the vehicle there is because

1155  
00:43:12,069 --> 00:43:09,440  
the liquid oxygen in the tanks are just

1156  
00:43:13,349 --> 00:43:12,079  
so cold so it's really the air is really

1157  
00:43:15,349 --> 00:43:13,359  
condensing around it and that's what

1158  
00:43:17,109 --> 00:43:15,359  
you're seeing uh some of that that vapor

1159  
00:43:18,069 --> 00:43:17,119  
they're coming off of the vehicle

1160  
00:43:19,750 --> 00:43:18,079  
and

1161  
00:43:22,069 --> 00:43:19,760  
coming up very shortly we will be

1162  
00:43:24,550 --> 00:43:22,079  
hearing the call up for stage one engine

1163  
00:43:27,670 --> 00:43:24,560

chill has started and basically what

1164

00:43:29,109 --> 00:43:27,680

that is it's it's basically getting the

1165

00:43:30,069 --> 00:43:29,119

engines ready

1166

00:43:31,990 --> 00:43:30,079

for

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00:43:33,430 --> 00:43:32,000

engine start it's going to reduce some

1168

00:43:34,790 --> 00:43:33,440

of the thermal stress on the engines and

1169

00:43:35,829 --> 00:43:34,800

that's really what that what's happening

1170

00:43:37,670 --> 00:43:35,839

there

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00:43:39,109 --> 00:43:37,680

and uh that should be coming up shortly

1172

00:43:47,670 --> 00:43:39,119

here

1173

00:43:51,430 --> 00:43:49,349

and we just heard that call up engine

1174

00:43:53,270 --> 00:43:51,440

chill it just started and the next event

1175

00:43:54,870 --> 00:43:53,280

that'll be coming up will be the stage

1176

00:43:56,309 --> 00:43:54,880

one rp

1177

00:43:58,390 --> 00:43:56,319

one load complete and that's basically

1178

00:44:00,309 --> 00:43:58,400

they're just topping off the fuel tank

1179

00:44:03,910 --> 00:44:00,319

on the state on the first stage of the

1180

00:44:08,230 --> 00:44:05,910

shortly after that

1181

00:44:09,670 --> 00:44:08,240

the dart spacecraft will transition to

1182

00:44:12,150 --> 00:44:09,680

internal power

1183

00:44:16,790 --> 00:44:12,160

that happens right around t minus five

1184

00:44:21,430 --> 00:44:19,910

and liftoff time tonight is at 10 21

1185

00:44:32,069 --> 00:44:21,440

and two seconds

1186

00:44:35,349 --> 00:44:34,470

and we're still progressing towards t

1187

00:44:39,910 --> 00:44:35,359

zero

1188

00:44:43,990 --> 00:44:41,030

everything is

1189

00:44:47,750 --> 00:44:46,309

and at this stage in the game

1190

00:44:50,069 --> 00:44:47,760

soon coming up soon another thing you

1191

00:44:52,309 --> 00:44:50,079

will start to hear discussion about the

1192

00:44:53,750 --> 00:44:52,319

strongback and basically the strongback

1193

00:44:55,030 --> 00:44:53,760

is that

1194

00:44:57,109 --> 00:44:55,040

fixture you see on the side of the

1195

00:44:58,790 --> 00:44:57,119

falcon 9 there

1196

00:45:02,470 --> 00:44:58,800

that is basically supporting the falcon

1197

00:45:03,510 --> 00:45:02,480

9 leading into launch it provides the

1198

00:45:08,230 --> 00:45:03,520

power

1199

00:45:17,510 --> 00:45:08,240

into the falcon 9 while standing on the

1200

00:45:21,430 --> 00:45:19,109

and we should be spacecraft is on

1201

00:45:23,750 --> 00:45:21,440

internal power

1202

00:45:27,190 --> 00:45:23,760

we just heard a call out for spacecraft

1203

00:45:31,190 --> 00:45:28,870

it's good news exactly what we want to

1204

00:45:33,990 --> 00:45:31,200

hear our view a little bit obstructed

1205

00:45:36,230 --> 00:45:34,000

right now by the venting off the side of

1206

00:45:38,150 --> 00:45:36,240

the rocket and that structure you see

1207

00:45:39,349 --> 00:45:38,160

just to the right is the transporter

1208

00:45:42,550 --> 00:45:39,359

erector

1209

00:45:44,630 --> 00:45:42,560

um and that is uh this strongback it's

1210

00:45:47,349 --> 00:45:44,640

hard to see uh behind the venting but

1211

00:45:49,829 --> 00:45:47,359

there are a couple of arms kind of

1212

00:45:51,910 --> 00:45:49,839

clamped around the top of the second

1213

00:45:54,470 --> 00:45:51,920

stage of falcon 9 that will be

1214

00:45:56,470 --> 00:45:54,480

opening shortly as that strong back

1215

00:45:58,829 --> 00:45:56,480

begins to recline just a couple of

1216

00:46:01,270 --> 00:45:58,839

degrees in preparation for

1217

00:46:03,270 --> 00:46:01,280

liftoff yeah and one of the call-outs

1218

00:46:04,950 --> 00:46:03,280

you may have heard is the the tanks are

1219

00:46:07,270 --> 00:46:04,960

pressurizing for strongbacker track and

1220

00:46:09,030 --> 00:46:07,280

that's really just the pressurizing the

1221

00:46:10,870 --> 00:46:09,040

tanks to make sure it's the vehicle is

1222

00:46:12,630 --> 00:46:10,880

structurally sound so they can remove

1223

00:46:16,550 --> 00:46:12,640

that support

1224

00:46:19,990 --> 00:46:17,829

and it may be a little bit difficult to

1225

00:46:21,750 --> 00:46:20,000

see the retraction here because of the

1226

00:46:27,990 --> 00:46:21,760

the fog that's around the vehicle right

1227

00:46:33,030 --> 00:46:31,030

nlm ld on countdown one

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00:46:34,390 --> 00:46:33,040

ld this is nlm

1229

00:46:35,990 --> 00:46:34,400

we're going to confirm you and your team

1230

00:46:40,150 --> 00:46:36,000

our go for launch

1231

00:46:44,230 --> 00:46:41,670

all right so we just heard that

1232

00:46:45,750 --> 00:46:44,240

confirmation that the nasa team is go

1233

00:46:47,589 --> 00:46:45,760

for launch

1234

00:46:51,910 --> 00:46:47,599

and we can see that strong back uh

1235

00:46:56,630 --> 00:46:53,750

and basically that was the last

1236

00:46:58,390 --> 00:46:56,640

confirmation from the between the nasa

1237

00:47:04,790 --> 00:46:58,400

team and the

1238

00:47:08,390 --> 00:47:06,390

go ahead and next milestone you hear

1239

00:47:10,150 --> 00:47:08,400

coming up would be the stage one locks

1240

00:47:11,349 --> 00:47:10,160

load complete and that's basically

1241

00:47:15,829 --> 00:47:11,359

topping off the

1242

00:47:18,630 --> 00:47:17,349

and that should be coming up here

1243

00:47:20,549 --> 00:47:18,640

shortly

1244

00:47:22,630 --> 00:47:20,559

and you can see a little bit better on

1245

00:47:24,630 --> 00:47:22,640

your screen now that the stage one locks

1246

00:47:26,870 --> 00:47:24,640

load complete yup just heard that

1247

00:47:28,309 --> 00:47:26,880

confirmation so the stage one is

1248

00:47:30,230 --> 00:47:28,319

completely topped off a fuel and

1249

00:47:32,230 --> 00:47:30,240

oxidizer so we're looking good on stage

1250

00:47:34,069 --> 00:47:32,240

one right now and shortly coming up

1251  
00:47:37,349 --> 00:47:34,079  
you'll hear them talking off the stage

1252  
00:47:41,910 --> 00:47:39,030  
there's a wider view now of the

1253  
00:47:43,030 --> 00:47:41,920  
transporter erector you can see uh that

1254  
00:47:45,349 --> 00:47:43,040  
recline

1255  
00:47:47,190 --> 00:47:45,359  
um and as we get into those final

1256  
00:47:49,670 --> 00:47:47,200  
seconds before liftoff we will see that

1257  
00:47:52,309 --> 00:47:49,680  
recline even further all the way to 45

1258  
00:47:54,950 --> 00:47:52,319  
degrees uh just before liftoff clearing

1259  
00:47:56,790 --> 00:47:54,960  
the way for dart to take flight

1260  
00:47:59,190 --> 00:47:56,800  
yeah and as you see the strong back is

1261  
00:48:00,630 --> 00:47:59,200  
is tilted back with a little bit you see

1262  
00:48:02,309 --> 00:48:00,640  
some cables that are still connected to

1263  
00:48:03,190 --> 00:48:02,319

the falcon 9 those are the umbilicals

1264

00:48:05,510 --> 00:48:03,200

that are

1265

00:48:06,950 --> 00:48:05,520

still providing

1266

00:48:08,150 --> 00:48:06,960

power and fluids

1267

00:48:10,790 --> 00:48:08,160

to the

1268

00:48:13,190 --> 00:48:10,800

falcon 9. and at liftoff they will

1269

00:48:14,950 --> 00:48:13,200

disconnect and the tromback will move

1270

00:48:22,470 --> 00:48:14,960

even further out of the way and to give

1271

00:48:26,950 --> 00:48:24,950

we'll have a series of rapid events uh

1272

00:48:29,430 --> 00:48:26,960

after liftoff that will guide you

1273

00:48:31,910 --> 00:48:29,440

through with that progress bar

1274

00:48:38,710 --> 00:48:31,920

and falcon 9 will have two burns for

1275

00:48:42,309 --> 00:48:40,790

stage two locks load complete

1276

00:48:43,990 --> 00:48:42,319

we just got that confirmation the stage

1277

00:48:45,910 --> 00:48:44,000

two locks load complete at this point in

1278

00:48:47,510 --> 00:48:45,920

time all of the propellants are have

1279

00:48:49,430 --> 00:48:47,520

been loaded onto the launch vehicle and

1280

00:48:51,829 --> 00:48:49,440

everything's looking good

1281

00:48:53,829 --> 00:48:51,839

and in the meantime the spacex drone

1282

00:48:55,109 --> 00:48:53,839

ship of course i still love you is

1283

00:48:57,829 --> 00:48:55,119

standing by

1284

00:49:00,230 --> 00:48:57,839

in the pacific ocean ready to receive

1285

00:49:03,349 --> 00:49:00,240

the first stage uh booster

1286

00:49:06,150 --> 00:49:03,359

uh that will be landing a little more

1287

00:49:08,390 --> 00:49:06,160

than nine minutes uh after liftoff on

1288

00:49:11,670 --> 00:49:08,400

the drone ship we don't expect to uh

1289

00:49:14,150 --> 00:49:11,680

hear sonic booms here on land uh because

1290

00:49:16,390 --> 00:49:14,160

it's it's uh coming down in the pacific

1291

00:49:18,309 --> 00:49:16,400

ocean so if you were here for sentinel 6

1292

00:49:19,990 --> 00:49:18,319

you probably heard those a couple of

1293

00:49:22,150 --> 00:49:20,000

sonic booms uh that was because the

1294

00:49:24,069 --> 00:49:22,160

booster was landing on land uh not the

1295

00:49:25,430 --> 00:49:24,079

case this time

1296

00:49:27,829 --> 00:49:25,440

yeah it would be awesome to hear it

1297

00:49:29,589 --> 00:49:27,839

though it's a falcon 9's and startup

1298

00:49:30,950 --> 00:49:29,599

it's awesome to see we just heard a call

1299

00:49:32,549 --> 00:49:30,960

out that is falconized in startup that

1300

00:49:35,270 --> 00:49:32,559

means it's going through its its startup

1301  
00:49:36,630 --> 00:49:35,280  
sequences the play computer is taken

1302  
00:49:41,750 --> 00:49:36,640  
over and it's

1303  
00:49:47,670 --> 00:49:45,430  
falcon 9 dart go for launch

1304  
00:49:51,349 --> 00:49:47,680  
we just heard that final call that

1305  
00:49:54,549 --> 00:49:51,359  
falcon 9 and dart are go for launch

1306  
00:50:07,030 --> 00:49:54,559  
t minus 35 seconds and counting

1307  
00:50:14,870 --> 00:50:09,510  
t minus 20 seconds

1308  
00:50:16,870 --> 00:50:15,910  
10

1309  
00:50:17,750 --> 00:50:16,880  
9

1310  
00:50:18,630 --> 00:50:17,760  
8

1311  
00:50:19,589 --> 00:50:18,640  
7

1312  
00:50:20,630 --> 00:50:19,599  
6

1313  
00:50:21,589 --> 00:50:20,640

5

1314

00:50:22,549 --> 00:50:21,599

4

1315

00:50:23,589 --> 00:50:22,559

3

1316

00:50:26,230 --> 00:50:23,599

2

1317

00:50:27,349 --> 00:50:26,240

1.

1318

00:50:33,349 --> 00:50:27,359

and

1319

00:50:40,870 --> 00:50:33,359

nasa's first planetary defense test to

1320

00:50:44,630 --> 00:50:42,710

so we're getting a nice view of the

1321

00:50:46,950 --> 00:50:44,640

onboard cameras from the falcon 9 so you

1322

00:50:48,710 --> 00:50:46,960

can see it looking towards the

1323

00:50:50,309 --> 00:50:48,720

first the

1324

00:50:53,510 --> 00:50:50,319

aft end of the first stage and you can

1325

00:50:53,990 --> 00:50:53,520

see those engines coming to

1326

00:50:57,109 --> 00:50:54,000

stage life

1327

00:51:01,349 --> 00:50:59,670

and falcon 9 will be reaching max q in

1328

00:51:03,910 --> 00:51:01,359

just seconds the moment of peak

1329

00:51:05,589 --> 00:51:03,920

mechanical stress on the rocket

1330

00:51:07,589 --> 00:51:05,599

and and here in the mission data center

1331

00:51:08,870 --> 00:51:07,599

we can feel the rumble from the falcon 9

1332

00:51:11,109 --> 00:51:08,880

and it's

1333

00:51:15,750 --> 00:51:11,119

always amazing to hear and feel power

1334

00:51:19,270 --> 00:51:17,349

everything looks good right now it's

1335

00:51:22,390 --> 00:51:19,280

really shaking the building where we are

1336

00:51:25,270 --> 00:51:22,400

vehicles supersonic

1337

00:51:32,150 --> 00:51:25,280

just heard that call out for supersonic

1338

00:51:41,750 --> 00:51:33,750

max q

1339

00:51:44,390 --> 00:51:42,870

and everything's looking good we're

1340

00:51:47,910 --> 00:51:44,400

still getting some nice views of the

1341

00:51:59,750 --> 00:51:50,150

and we should be coming up on main

1342

00:52:04,710 --> 00:52:01,990

so far everything's looking good

1343

00:52:07,349 --> 00:52:04,720

uh our reports are nominal and that

1344

00:52:09,109 --> 00:52:07,359

killer started

1345

00:52:10,549 --> 00:52:09,119

we just heard the

1346

00:52:12,630 --> 00:52:10,559

call off and back chills that's where

1347

00:52:17,349 --> 00:52:12,640

it's getting ready prepared uh second

1348

00:52:22,710 --> 00:52:19,670

now that main engine cutoff or miko we

1349

00:52:24,790 --> 00:52:22,720

expect at t plus two minutes 30 seconds

1350

00:52:26,790 --> 00:52:24,800

and then almost immediately after that

1351  
00:52:28,150 --> 00:52:26,800  
the first and second stage of falcon 9

1352  
00:52:31,190 --> 00:52:28,160  
will separate

1353  
00:52:32,390 --> 00:52:31,200  
followed by uh the stage two first

1354  
00:52:34,470 --> 00:52:32,400  
ignition

1355  
00:52:37,109 --> 00:52:34,480  
and then shortly thereafter the jettison

1356  
00:52:43,750 --> 00:52:37,119  
fairing at about t plus three minutes

1357  
00:52:48,470 --> 00:52:47,030  
so far nominal liftoff and as if you

1358  
00:52:50,549 --> 00:52:48,480  
notice the the

1359  
00:52:51,910 --> 00:52:50,559  
the plume or the the flame coming from

1360  
00:52:54,390 --> 00:52:51,920  
the engines have gotten bigger that

1361  
00:52:56,950 --> 00:52:54,400  
means it's high in the atmosphere where

1362  
00:53:12,630 --> 00:52:56,960  
the atmosphere isn't compressing the

1363  
00:53:18,309 --> 00:53:15,109

in recognition

1364

00:53:21,670 --> 00:53:18,319

so we just got confirmation of

1365

00:53:26,390 --> 00:53:21,680

mikko stage separation and stage two

1366

00:53:31,270 --> 00:53:29,030

and so this is a view of the

1367

00:53:34,790 --> 00:53:31,280

stage one falcon 9 booster you can see

1368

00:53:36,790 --> 00:53:34,800

those uh hypersonic grid fins uh

1369

00:53:39,750 --> 00:53:36,800

beginning to extend the the shot is a

1370

00:53:41,750 --> 00:53:39,760

little bit dark but you can see them uh

1371

00:53:43,349 --> 00:53:41,760

extended out from the base separation

1372

00:53:45,030 --> 00:53:43,359

confirmed

1373

00:53:49,109 --> 00:53:45,040

the booster we just heard confirmation

1374

00:53:50,950 --> 00:53:49,119

that uh the jettison fairing is complete

1375

00:53:53,750 --> 00:53:50,960

and those hypersonic grid fins help

1376  
00:53:55,510 --> 00:53:53,760  
guide the falcon 9 booster back down

1377  
00:53:57,510 --> 00:53:55,520  
towards earth again it's heading towards

1378  
00:53:59,670 --> 00:53:57,520  
the of course i still love you

1379  
00:54:02,470 --> 00:53:59,680  
drone ship

1380  
00:54:04,069 --> 00:54:02,480  
stage two on nominal trajectory

1381  
00:54:06,069 --> 00:54:04,079  
so we just heard everything's looking

1382  
00:54:07,990 --> 00:54:06,079  
good for stage two you heard the

1383  
00:54:08,950 --> 00:54:08,000  
positive confirmation of

1384  
00:54:12,390 --> 00:54:08,960  
fairing

1385  
00:54:14,309 --> 00:54:12,400  
jettison and um the

1386  
00:54:15,510 --> 00:54:14,319  
falcon 9 booster will be coming back

1387  
00:54:17,829 --> 00:54:15,520  
they'll be doing two burns they'll be

1388  
00:54:19,510 --> 00:54:17,839

doing a boost back burn to get it closer

1389

00:54:20,390 --> 00:54:19,520

to the of course i still love you that's

1390

00:54:22,230 --> 00:54:20,400

sitting

1391

00:54:24,390 --> 00:54:22,240

about 400 miles south of where we are

1392

00:54:26,150 --> 00:54:24,400

off the coast of baja california and

1393

00:54:31,190 --> 00:54:26,160

then they'll do another burning for when

1394

00:54:37,589 --> 00:54:33,750

we're at t plus four minutes six seconds

1395

00:54:39,670 --> 00:54:37,599

and so far uh nominal ascent of the dart

1396

00:54:42,710 --> 00:54:39,680

mission nasa's first planetary defense

1397

00:54:46,549 --> 00:54:45,510

falcon 9 booster will begin its reentry

1398

00:54:49,349 --> 00:54:46,559

burn

1399

00:54:52,309 --> 00:54:49,359

in a little over three minutes

1400

00:54:54,069 --> 00:54:52,319

so so far everything's looking great and

1401  
00:54:55,349 --> 00:54:54,079  
that's exactly what we wanted to hear it

1402  
00:54:57,109 --> 00:54:55,359  
was

1403  
00:54:58,710 --> 00:54:57,119  
it's awesome to hear it and feel

1404  
00:55:00,470 --> 00:54:58,720  
launched while we're sitting here in the

1405  
00:55:01,910 --> 00:55:00,480  
mission data center yeah that rumble

1406  
00:55:04,630 --> 00:55:01,920  
never gets old

1407  
00:55:07,349 --> 00:55:04,640  
and hard to believe in

1408  
00:55:09,510 --> 00:55:07,359  
about 11 months from now that

1409  
00:55:13,030 --> 00:55:09,520  
that dart spacecraft the size of a

1410  
00:55:14,630 --> 00:55:13,040  
vending machine is going to

1411  
00:55:15,670 --> 00:55:14,640  
crash head-on

1412  
00:55:18,710 --> 00:55:15,680  
into

1413  
00:55:20,470 --> 00:55:18,720

dimorphous at the speed of 15 000 miles

1414

00:55:23,030 --> 00:55:20,480

per hour yeah

1415

00:55:25,750 --> 00:55:23,040

and as we were talking about before how

1416

00:55:28,390 --> 00:55:25,760

fast is 15 000 miles an hour i mean it's

1417

00:55:29,589 --> 00:55:28,400

like going from new york city to los

1418

00:55:30,710 --> 00:55:29,599

angeles

1419

00:55:48,549 --> 00:55:30,720

in

1420

00:55:50,630 --> 00:55:48,559

video um

1421

00:55:51,510 --> 00:55:50,640

that's looking at

1422

00:55:54,069 --> 00:55:51,520

the

1423

00:55:56,230 --> 00:55:54,079

interstage

1424

00:55:58,309 --> 00:55:56,240

we're obviously having some technical

1425

00:56:02,069 --> 00:55:58,319

issues with some of our video feeds page

1426

00:56:04,549 --> 00:56:02,079

two on nominal trajectory

1427

00:56:06,069 --> 00:56:04,559

to get those feeds uh

1428

00:56:07,910 --> 00:56:06,079

get those kinks worked out so we can get

1429

00:56:09,750 --> 00:56:07,920

those views back for you but in the

1430

00:56:11,589 --> 00:56:09,760

meantime we will continue to talk you

1431

00:56:12,630 --> 00:56:11,599

through everything that we're hearing uh

1432

00:56:15,030 --> 00:56:12,640

we can't

1433

00:56:18,230 --> 00:56:15,040

see those views but we are hearing that

1434

00:56:20,549 --> 00:56:18,240

everything is nominal and on track yeah

1435

00:56:22,710 --> 00:56:20,559

and as we and as you've heard before we

1436

00:56:24,150 --> 00:56:22,720

it may be difficult sometimes to get the

1437

00:56:27,190 --> 00:56:24,160

video from the

1438

00:56:29,270 --> 00:56:27,200

stage one landing um it's coming in very

1439

00:56:38,870 --> 00:56:29,280

fast and sometimes it's hard to get that

1440

00:56:43,109 --> 00:56:41,030

okay we can see uh and we see a view

1441

00:56:52,150 --> 00:56:43,119

there it's just uh it's just very dark

1442

00:57:04,950 --> 00:56:53,910

okay so look how we're getting some good

1443

00:57:04,960 --> 00:57:09,589

stage one fts is safe

1444

00:57:18,230 --> 00:57:13,349

stage one entry burn startup all right

1445

00:57:32,069 --> 00:57:19,670

now you've got a better look at those

1446

00:57:38,630 --> 00:57:35,430

it's always amazing to see

1447

00:57:42,150 --> 00:57:38,640

stage one coming back in for a landing

1448

00:57:42,160 --> 00:57:45,990

all right this is

1449

00:58:03,829 --> 00:57:48,230

okay we've got a beautiful shot of stage

1450

00:58:03,839 --> 00:58:13,910

terminal guidance

1451  
00:58:18,870 --> 00:58:16,870  
and with what we're looking at is the

1452  
00:58:23,670 --> 00:58:18,880  
nozzle of stage two and you see it glow

1453  
00:58:30,870 --> 00:58:24,870  
at this point in time everything's

1454  
00:58:35,510 --> 00:58:33,270  
and what you're seeing is that uh mvac

1455  
00:58:37,430 --> 00:58:35,520  
engine on the falcon 9 second stage

1456  
00:58:41,109 --> 00:58:37,440  
glowing

1457  
00:58:42,710 --> 00:58:41,119  
engine

1458  
00:58:44,710 --> 00:58:42,720  
shut down

1459  
00:58:45,510 --> 00:58:44,720  
so stage two just completed its first

1460  
00:58:52,630 --> 00:58:45,520  
burn

1461  
00:58:54,549 --> 00:58:52,640  
helping to circularize the orbit after

1462  
00:58:57,510 --> 00:58:54,559  
it's nominal or the launch vehicle has

1463  
00:58:58,870 --> 00:58:57,520

gotten off of stage 1 the surface of the

1464

00:59:00,470 --> 00:58:58,880

earth

1465

00:59:01,910 --> 00:59:00,480

and then you would and then there's a

1466

00:59:03,270 --> 00:59:01,920

second burn that'll be coming up but

1467

00:59:04,870 --> 00:59:03,280

right now

1468

00:59:07,109 --> 00:59:04,880

we're getting the landing burn from the

1469

00:59:08,789 --> 00:59:07,119

stage one

1470

00:59:11,349 --> 00:59:08,799

it's coming in for his landing looks

1471

00:59:14,069 --> 00:59:11,359

like we're getting some good video

1472

00:59:15,510 --> 00:59:14,079

stage one landing leg deploy

1473

00:59:23,109 --> 00:59:15,520

you can see just you can see the drone

1474

00:59:26,870 --> 00:59:24,470

alright so we're back we're getting

1475

00:59:31,270 --> 00:59:26,880

another view of stage two

1476  
00:59:37,270 --> 00:59:33,589  
and we just heard positive confirmation

1477  
00:59:41,430 --> 00:59:39,109  
yeah it's tricky to uh maintain that

1478  
00:59:42,710 --> 00:59:41,440  
feed from the the drone ship uh at the

1479  
00:59:45,430 --> 00:59:42,720  
moment of landing but we do have

1480  
00:59:48,309 --> 00:59:45,440  
confirmation that uh the first stage

1481  
00:59:50,069 --> 00:59:48,319  
booster has landed uh safely and

1482  
00:59:51,829 --> 00:59:50,079  
successfully on the of course i still

1483  
00:59:54,789 --> 00:59:51,839  
love you

1484  
00:59:56,390 --> 00:59:54,799  
off the coast of baja california

1485  
00:59:58,549 --> 00:59:56,400  
and so now

1486  
01:00:01,510 --> 00:59:58,559  
uh we are in the first

1487  
01:00:03,030 --> 01:00:01,520  
coast phase of the falcon 9 second stage

1488  
01:00:05,270 --> 01:00:03,040

of course still attached to the dart

1489

01:00:06,069 --> 01:00:05,280

spacecraft so it's going to be coasting

1490

01:00:08,150 --> 01:00:06,079

for

1491

01:00:10,470 --> 01:00:08,160

uh the next

1492

01:00:13,270 --> 01:00:10,480

uh 20 minutes or so give or take and

1493

01:00:14,710 --> 01:00:13,280

then a second burn we'll get started so

1494

01:00:17,349 --> 01:00:14,720

we're going to keep an ear on things but

1495

01:00:19,670 --> 01:00:17,359

for now uh we want to learn a little bit

1496

01:00:22,150 --> 01:00:19,680

more about darts mission and to kick us

1497

01:00:24,230 --> 01:00:22,160

off we want to hear from the director of

1498

01:00:26,710 --> 01:00:24,240

a new hollywood movie about a

1499

01:00:28,470 --> 01:00:26,720

cataclysmic comet

1500

01:00:30,870 --> 01:00:28,480

i heard there's an asteroid tell me

1501  
01:00:35,750 --> 01:00:33,109  
hi i'm adam mckay director of don't look

1502  
01:00:40,549 --> 01:00:37,750  
our movie is about three scientists who

1503  
01:00:43,030 --> 01:00:40,559  
tried desperately to warn the planet of

1504  
01:00:45,270 --> 01:00:43,040  
an impending doomsday comet and are

1505  
01:00:48,390 --> 01:00:45,280  
ignored our movie's made up it's a

1506  
01:00:51,349 --> 01:00:48,400  
comedy but in fact the brilliant

1507  
01:00:54,309 --> 01:00:51,359  
scientists at nasa are actually

1508  
01:00:57,589 --> 01:00:54,319  
launching a mission it's called dart the

1509  
01:00:59,109 --> 01:00:57,599  
double asteroid redirection test

1510  
01:01:02,069 --> 01:00:59,119  
and what they're going to test is can

1511  
01:01:04,870 --> 01:01:02,079  
you send up a mission that can deflect

1512  
01:01:07,670 --> 01:01:04,880  
an asteroid and steer it away from earth

1513  
01:01:08,950 --> 01:01:07,680

if god forbid something like that were

1514

01:01:10,630 --> 01:01:08,960

ever to happen

1515

01:01:16,870 --> 01:01:10,640

remember to keep an eye out for it it's

1516

01:01:21,190 --> 01:01:19,190

thanks to adam mckay of the soon to be

1517

01:01:23,750 --> 01:01:21,200

released science fiction comedy don't

1518

01:01:26,630 --> 01:01:23,760

look up folks we are back inside the

1519

01:01:28,950 --> 01:01:26,640

nasa hangar and though the movie is not

1520

01:01:31,750 --> 01:01:28,960

real the double asteroid redirection

1521

01:01:34,470 --> 01:01:31,760

test or dart is real and we are ready to

1522

01:01:37,109 --> 01:01:34,480

show you every aspect of this mission

1523

01:01:39,430 --> 01:01:37,119

with the experts who know so welcome up

1524

01:01:42,309 --> 01:01:39,440

back everyone i'm daryl nail and with me

1525

01:01:45,030 --> 01:01:42,319

is kelly fast program scientist with the

1526

01:01:46,390 --> 01:01:45,040

planetary defense coordination office we

1527

01:01:48,789 --> 01:01:46,400

hope you really enjoyed watching the

1528

01:01:50,950 --> 01:01:48,799

launch i know kelly did because as it

1529

01:01:52,870 --> 01:01:50,960

was going up you were going go go pump

1530

01:01:55,109 --> 01:01:52,880

in your fist

1531

01:01:56,470 --> 01:01:55,119

that was so exciting to hear the rumble

1532

01:01:57,750 --> 01:01:56,480

of the uh

1533

01:01:59,510 --> 01:01:57,760

of the rocket noise come through the

1534

01:02:01,190 --> 01:01:59,520

hangar here but then just again being so

1535

01:02:03,430 --> 01:02:01,200

excited for the team that has worked so

1536

01:02:05,589 --> 01:02:03,440

hard on this i know they are partying it

1537

01:02:07,349 --> 01:02:05,599

up uh wherever they're watching from and

1538

01:02:09,109 --> 01:02:07,359

so i'm so excited for that yes

1539

01:02:10,230 --> 01:02:09,119

especially that launch viewing location

1540

01:02:11,990 --> 01:02:10,240

out there i heard that it was a

1541

01:02:13,910 --> 01:02:12,000

fantastic view

1542

01:02:15,029 --> 01:02:13,920

and that was pretty neat to see at least

1543

01:02:17,190 --> 01:02:15,039

the first part of the landing where it

1544

01:02:19,349 --> 01:02:17,200

was coming down illuminated the ship but

1545

01:02:21,349 --> 01:02:19,359

even more so to see that dart spacecraft

1546

01:02:23,349 --> 01:02:21,359

and the fairing come come out there it

1547

01:02:24,870 --> 01:02:23,359

is go into space oh

1548

01:02:26,309 --> 01:02:24,880

it's i know we're not out of the woods

1549

01:02:28,950 --> 01:02:26,319

yet we still got to get that all the way

1550

01:02:31,029 --> 01:02:28,960

out to demorphos but this is a huge step

1551

01:02:32,470 --> 01:02:31,039

along the way absolutely that is very

1552

01:02:34,150 --> 01:02:32,480

important because there is a lot more

1553

01:02:36,470 --> 01:02:34,160

work to do to get this and of course

1554

01:02:38,470 --> 01:02:36,480

we're going to be tracking all of that

1555

01:02:40,549 --> 01:02:38,480

um you know going back to that movie

1556

01:02:43,029 --> 01:02:40,559

trailer you know hollywood's always had

1557

01:02:45,910 --> 01:02:43,039

fun with asteroids and you know ending

1558

01:02:48,309 --> 01:02:45,920

the earth with one of them but um the

1559

01:02:49,750 --> 01:02:48,319

movie's called don't look up but really

1560

01:02:51,910 --> 01:02:49,760

you're kind of evidence that we're

1561

01:02:53,510 --> 01:02:51,920

looking up more now than ever

1562

01:02:55,430 --> 01:02:53,520

i like that adam mckay kind of put it

1563

01:02:57,190 --> 01:02:55,440

into context that it's fiction it's a

1564

01:02:58,789 --> 01:02:57,200

comedy but you know in the real world

1565

01:03:01,349 --> 01:02:58,799

there's a lot of work going on with a

1566

01:03:03,430 --> 01:03:01,359

lot of scientists

1567

01:03:06,150 --> 01:03:03,440

looking for near earth asteroids getting

1568

01:03:07,990 --> 01:03:06,160

them cataloged uh there's an interac

1569

01:03:09,510 --> 01:03:08,000

international asteroid warning network

1570

01:03:11,510 --> 01:03:09,520

there's astronomers around the world

1571

01:03:13,109 --> 01:03:11,520

doing this and it's it's a big focus at

1572

01:03:14,950 --> 01:03:13,119

nasa and so

1573

01:03:17,510 --> 01:03:14,960

it's the only natural disaster that we

1574

01:03:19,750 --> 01:03:17,520

could prevent an asteroid impact and so

1575

01:03:22,230 --> 01:03:19,760

why not use your capabilities to look

1576

01:03:24,549 --> 01:03:22,240

you know to the extent that you can

1577

01:03:26,870 --> 01:03:24,559

rack those up and then do something like

1578

01:03:29,190 --> 01:03:26,880

darts that you've got a tool in in the

1579

01:03:31,190 --> 01:03:29,200

toolbox there absolutely and there's so

1580

01:03:33,029 --> 01:03:31,200

much more to talk about

1581

01:03:34,390 --> 01:03:33,039

you know there are other ways i've heard

1582

01:03:36,309 --> 01:03:34,400

that we could do this this is one we're

1583

01:03:38,630 --> 01:03:36,319

testing we'll talk to lori glaze about

1584

01:03:40,710 --> 01:03:38,640

that and then we'll also uh have your

1585

01:03:42,230 --> 01:03:40,720

close approach demonstration which we're

1586

01:03:43,829 --> 01:03:42,240

look really looking forward to so that's

1587

01:03:45,670 --> 01:03:43,839

coming up in just a bit so in the next

1588

01:03:47,910 --> 01:03:45,680

hour we are going to tell you everything

1589

01:03:49,829 --> 01:03:47,920

you ever wanted to know about asteroids

1590

01:03:51,990 --> 01:03:49,839

and break down the dart mission from a

1591

01:03:55,829 --> 01:03:52,000

to z and we're going to start with an

1592

01:03:59,589 --> 01:03:57,670

in case there was an asteroid coming

1593

01:04:02,069 --> 01:03:59,599

towards earth and you're there you can

1594

01:04:04,870 --> 01:04:02,079

actually stop it i mean that's kind of

1595

01:04:07,190 --> 01:04:04,880

fantastic nasa is crashing a spacecraft

1596

01:04:09,510 --> 01:04:07,200

into an asteroid what you think science

1597

01:04:11,910 --> 01:04:09,520

fiction but this is real never in my

1598

01:04:13,670 --> 01:04:11,920

life would i have thought i would take a

1599

01:04:16,470 --> 01:04:13,680

couple hundred million dollar spacecraft

1600

01:04:18,789 --> 01:04:16,480

and crash it into an asteroid

1601  
01:04:20,950 --> 01:04:18,799  
my name is michelle chen i'm lena adams

1602  
01:04:23,109 --> 01:04:20,960  
my name is kelly fast i'm andy rifkind

1603  
01:04:24,950 --> 01:04:23,119  
i'm justina srovitz and i help tell the

1604  
01:04:27,750 --> 01:04:24,960  
story of the dart mission i'm a

1605  
01:04:29,430 --> 01:04:27,760  
planetary defender and i study how the

1606  
01:04:31,510 --> 01:04:29,440  
orbits of asteroids change after we hit

1607  
01:04:33,270 --> 01:04:31,520  
them the spacecraft my job is primarily

1608  
01:04:34,789 --> 01:04:33,280  
to make sure all the systems on the

1609  
01:04:38,230 --> 01:04:34,799  
spacecraft work together the dart

1610  
01:04:40,069 --> 01:04:38,240  
mission is nasa's first test of a

1611  
01:04:42,150 --> 01:04:40,079  
planetary defense technique called

1612  
01:04:44,230 --> 01:04:42,160  
kinetic impactor dart is the double

1613  
01:04:46,870 --> 01:04:44,240

asteroid redirection test it's just a

1614

01:04:49,510 --> 01:04:46,880

spacecraft that is going to go and smack

1615

01:04:51,990 --> 01:04:49,520

an asteroid the moonlit dimorphose which

1616

01:04:54,230 --> 01:04:52,000

orbits the asteroid dynamos and see if

1617

01:04:56,150 --> 01:04:54,240

we can change his trajectory just a

1618

01:04:58,390 --> 01:04:56,160

little bit in order to show that we can

1619

01:05:00,549 --> 01:04:58,400

deflect incoming asteroids if we need to

1620

01:05:03,750 --> 01:05:00,559

dart will only be changing the period of

1621

01:05:06,150 --> 01:05:03,760

the orbit of dimorphose by a tiny amount

1622

01:05:08,150 --> 01:05:06,160

but in space just a little bit is just

1623

01:05:10,069 --> 01:05:08,160

enough to make an asteroid actually miss

1624

01:05:13,349 --> 01:05:10,079

us in the event that an asteroid is

1625

01:05:15,829 --> 01:05:13,359

discovered well ahead of time before it

1626  
01:05:17,990 --> 01:05:15,839  
might impact earth behind me you see the

1627  
01:05:19,910 --> 01:05:18,000  
spacecraft it's really cool to see it

1628  
01:05:22,390 --> 01:05:19,920  
coming together in real life it is

1629  
01:05:25,430 --> 01:05:22,400  
fantastic to see it in real life to see

1630  
01:05:28,549 --> 01:05:25,440  
it turn from ideas into real pieces that

1631  
01:05:30,710 --> 01:05:28,559  
are gonna go into space the solar arrays

1632  
01:05:32,789 --> 01:05:30,720  
will actually roll out to 28 feet in

1633  
01:05:34,150 --> 01:05:32,799  
length once the solar rays are deployed

1634  
01:05:36,549 --> 01:05:34,160  
it's going to be the size of a school

1635  
01:05:38,710 --> 01:05:36,559  
bus as the solar array opens up it's

1636  
01:05:40,390 --> 01:05:38,720  
going to swing out in this direction the

1637  
01:05:42,950 --> 01:05:40,400  
asteroid's only two football fields

1638  
01:05:45,750 --> 01:05:42,960

inside we're flying at over six

1639

01:05:47,510 --> 01:05:45,760

kilometers a second 30 days out we see

1640

01:05:49,190 --> 01:05:47,520

one pixel on our field of view you can

1641

01:05:51,349 --> 01:05:49,200

see the dynamos and demorphos is one

1642

01:05:53,190 --> 01:05:51,359

point of light about four hours out our

1643

01:05:55,029 --> 01:05:53,200

spacecraft becomes autonomous and then

1644

01:05:57,430 --> 01:05:55,039

that's where everything gets really

1645

01:06:00,630 --> 01:05:57,440

exciting you actually are seeing

1646

01:06:02,230 --> 01:06:00,640

impact we're super excited and nervous

1647

01:06:04,710 --> 01:06:02,240

as well i feel really honored and

1648

01:06:08,470 --> 01:06:04,720

humbled to be working in an area of

1649

01:06:10,950 --> 01:06:08,480

science that has such a broader impact

1650

01:06:13,589 --> 01:06:10,960

figuratively and literally

1651

01:06:15,750 --> 01:06:13,599

so dark the dinosaurs are made

1652

01:06:18,630 --> 01:06:15,760

completely extinct by an asteroid impact

1653

01:06:20,630 --> 01:06:18,640

so many years ago here we are we can

1654

01:06:26,870 --> 01:06:20,640

actually do something about it i think

1655

01:06:31,990 --> 01:06:28,710

and as was mentioned in there this is

1656

01:06:33,430 --> 01:06:32,000

the first planetary defense mission and

1657

01:06:35,589 --> 01:06:33,440

this is your office we're talking about

1658

01:06:37,430 --> 01:06:35,599

kelly so for the audience out there that

1659

01:06:39,029 --> 01:06:37,440

that doesn't understand or hasn't heard

1660

01:06:40,549 --> 01:06:39,039

of this before what is the planetary

1661

01:06:41,270 --> 01:06:40,559

defense coordination office what do you

1662

01:06:42,870 --> 01:06:41,280

do

1663

01:06:45,829 --> 01:06:42,880

well right well nasa's actually been

1664

01:06:47,910 --> 01:06:45,839

working on near earth asteroid research

1665

01:06:49,990 --> 01:06:47,920

since 1998 so this has been going on a

1666

01:06:53,829 --> 01:06:50,000

long time but

1667

01:06:55,829 --> 01:06:53,839

in 2016 it was really formalized more in

1668

01:06:57,430 --> 01:06:55,839

the creation of this planetary defense

1669

01:06:59,109 --> 01:06:57,440

coordination office which is in the

1670

01:07:01,990 --> 01:06:59,119

planetary science division at nasa

1671

01:07:03,990 --> 01:07:02,000

headquarters and it takes that legacy

1672

01:07:06,150 --> 01:07:04,000

near earth object observations program

1673

01:07:07,990 --> 01:07:06,160

all the you know the finding them

1674

01:07:09,750 --> 01:07:08,000

part of the program and then combines

1675

01:07:11,430 --> 01:07:09,760

that with these other activities like

1676

01:07:13,670 --> 01:07:11,440

dart like the development of the near

1677

01:07:17,349 --> 01:07:13,680

earth object surveyor space telescope

1678

01:07:19,670 --> 01:07:17,359

like our interagency collaborations like

1679

01:07:22,390 --> 01:07:19,680

we saw with fema there

1680

01:07:24,309 --> 01:07:22,400

are international collaborations and

1681

01:07:26,950 --> 01:07:24,319

formalizing all of that

1682

01:07:29,510 --> 01:07:26,960

and leading the planetary defense

1683

01:07:31,990 --> 01:07:29,520

coordination office uh lindley johnson

1684

01:07:34,630 --> 01:07:32,000

we say he's got the coolest title in the

1685

01:07:35,910 --> 01:07:34,640

solar system as nasa's planetary defense

1686

01:07:38,150 --> 01:07:35,920

officer

1687

01:07:39,910 --> 01:07:38,160

all right and he sure does and i enjoy

1688

01:07:41,589 --> 01:07:39,920

listening to him in that interview

1689

01:07:43,750 --> 01:07:41,599

earlier now throughout the show we will

1690

01:07:46,069 --> 01:07:43,760

be taking the most popular questions

1691

01:07:48,789 --> 01:07:46,079

nasa gets about asteroids and posing

1692

01:07:51,190 --> 01:07:48,799

them to experts like kelly this next

1693

01:07:52,390 --> 01:07:51,200

question is for nasa expert marina

1694

01:07:55,109 --> 01:07:52,400

brosovich

1695

01:07:57,430 --> 01:07:55,119

when was the last time an asteroid hit

1696

01:07:59,190 --> 01:07:57,440

earth

1697

01:08:00,789 --> 01:07:59,200

well the answer depends on whether

1698

01:08:03,670 --> 01:08:00,799

you're asking about small or large

1699

01:08:05,990 --> 01:08:03,680

impacts because earth gets hit all the

1700

01:08:08,630 --> 01:08:06,000

time but luckily for us the vast

1701

01:08:10,470 --> 01:08:08,640

majority of these impactors are small

1702

01:08:13,109 --> 01:08:10,480

and they just burn in the atmosphere

1703

01:08:15,349 --> 01:08:13,119

the most significant fireball event in

1704

01:08:18,550 --> 01:08:15,359

over 100 years occurred over russia in

1705

01:08:20,390 --> 01:08:18,560

2013. we actually got hit by an asteroid

1706

01:08:22,309 --> 01:08:20,400

that was the size of a small building

1707

01:08:24,950 --> 01:08:22,319

and that one disintegrated about 20

1708

01:08:26,550 --> 01:08:24,960

kilometers above the city of chelyabinsk

1709

01:08:28,709 --> 01:08:26,560

and it deposited a fair number of

1710

01:08:30,630 --> 01:08:28,719

meteorites on the ground and i happen to

1711

01:08:32,870 --> 01:08:30,640

have a piece of that chiama skin factor

1712

01:08:35,430 --> 01:08:32,880

right here in my hand but what about big

1713

01:08:37,910 --> 01:08:35,440

impacts the ones that lead craters tens

1714

01:08:40,470 --> 01:08:37,920

of kilometers wide and cause huge amount

1715

01:08:42,550 --> 01:08:40,480

of devastation we have to go far back in

1716

01:08:44,870 --> 01:08:42,560

time for such an event and those old

1717

01:08:46,550 --> 01:08:44,880

craters are not easy to spot because by

1718

01:08:48,309 --> 01:08:46,560

now they're heavily loaded they're

1719

01:08:50,390 --> 01:08:48,319

filled with sediments or they can be at

1720

01:08:52,550 --> 01:08:50,400

the bottom of the ocean but to keep the

1721

01:08:54,550 --> 01:08:52,560

long story short small effects they

1722

01:08:57,590 --> 01:08:54,560

happen all the time especially given

1723

01:09:00,229 --> 01:08:57,600

that about 15 000 tons of space dust get

1724

01:09:01,749 --> 01:09:00,239

earth every year and large impacts are

1725

01:09:04,149 --> 01:09:01,759

rare and we are talking millions of

1726

01:09:06,870 --> 01:09:04,159

years rare so when was the last time an

1727

01:09:08,709 --> 01:09:06,880

asteroid hit earth probably today but

1728

01:09:11,430 --> 01:09:08,719

the odds are very small and just

1729

01:09:13,749 --> 01:09:11,440

according to the atmosphere

1730

01:09:15,990 --> 01:09:13,759

the binary asteroid system dart is

1731

01:09:18,470 --> 01:09:16,000

taking aim at was chosen for many

1732

01:09:20,630 --> 01:09:18,480

reasons let's join raquel villanueva

1733

01:09:23,349 --> 01:09:20,640

with a special guest to explain that but

1734

01:09:26,390 --> 01:09:23,359

first raquel you saw the launch in

1735

01:09:29,110 --> 01:09:26,400

person live what was that like

1736

01:09:32,229 --> 01:09:29,120

oh it was chilly with lots of excitement

1737

01:09:35,749 --> 01:09:32,239

and lots of cheers lots of fun and i

1738

01:09:37,829 --> 01:09:35,759

am here with dart program scientist tom

1739

01:09:39,189 --> 01:09:37,839

stadler to talk about the double

1740

01:09:40,950 --> 01:09:39,199

asteroid mission like what did you think

1741

01:09:43,030 --> 01:09:40,960

of launch tom oh racquel it was a

1742

01:09:44,070 --> 01:09:43,040

beautiful beautiful lunch tremendously

1743

01:09:45,510 --> 01:09:44,080

exciting

1744

01:09:46,309 --> 01:09:45,520

now can you tell me

1745

01:09:49,110 --> 01:09:46,319

why

1746

01:09:51,189 --> 01:09:49,120

uh the asteroid was chosen oh well a

1747

01:09:53,669 --> 01:09:51,199

binary asteroid system and the dita most

1748

01:09:55,430 --> 01:09:53,679

binary asteroid system is the perfect

1749

01:09:58,550 --> 01:09:55,440

natural laboratory for the double

1750

01:10:01,110 --> 01:09:58,560

asteroid redirection test for one thing

1751  
01:10:03,189 --> 01:10:01,120  
the larger asteroid makes sure that the

1752  
01:10:04,950 --> 01:10:03,199  
smaller asteroid is held in orbit around

1753  
01:10:07,189 --> 01:10:04,960  
it so there's absolutely nothing that we

1754  
01:10:09,910 --> 01:10:07,199  
can do that would make this asteroid a

1755  
01:10:11,910 --> 01:10:09,920  
danger to the earth but more important

1756  
01:10:14,550 --> 01:10:11,920  
it's about the measurement we need to be

1757  
01:10:16,709 --> 01:10:14,560  
able to measure how efficiently dart

1758  
01:10:18,870 --> 01:10:16,719  
deflects the asteroid and we're using

1759  
01:10:20,870 --> 01:10:18,880  
that binary orbit of the little asteroid

1760  
01:10:23,430 --> 01:10:20,880  
around the big one to do that we're

1761  
01:10:25,350 --> 01:10:23,440  
going to change the period of that orbit

1762  
01:10:27,590 --> 01:10:25,360  
by just a few minutes and we're going to

1763  
01:10:29,750 --> 01:10:27,600

be able to measure the size of that

1764

01:10:32,630 --> 01:10:29,760

change using telescopes on earth in the

1765

01:10:34,870 --> 01:10:32,640

weeks and months after impact and

1766

01:10:37,430 --> 01:10:34,880

precisely determine exactly what it was

1767

01:10:40,630 --> 01:10:37,440

we did now dart is called a kinetic

1768

01:10:44,470 --> 01:10:40,640

impactor which is intended to change the

1769

01:10:47,590 --> 01:10:44,480

orbit of an asteroid so what kind of

1770

01:10:50,149 --> 01:10:47,600

mass and speed is needed to alter the

1771

01:10:52,470 --> 01:10:50,159

orbit of this particular asteroid

1772

01:10:56,390 --> 01:10:52,480

well the dart spacecraft weighs about

1773

01:10:58,550 --> 01:10:56,400

500 kilograms uh which uh andy rivkin

1774

01:11:00,229 --> 01:10:58,560

one of the it one of the investigation

1775

01:11:02,709 --> 01:11:00,239

team leads said the other day is about

1776

01:11:03,510 --> 01:11:02,719

the mass of a small cow which is i guess

1777

01:11:05,030 --> 01:11:03,520

true

1778

01:11:07,990 --> 01:11:05,040

and it's going to be impacting the

1779

01:11:10,070 --> 01:11:08,000

asteroid at a speed of about 15 000

1780

01:11:12,870 --> 01:11:10,080

miles an hour so at that speed it covers

1781

01:11:14,790 --> 01:11:12,880

the last four miles to impact in one

1782

01:11:17,910 --> 01:11:14,800

second now that's going to deliver

1783

01:11:20,470 --> 01:11:17,920

enough of a push to the asteroid to

1784

01:11:22,870 --> 01:11:20,480

change its motion by a fraction of a

1785

01:11:25,590 --> 01:11:22,880

millimeter per second but it is more

1786

01:11:27,830 --> 01:11:25,600

than just the push of the spacecraft

1787

01:11:30,149 --> 01:11:27,840

it's also the energy released in that

1788

01:11:32,070 --> 01:11:30,159

tremendous collision at 15 000 miles an

1789

01:11:34,070 --> 01:11:32,080

hour uh now we can envision the small

1790

01:11:36,070 --> 01:11:34,080

cow now really quickly how do you

1791

01:11:38,630 --> 01:11:36,080

measure success for this mission well

1792

01:11:40,550 --> 01:11:38,640

success is of course first we want to

1793

01:11:42,550 --> 01:11:40,560

execute the kinetic impact and and

1794

01:11:44,630 --> 01:11:42,560

strike the asteroid but success is

1795

01:11:46,950 --> 01:11:44,640

really being able to see the magnitude

1796

01:11:49,430 --> 01:11:46,960

of that change and at the end when the

1797

01:11:51,350 --> 01:11:49,440

observations are done a few months after

1798

01:11:54,229 --> 01:11:51,360

impact having that measurement and

1799

01:11:56,550 --> 01:11:54,239

knowing exactly how much how efficiently

1800

01:11:58,070 --> 01:11:56,560

we deflected the asteroid and then later

1801  
01:12:00,630 --> 01:11:58,080  
with additional data being able to put

1802  
01:12:03,110 --> 01:12:00,640  
that in context and knowing what we

1803  
01:12:05,110 --> 01:12:03,120  
might have to do for a similar asteroid

1804  
01:12:07,430 --> 01:12:05,120  
or a different asteroid in the future if

1805  
01:12:08,950 --> 01:12:07,440  
we ever do need to deflect one tom thank

1806  
01:12:11,110 --> 01:12:08,960  
you so much for answering our questions

1807  
01:12:13,750 --> 01:12:11,120  
today my pleasure ricko i'll send it

1808  
01:12:15,590 --> 01:12:13,760  
back to daryl thank you raquel and tom

1809  
01:12:19,030 --> 01:12:15,600  
and so now i have a clear picture of the

1810  
01:12:21,350 --> 01:12:19,040  
size vending machine golf cart and cow

1811  
01:12:22,950 --> 01:12:21,360  
that's great crystal clear now

1812  
01:12:25,430 --> 01:12:22,960  
well from time to time you'll hear a

1813  
01:12:28,070 --> 01:12:25,440

report about an asteroid making a close

1814

01:12:29,910 --> 01:12:28,080

approach to earth as my co-host kelly

1815

01:12:32,310 --> 01:12:29,920

fast shows us a simple demonstration

1816

01:12:34,070 --> 01:12:32,320

with a basketball an orange and a tiny

1817

01:12:35,990 --> 01:12:34,080

pebble can help us get a better

1818

01:12:39,430 --> 01:12:36,000

understanding of what's a really close

1819

01:12:42,870 --> 01:12:41,510

well and here we are here we are a big

1820

01:12:44,790 --> 01:12:42,880

open field you know we're just talking

1821

01:12:46,310 --> 01:12:44,800

about how uh sometimes you hear about

1822

01:12:47,350 --> 01:12:46,320

asteroids that pass close to the earth

1823

01:12:49,189 --> 01:12:47,360

and maybe the

1824

01:12:50,790 --> 01:12:49,199

news will say oh there's an asteroid

1825

01:12:52,470 --> 01:12:50,800

passing you know 10 times the distance

1826

01:12:54,390 --> 01:12:52,480

from the earth to the moon and i think

1827

01:12:56,070 --> 01:12:54,400

well man that's close well yeah it sure

1828

01:12:57,750 --> 01:12:56,080

sounds like it but what does that mean

1829

01:12:59,590 --> 01:12:57,760

and and you found this basketball that

1830

01:13:01,430 --> 01:12:59,600

looks like the earth and so we can do a

1831

01:13:03,030 --> 01:13:01,440

scale model here so if the earth was

1832

01:13:05,830 --> 01:13:03,040

that size the moon would be the size

1833

01:13:07,030 --> 01:13:05,840

like this orange and so what i'm going

1834

01:13:09,030 --> 01:13:07,040

to do is i'm going to move it out to

1835

01:13:11,030 --> 01:13:09,040

where the moon would be if it were this

1836

01:13:14,709 --> 01:13:11,040

size oh okay here we go probably about

1837

01:13:16,709 --> 01:13:14,719

25 feet which i paced out earlier

1838

01:13:19,270 --> 01:13:16,719

and so if the earth were the size of a

1839

01:13:21,110 --> 01:13:19,280

basketball then the moon would be out

1840

01:13:22,790 --> 01:13:21,120

here and so if an asteroid were passing

1841

01:13:24,870 --> 01:13:22,800

like at 10 times the distance from the

1842

01:13:26,950 --> 01:13:24,880

earth to the moon you know it would be

1843

01:13:28,550 --> 01:13:26,960

10 times out that way right even

1844

01:13:30,790 --> 01:13:28,560

probably past the building but on a

1845

01:13:32,950 --> 01:13:30,800

cosmic scale not that far we still want

1846

01:13:35,910 --> 01:13:32,960

to keep an eye on asteroids that could

1847

01:13:37,669 --> 01:13:35,920

come this close

1848

01:13:39,110 --> 01:13:37,679

but as asteroids pass closer to the

1849

01:13:41,110 --> 01:13:39,120

earth again they're not they're not

1850

01:13:43,110 --> 01:13:41,120

impacting as we get to maybe this

1851

01:13:45,270 --> 01:13:43,120

distance this is about like the distance

1852

01:13:46,630 --> 01:13:45,280

of the the weather satellites that's

1853

01:13:48,709 --> 01:13:46,640

really starting to get close we don't

1854

01:13:49,510 --> 01:13:48,719

want to go that close what do you have

1855

01:13:51,990 --> 01:13:49,520

to

1856

01:13:54,630 --> 01:13:52,000

show for the asteroid well you know if

1857

01:13:57,270 --> 01:13:54,640

you had this type of a scale an asteroid

1858

01:14:00,070 --> 01:13:57,280

might be about in fact this is too big

1859

01:14:01,990 --> 01:14:00,080

this pebble is even too big uh to

1860

01:14:03,590 --> 01:14:02,000

represent uh the

1861

01:14:06,470 --> 01:14:03,600

even asteroid that took out the

1862

01:14:08,310 --> 01:14:06,480

dinosaurs um yeah it would probably be

1863

01:14:09,590 --> 01:14:08,320

smaller than a grain of salt but we

1864

01:14:11,990 --> 01:14:09,600

wouldn't be able to see it very well

1865

01:14:13,669 --> 01:14:12,000

here so is this a close approach um yeah

1866

01:14:16,470 --> 01:14:13,679

we would call that a close approach but

1867

01:14:18,709 --> 01:14:16,480

it's not an impact and so so we're good

1868

01:14:20,630 --> 01:14:18,719

um and it seems very small relative to

1869

01:14:22,149 --> 01:14:20,640

the earth but it's the speed and they're

1870

01:14:23,110 --> 01:14:22,159

going very fast like you know if you've

1871

01:14:25,270 --> 01:14:23,120

ever been at the beach you get

1872

01:14:28,950 --> 01:14:25,280

sandblasted when it's windy it's the

1873

01:14:31,189 --> 01:14:28,960

speed that uh

1874

01:14:33,830 --> 01:14:31,199

and that's why you get craters on

1875

01:14:35,830 --> 01:14:33,840

surfaces when uh when they impact our

1876

01:14:36,709 --> 01:14:35,840

atmosphere does a good job of protecting

1877

01:14:40,550 --> 01:14:36,719

us

1878

01:14:41,910 --> 01:14:40,560

disrupting asteroids on the way in but

1879

01:14:43,430 --> 01:14:41,920

if they're large enough then they can

1880

01:14:45,110 --> 01:14:43,440

reach the surface and do even more

1881

01:14:46,950 --> 01:14:45,120

damage and so that's why

1882

01:14:49,270 --> 01:14:46,960

you don't want to find them early

1883

01:14:50,870 --> 01:14:49,280

then you could do something like the

1884

01:14:53,110 --> 01:14:50,880

dart mission where you could deflect

1885

01:14:56,070 --> 01:14:53,120

that asteroid just a small amount and

1886

01:14:58,470 --> 01:14:56,080

then it would miss the earth as you spun

1887

01:15:00,149 --> 01:14:58,480

the solar system into the future right

1888

01:15:02,790 --> 01:15:00,159

well can you take this little asteroid

1889

01:15:05,030 --> 01:15:02,800

and go out there past the moon sure

1890

01:15:07,030 --> 01:15:05,040

because that just makes us feel better

1891

01:15:10,950 --> 01:15:07,040

now it's way out

1892

01:15:12,950 --> 01:15:10,960

keeping where it should be out here

1893

01:15:14,790 --> 01:15:12,960

i enjoyed that that was fun that was a

1894

01:15:16,070 --> 01:15:14,800

lot of fun i can't believe you found a

1895

01:15:18,070 --> 01:15:16,080

basketball that looked like the earth

1896

01:15:20,070 --> 01:15:18,080

that was perfect specifically for this

1897

01:15:21,750 --> 01:15:20,080

demonstration great job kelly most

1898

01:15:23,590 --> 01:15:21,760

scientific spacecraft have lots of

1899

01:15:25,669 --> 01:15:23,600

instruments on board but for dart

1900

01:15:27,910 --> 01:15:25,679

there's only one it's the camera on the

1901

01:15:30,550 --> 01:15:27,920

front and it's called draco or

1902

01:15:32,870 --> 01:15:30,560

didimos reconnaissance an asteroid

1903

01:15:34,709 --> 01:15:32,880

camera for operational navigation for

1904

01:15:37,030 --> 01:15:34,719

more about how this camera will help

1905

01:15:42,550 --> 01:15:37,040

steer dart into the asteroid let's go

1906

01:15:48,550 --> 01:15:45,350

hey daryl joining me right now is tarik

1907

01:15:50,149 --> 01:15:48,560

daly who is draco's deputy instrument

1908

01:15:51,990 --> 01:15:50,159

scientist

1909

01:15:53,830 --> 01:15:52,000

first eric i'd be remiss if i didn't

1910

01:15:56,070 --> 01:15:53,840

acknowledge that fantastic launch it

1911

01:15:58,550 --> 01:15:56,080

never gets old to watch a nasa launch

1912

01:16:00,149 --> 01:15:58,560

does it it's a stunning experience

1913

01:16:01,910 --> 01:16:00,159

absolutely beautiful samson

1914

01:16:03,910 --> 01:16:01,920

congratulations on that first major step

1915

01:16:05,590 --> 01:16:03,920

of the mission to the whole team

1916

01:16:08,229 --> 01:16:05,600

all right so i'm going to take us out

1917

01:16:09,110 --> 01:16:08,239

way out to about a month before impact

1918

01:16:11,669 --> 01:16:09,120

say

1919

01:16:14,149 --> 01:16:11,679

and draco is you know first detecting

1920

01:16:16,630 --> 01:16:14,159

that first spec of light that is in the

1921

01:16:18,790 --> 01:16:16,640

blackness of space and it's our target

1922

01:16:20,630 --> 01:16:18,800

binary asteroid system right can you

1923

01:16:22,709 --> 01:16:20,640

tell us what is going to happen with

1924

01:16:24,790 --> 01:16:22,719

draco at that moment up until impact

1925

01:16:27,830 --> 01:16:24,800

what is it going to do so draco is the

1926

01:16:31,030 --> 01:16:27,840

eyes of the spacecraft the images draco

1927

01:16:34,070 --> 01:16:31,040

takes provide the data needed to guide

1928

01:16:36,550 --> 01:16:34,080

the spacecraft to hit the asteroid so

1929

01:16:38,470 --> 01:16:36,560

beginning about 30 days out we'll take

1930

01:16:40,470 --> 01:16:38,480

images every few hours that get

1931

01:16:42,870 --> 01:16:40,480

processed on the ground for optical

1932

01:16:44,870 --> 01:16:42,880

navigation we'll also measure how the

1933

01:16:47,030 --> 01:16:44,880

brightness of the asteroid changes over

1934

01:16:48,550 --> 01:16:47,040

a period of several hours because that

1935

01:16:50,709 --> 01:16:48,560

will tell us more about the relative

1936

01:16:52,870 --> 01:16:50,719

sizes and shapes of the bodies

1937

01:16:55,430 --> 01:16:52,880

things get really interesting about four

1938

01:16:57,830 --> 01:16:55,440

hours before impact that's when this

1939

01:16:59,990 --> 01:16:57,840

spacecraft transitions to autonomous

1940

01:17:01,590 --> 01:17:00,000

navigation at this point something

1941

01:17:03,910 --> 01:17:01,600

called smart nav takes over which was

1942

01:17:06,070 --> 01:17:03,920

developed here at johns hopkins apl and

1943

01:17:07,669 --> 01:17:06,080

the spacecraft now drives itself to the

1944

01:17:09,910 --> 01:17:07,679

asteroid the asteroid system at this

1945

01:17:11,990 --> 01:17:09,920

point is less than a pixel across

1946

01:17:15,189 --> 01:17:12,000

it's actually not until an hour before

1947

01:17:17,270 --> 01:17:15,199

impact that the camera can actually see

1948

01:17:19,669 --> 01:17:17,280

the secondary asteroid the moon

1949

01:17:21,830 --> 01:17:19,679

separately from the primary asteroid and

1950

01:17:24,149 --> 01:17:21,840

it's not even until just 20 seconds

1951  
01:17:25,430 --> 01:17:24,159  
before impact that you can see things on

1952  
01:17:27,990 --> 01:17:25,440  
the surface

1953  
01:17:30,310 --> 01:17:28,000  
the size of the spacecraft and all this

1954  
01:17:32,310 --> 01:17:30,320  
navigation is happening using algorithms

1955  
01:17:34,149 --> 01:17:32,320  
onboard the spacecraft

1956  
01:17:35,430 --> 01:17:34,159  
wow that's incredible

1957  
01:17:37,270 --> 01:17:35,440  
um well

1958  
01:17:39,430 --> 01:17:37,280  
we are looking forward to those picks

1959  
01:17:41,030 --> 01:17:39,440  
when they come next year so

1960  
01:17:42,550 --> 01:17:41,040  
good luck on that derek thank you so

1961  
01:17:45,750 --> 01:17:42,560  
much samson

1962  
01:17:47,750 --> 01:17:45,760  
tossing it back to you daryl

1963  
01:17:49,669 --> 01:17:47,760

all right thank you samson and tarek the

1964

01:17:51,910 --> 01:17:49,679

dart spacecraft is still flying through

1965

01:17:53,510 --> 01:17:51,920

space and we have an important flight

1966

01:17:55,030 --> 01:17:53,520

operation happening in just a few

1967

01:17:58,950 --> 01:17:55,040

minutes so let's check in with marie and

1968

01:18:00,790 --> 01:17:58,960

denton for the latest on that

1969

01:18:03,669 --> 01:18:00,800

all right thank you daryl and kelly we

1970

01:18:06,630 --> 01:18:03,679

are getting ready uh for the second burn

1971

01:18:08,709 --> 01:18:06,640

of the second stage of falcon 9.

1972

01:18:10,790 --> 01:18:08,719

yeah and basically what this was

1973

01:18:12,070 --> 01:18:10,800

happening here is after the coast

1974

01:18:13,430 --> 01:18:12,080

it the engine going to fire up and it's

1975

01:18:15,510 --> 01:18:13,440

going to be a shorter burn and this

1976

01:18:17,350 --> 01:18:15,520

basically going to give us the velocity

1977

01:18:20,470 --> 01:18:17,360

to get out of earth orbit and and

1978

01:18:23,189 --> 01:18:20,480

heading towards the digimon system

1979

01:18:26,550 --> 01:18:23,199

and so uh we expect that uh second burn

1980

01:18:27,669 --> 01:18:26,560

to begin at t plus uh 28 minutes 31

1981

01:18:30,149 --> 01:18:27,679

seconds

1982

01:18:32,149 --> 01:18:30,159

so we have a view there now of

1983

01:18:35,430 --> 01:18:32,159

that is the merlin

1984

01:18:40,070 --> 01:18:35,440

the merlin mvac engine on the falcon 9

1985

01:18:42,630 --> 01:18:41,189

that uh

1986

01:18:47,510 --> 01:18:42,640

second ignition

1987

01:18:52,630 --> 01:18:50,310

and as we approach the ground station

1988

01:18:54,630 --> 01:18:52,640

we're getting better telemetry and video

1989

01:18:56,149 --> 01:18:54,640  
from the vehicle

1990

01:18:57,910 --> 01:18:56,159  
and from there you can kind of see the

1991

01:19:00,229 --> 01:18:57,920  
trajectory of where we are heading

1992

01:19:02,229 --> 01:19:00,239  
towards right now

1993

01:19:05,110 --> 01:19:02,239  
all right well right now we're near the

1994

01:19:07,110 --> 01:19:05,120  
the southern tip of south america

1995

01:19:09,030 --> 01:19:07,120  
in back ignition

1996

01:19:10,149 --> 01:19:09,040  
and we just got confirmation of mvac

1997

01:19:11,510 --> 01:19:10,159  
ignition

1998

01:19:12,709 --> 01:19:11,520  
and you can see the video there you can

1999

01:19:16,790 --> 01:19:12,719  
see the engine

2000

01:19:20,950 --> 01:19:18,630  
and so we are uh

2001

01:19:24,149 --> 01:19:20,960

right now dart is near the southern tip

2002

01:19:29,910 --> 01:19:24,159

of chile near the capital city of the

2003

01:19:34,870 --> 01:19:32,630

and so this next burn

2004

01:19:37,830 --> 01:19:34,880

lasts just under a minute

2005

01:19:41,910 --> 01:19:37,840

and then we expect to hear a

2006

01:19:43,110 --> 01:19:41,920

second cut off at t plus 29 minutes 27

2007

01:19:44,709 --> 01:19:43,120

seconds so

2008

01:19:48,870 --> 01:19:44,719

in just a few

2009

01:19:52,310 --> 01:19:51,110

you can see that mvac engine glowing red

2010

01:20:00,149 --> 01:19:52,320

hot

2011

01:20:05,030 --> 01:20:01,669

everything's looking good

2012

01:20:06,870 --> 01:20:05,040

in fact shut down

2013

01:20:10,709 --> 01:20:06,880

and we just got confirmation of engine

2014

01:20:15,189 --> 01:20:12,950

all right so that was a that was pretty

2015

01:20:16,950 --> 01:20:15,199

quick burn yeah yeah and all that and

2016

01:20:18,629 --> 01:20:16,960

that was the just a short burn needed to

2017

01:20:20,870 --> 01:20:18,639

give it that velocity so we can head

2018

01:20:23,510 --> 01:20:20,880

towards the dynamo system

2019

01:20:26,950 --> 01:20:23,520

okay so now we are in a coast phase

2020

01:20:28,790 --> 01:20:26,960

again nominal escape burn

2021

01:20:30,229 --> 01:20:28,800

okay so confirmation everything nominal

2022

01:20:32,709 --> 01:20:30,239

up there is a

2023

01:20:36,870 --> 01:20:32,719

view of the of course i still love you

2024

01:20:39,110 --> 01:20:38,229

the booster

2025

01:20:40,629 --> 01:20:39,120

uh

2026

01:20:42,629 --> 01:20:40,639

safely landed there

2027

01:20:45,590 --> 01:20:42,639

that is the third landing of this

2028

01:20:49,110 --> 01:20:45,600

booster so congratulations to spacex on

2029

01:20:50,950 --> 01:20:49,120

yet another one in the meantime uh dart

2030

01:20:52,229 --> 01:20:50,960

is in a coast phase with the second

2031

01:20:56,070 --> 01:20:52,239

stage for

2032

01:20:57,669 --> 01:20:56,080

uh about another 26 minutes or so

2033

01:20:59,590 --> 01:20:57,679

and uh during this coast phase the

2034

01:21:01,189 --> 01:20:59,600

spacecraft will fly over

2035

01:21:03,750 --> 01:21:01,199

the south pole

2036

01:21:09,510 --> 01:21:03,760

and by the time of spacecraft separation

2037

01:21:10,950 --> 01:21:09,520

at uh roughly t plus 55 56 minutes

2038

01:21:12,830 --> 01:21:10,960

dart will be

2039

01:21:15,189 --> 01:21:12,840

near the southern tip of

2040

01:21:17,669 --> 01:21:15,199

madagascar so we'll be continuing to

2041

01:21:19,990 --> 01:21:17,679

keep an ear on things so far this has

2042

01:21:23,270 --> 01:21:20,000

been a beautiful

2043

01:21:25,430 --> 01:21:23,280

start to dart's journey it's got 11

2044

01:21:27,990 --> 01:21:25,440

months roughly to make it to

2045

01:21:29,590 --> 01:21:28,000

the dynamos system where it will impact

2046

01:21:32,550 --> 01:21:29,600

dimorphous

2047

01:21:36,550 --> 01:21:32,560

in late september or early october of

2048

01:21:39,910 --> 01:21:36,560

2022. for now uh daryl and kelly

2049

01:21:43,189 --> 01:21:39,920

actually no we are going to go over to

2050

01:21:44,950 --> 01:21:43,199

nasa's megan cruz she spoke to

2051

01:21:47,830 --> 01:21:44,960

the launch services program flight

2052

01:21:51,030 --> 01:21:47,840

design expert about what it takes to

2053

01:21:53,830 --> 01:21:51,040

design a trajectory uh as complex and as

2054

01:21:56,149 --> 01:21:53,840

unique as this one in order to get dart

2055

01:21:58,629 --> 01:21:56,159

to its very precise destination to

2056

01:22:01,830 --> 01:21:58,639

impact that asteroid so let's go over

2057

01:22:03,189 --> 01:22:01,840

now to megan cruz

2058

01:22:04,550 --> 01:22:03,199

bill thank you so much for joining us

2059

01:22:06,870 --> 01:22:04,560

today you know i know that you're a

2060

01:22:09,189 --> 01:22:06,880

flight design expert with nasa's launch

2061

01:22:11,030 --> 01:22:09,199

services program and you lead the team

2062

01:22:12,709 --> 01:22:11,040

who designed dart's flight path can you

2063

01:22:14,629 --> 01:22:12,719

tell me about that flight path and was

2064

01:22:17,430 --> 01:22:14,639

it difficult to plot out unlike a lot of

2065

01:22:19,030 --> 01:22:17,440

missions where you have a single

2066

01:22:20,870 --> 01:22:19,040

trajectory that's going to get you to

2067

01:22:22,790 --> 01:22:20,880

some point in earth orbit we're

2068

01:22:24,870 --> 01:22:22,800

designing a new set of targets for the

2069

01:22:25,669 --> 01:22:24,880

launch vehicle to hit on every single

2070

01:22:28,629 --> 01:22:25,679

day

2071

01:22:29,830 --> 01:22:28,639

up to 90 targets in this case so

2072

01:22:31,750 --> 01:22:29,840

a fair bit of

2073

01:22:32,629 --> 01:22:31,760

trajectory analysis a lot of computer

2074

01:22:35,430 --> 01:22:32,639

time

2075

01:22:37,430 --> 01:22:35,440

and a lot of work by the combined team

2076

01:22:39,990 --> 01:22:37,440

both here at nasa lsp

2077

01:22:42,310 --> 01:22:40,000

and our spacecraft partners uh at jpl

2078

01:22:44,390 --> 01:22:42,320

and apl and of course you know spacex

2079

01:22:45,990 --> 01:22:44,400

why the instantaneous window and not the

2080

01:22:47,830 --> 01:22:46,000

longer window we typically see for

2081

01:22:50,310 --> 01:22:47,840

scientific missions when we talk about

2082

01:22:53,030 --> 01:22:50,320

launch opportunity that is actually like

2083

01:22:54,470 --> 01:22:53,040

the number of days that we can launch

2084

01:22:56,149 --> 01:22:54,480

and when we talk about launch window

2085

01:22:58,709 --> 01:22:56,159

that is the amount of time on a

2086

01:23:00,470 --> 01:22:58,719

particular day that we can launch so

2087

01:23:02,709 --> 01:23:00,480

given the fact that we had 90 days to

2088

01:23:03,990 --> 01:23:02,719

potentially launch this mission and the

2089

01:23:05,510 --> 01:23:04,000

fact that

2090

01:23:07,669 --> 01:23:05,520

you know spacex has a pretty good

2091

01:23:09,910 --> 01:23:07,679

history of launching on the first or

2092

01:23:11,990 --> 01:23:09,920

second day in the opportunity we decided

2093

01:23:13,910 --> 01:23:12,000

that uh it was more efficient and a

2094

01:23:16,229 --> 01:23:13,920

better use of the uh the again the

2095

01:23:18,310 --> 01:23:16,239

limited resources uh that we all have to

2096

01:23:20,310 --> 01:23:18,320

to do these kinds of missions to focus

2097

01:23:22,790 --> 01:23:20,320

on having the best launch trajectory for

2098

01:23:24,709 --> 01:23:22,800

each day and if if for whatever reason

2099

01:23:26,470 --> 01:23:24,719

we weren't able to launch that day we've

2100

01:23:28,149 --> 01:23:26,480

got another day right behind it and why

2101  
01:23:30,310 --> 01:23:28,159  
did you guys ultimately decide to launch

2102  
01:23:31,750 --> 01:23:30,320  
from the central coast of california not

2103  
01:23:33,189 --> 01:23:31,760  
here in florida

2104  
01:23:34,950 --> 01:23:33,199  
great question

2105  
01:23:36,470 --> 01:23:34,960  
three typically uh for a lot of our

2106  
01:23:38,709 --> 01:23:36,480  
interplanetary missions the most

2107  
01:23:40,709 --> 01:23:38,719  
important thing is to get as much energy

2108  
01:23:42,709 --> 01:23:40,719  
out of the launch vehicle uh and that's

2109  
01:23:44,790 --> 01:23:42,719  
not no different for dart however

2110  
01:23:46,950 --> 01:23:44,800  
usually the best way to do that is to

2111  
01:23:49,030 --> 01:23:46,960  
launch as close to the equator and on an

2112  
01:23:50,950 --> 01:23:49,040  
easterly trajectory

2113  
01:23:52,550 --> 01:23:50,960

so kennedy space center or cape

2114

01:23:54,550 --> 01:23:52,560

canaveral space force station are the

2115

01:23:57,830 --> 01:23:54,560

ideal locations for that

2116

01:24:00,070 --> 01:23:57,840

as it turns out though this particular

2117

01:24:01,350 --> 01:24:00,080

outbound trajectory requires that

2118

01:24:02,390 --> 01:24:01,360

outbound

2119

01:24:04,790 --> 01:24:02,400

ground track

2120

01:24:06,310 --> 01:24:04,800

to be more in a north-south direction

2121

01:24:09,510 --> 01:24:06,320

and so we're going to launch from the

2122

01:24:11,350 --> 01:24:09,520

west coast of california and uh and fly

2123

01:24:12,709 --> 01:24:11,360

out on a basically a southerly

2124

01:24:15,030 --> 01:24:12,719

trajectory

2125

01:24:17,910 --> 01:24:15,040

and that is a much better way to launch

2126

01:24:19,750 --> 01:24:17,920

to avoid uh overflights of populated

2127

01:24:21,110 --> 01:24:19,760

land masses yeah absolutely and where

2128

01:24:22,790 --> 01:24:21,120

will you be and what will you be doing

2129

01:24:24,550 --> 01:24:22,800

during the launch so i'll actually be

2130

01:24:27,110 --> 01:24:24,560

here at kennedy space center uh

2131

01:24:29,189 --> 01:24:27,120

typically pre-covered

2132

01:24:31,270 --> 01:24:29,199

my role i would be traveling out to the

2133

01:24:33,510 --> 01:24:31,280

west coast i'll be monitoring the

2134

01:24:35,990 --> 01:24:33,520

progress of the vehicle during ascent

2135

01:24:38,629 --> 01:24:36,000

and making regular updates to the nasa

2136

01:24:40,229 --> 01:24:38,639

chief engineer and uh

2137

01:24:41,510 --> 01:24:40,239

right up to spacecraft separation and

2138

01:24:43,030 --> 01:24:41,520

then i'll be looking at the data from

2139

01:24:44,550 --> 01:24:43,040

the rocket and

2140

01:24:46,070 --> 01:24:44,560

making a determination of how well we

2141

01:24:48,149 --> 01:24:46,080

did and i'm very confident that we're

2142

01:24:49,590 --> 01:24:48,159

going to hit that orbit very accurately

2143

01:24:50,950 --> 01:24:49,600

bill it sounds like you'll be very busy

2144

01:24:52,870 --> 01:24:50,960

during lunch i hope you find some time

2145

01:24:55,590 --> 01:24:52,880

to enjoy what you guys have worked so

2146

01:24:57,430 --> 01:24:55,600

hard to do thank you so much thank you

2147

01:24:59,669 --> 01:24:57,440

all right thank you megan and bill

2148

01:25:02,390 --> 01:24:59,679

planetary defense takes planetary

2149

01:25:04,709 --> 01:25:02,400

participation here's a message now from

2150

01:25:07,910 --> 01:25:04,719

administrator bill nelson about nasa's

2151

01:25:11,990 --> 01:25:07,920

leadership in this global effort

2152

01:25:14,390 --> 01:25:12,000

at nasa we are always looking upward

2153

01:25:18,070 --> 01:25:14,400

keeping an eye on the sky for potential

2154

01:25:20,550 --> 01:25:18,080

hazards and exploring asteroids

2155

01:25:22,229 --> 01:25:20,560

to help us unlock the secrets of the

2156

01:25:24,629 --> 01:25:22,239

formation

2157

01:25:26,950 --> 01:25:24,639

of not only our solar system but the

2158

01:25:29,270 --> 01:25:26,960

universe

2159

01:25:30,390 --> 01:25:29,280

well we have a new mission

2160

01:25:34,310 --> 01:25:30,400

nasa's

2161

01:25:36,310 --> 01:25:34,320

double asteroid redirection test it's

2162

01:25:38,709 --> 01:25:36,320

known as dart

2163

01:25:41,510 --> 01:25:38,719

and it's going to help us learn

2164

01:25:43,189 --> 01:25:41,520

if by intentionally crashing a

2165

01:25:46,470 --> 01:25:43,199

spacecraft

2166

01:25:49,270 --> 01:25:46,480

into an asteroid to see

2167

01:25:51,189 --> 01:25:49,280

if there's any slight change

2168

01:25:55,350 --> 01:25:51,199

in its trajectory and

2169

01:25:57,430 --> 01:25:55,360

this collision will change the asteroid

2170

01:25:59,270 --> 01:25:57,440

ever so slightly

2171

01:26:01,990 --> 01:25:59,280

so that if you got it

2172

01:26:03,910 --> 01:26:02,000

way way away from earth if it was

2173

01:26:06,950 --> 01:26:03,920

inbound to earth

2174

01:26:08,950 --> 01:26:06,960

you could change that trajectory and it

2175

01:26:11,189 --> 01:26:08,960

would escape earth

2176  
01:26:15,750 --> 01:26:11,199  
and what dart's going to do it's going

2177  
01:26:18,870 --> 01:26:15,760  
to ram this asteroid that is an asteroid

2178  
01:26:22,390 --> 01:26:18,880  
revolving around another asteroid it's

2179  
01:26:24,950 --> 01:26:22,400  
going to ram it at 15 000 miles an hour

2180  
01:26:27,590 --> 01:26:24,960  
and see if we can change that trajectory

2181  
01:26:29,110 --> 01:26:27,600  
just a little bit

2182  
01:26:31,350 --> 01:26:29,120  
and dart

2183  
01:26:32,709 --> 01:26:31,360  
is not going to help nasa but indeed the

2184  
01:26:35,390 --> 01:26:32,719  
world

2185  
01:26:38,709 --> 01:26:35,400  
prepare in the event that an

2186  
01:26:41,030 --> 01:26:38,719  
earth-threatening asteroid

2187  
01:26:43,189 --> 01:26:41,040  
were to be discovered and we thought it

2188  
01:26:44,629 --> 01:26:43,199

was coming to earth

2189

01:26:46,870 --> 01:26:44,639

so this

2190

01:26:49,510 --> 01:26:46,880

is important

2191

01:26:52,070 --> 01:26:49,520

go dart

2192

01:26:54,390 --> 01:26:52,080

thank you administrator nelson joining

2193

01:26:56,629 --> 01:26:54,400

us now is the director of nasa's science

2194

01:26:59,110 --> 01:26:56,639

mission directorates planetary science

2195

01:27:01,669 --> 01:26:59,120

division let's welcome lori glaze to the

2196

01:27:03,750 --> 01:27:01,679

nasa hangar who just came from the

2197

01:27:05,110 --> 01:27:03,760

mission control center watch the whole

2198

01:27:06,310 --> 01:27:05,120

launch you get to see all the cameras in

2199

01:27:08,870 --> 01:27:06,320

the computers and everything so first of

2200

01:27:11,350 --> 01:27:08,880

all i want to ask you how was that

2201

01:27:13,430 --> 01:27:11,360

it was really incredible i have to say

2202

01:27:15,030 --> 01:27:13,440

sitting there in the room

2203

01:27:17,750 --> 01:27:15,040

with the headphones on and you can

2204

01:27:19,350 --> 01:27:17,760

listen to the spacecraft team as they go

2205

01:27:20,790 --> 01:27:19,360

through all of their checks and making

2206

01:27:23,510 --> 01:27:20,800

sure that they've got everything ready

2207

01:27:25,350 --> 01:27:23,520

to go and all the go for fuel and then

2208

01:27:27,590 --> 01:27:25,360

watching the monitors you can see the

2209

01:27:29,830 --> 01:27:27,600

fuel tanks filling up on both of the

2210

01:27:31,590 --> 01:27:29,840

main booster and on the second stage and

2211

01:27:33,110 --> 01:27:31,600

then the final pole

2212

01:27:34,629 --> 01:27:33,120

when you get you know the spacecraft

2213

01:27:36,390 --> 01:27:34,639

teams go for launch and then you hear

2214

01:27:38,149 --> 01:27:36,400

the launch team say is nasa ready for

2215

01:27:41,110 --> 01:27:38,159

launch and that's the launch manager

2216

01:27:43,510 --> 01:27:41,120

says nasa is go for launch and then i'm

2217

01:27:45,830 --> 01:27:43,520

going to admit that i snuck outside

2218

01:27:47,830 --> 01:27:45,840

and watched he's got to go out and it

2219

01:27:49,110 --> 01:27:47,840

was amazing clear sky you could see the

2220

01:27:51,830 --> 01:27:49,120

whole sky

2221

01:27:53,990 --> 01:27:51,840

lit up behind the hill there gorgeous oh

2222

01:27:55,830 --> 01:27:54,000

it's so fabulous this is so fun lori

2223

01:27:57,750 --> 01:27:55,840

because you're my boss and i get to ask

2224

01:28:00,070 --> 01:27:57,760

you questions

2225

01:28:01,669 --> 01:28:00,080

well and as part of your division uh

2226

01:28:02,709 --> 01:28:01,679

planetary defense coordination office is

2227

01:28:05,510 --> 01:28:02,719

in there and you've got now you've got

2228

01:28:08,550 --> 01:28:05,520

the dart mission what other missions are

2229

01:28:11,430 --> 01:28:08,560

under the planetary defense portfolio so

2230

01:28:13,590 --> 01:28:11,440

great question um in addition to uh the

2231

01:28:15,590 --> 01:28:13,600

dart mission which we now just launched

2232

01:28:16,550 --> 01:28:15,600

uh we actually also have a mission i

2233

01:28:18,070 --> 01:28:16,560

know you've been talking about the

2234

01:28:20,149 --> 01:28:18,080

importance of detecting and

2235

01:28:22,229 --> 01:28:20,159

characterizing asteroids we have a

2236

01:28:24,709 --> 01:28:22,239

mission that's called the neo-wise

2237

01:28:26,629 --> 01:28:24,719

mission or the near-earth object

2238

01:28:28,470 --> 01:28:26,639

wise mission which is a repurposing of

2239

01:28:30,870 --> 01:28:28,480

the old wise mission

2240

01:28:32,629 --> 01:28:30,880

that we actually use to uh to do some

2241

01:28:34,470 --> 01:28:32,639

detection of asteroids but also a lot of

2242

01:28:35,830 --> 01:28:34,480

characterization so that we know what

2243

01:28:38,070 --> 01:28:35,840

the asteroids look like what they're

2244

01:28:39,350 --> 01:28:38,080

made of and what their their orbits are

2245

01:28:41,189 --> 01:28:39,360

and then we have a new mission that

2246

01:28:43,510 --> 01:28:41,199

we've just started developing that we're

2247

01:28:45,910 --> 01:28:43,520

hoping to launch in the next few years

2248

01:28:48,790 --> 01:28:45,920

that's called the near earth object

2249

01:28:50,550 --> 01:28:48,800

surveyor mission or neo surveyor

2250

01:28:53,830 --> 01:28:50,560

and and that mission is going to be

2251

01:28:56,149 --> 01:28:53,840

really dedicated to looking for those

2252

01:28:58,470 --> 01:28:56,159

near-earth objects that will be its sole

2253

01:29:00,390 --> 01:28:58,480

purpose we're going to send it out to a

2254

01:29:02,790 --> 01:29:00,400

stable orbit called the lagrangian point

2255

01:29:05,189 --> 01:29:02,800

I-one should be an amazing mission we'll

2256

01:29:07,669 --> 01:29:05,199

have the eyes in space besides just the

2257

01:29:09,510 --> 01:29:07,679

telescope which is pretty neat exactly i

2258

01:29:11,590 --> 01:29:09,520

got to wondering you know with this

2259

01:29:13,270 --> 01:29:11,600

kinetic impactor we're testing that

2260

01:29:15,669 --> 01:29:13,280

we'll find out about that in about 10

2261

01:29:17,510 --> 01:29:15,679

months but do we have any other ways

2262

01:29:19,590 --> 01:29:17,520

that we're looking at to to move an

2263

01:29:21,830 --> 01:29:19,600

asteroid off course yeah that's a great

2264

01:29:23,189 --> 01:29:21,840

question um so there are multiple ideas

2265

01:29:25,030 --> 01:29:23,199

that have been thought about in

2266

01:29:27,510 --> 01:29:25,040

different techniques that have been

2267

01:29:29,270 --> 01:29:27,520

developed and studied uh the kinetic

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01:29:31,430 --> 01:29:29,280

impactor is the most mature that's why

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01:29:32,790 --> 01:29:31,440

we're testing it first but other cool

2270

01:29:35,510 --> 01:29:32,800

ideas that are out there are things

2271

01:29:38,550 --> 01:29:35,520

called like a gravity tractor uh which

2272

01:29:40,790 --> 01:29:38,560

would um you know essentially uh adjust

2273

01:29:42,709 --> 01:29:40,800

the the mass of the uh object by either

2274

01:29:44,070 --> 01:29:42,719

adding or subtracting and then you have

2275

01:29:46,310 --> 01:29:44,080

uh the

2276

01:29:49,270 --> 01:29:46,320

changing the gravity gravitational pull

2277

01:29:51,910 --> 01:29:49,280

another idea which is out there is to

2278

01:29:55,350 --> 01:29:51,920

potentially detect or i'm sorry detonate

2279

01:29:56,470 --> 01:29:55,360

a nuclear uh device not on the you don't

2280

01:29:58,629 --> 01:29:56,480

want to blow up the assets well it

2281

01:29:59,590 --> 01:29:58,639

sounds like armageddon no no no no no no

2282

01:30:01,189 --> 01:29:59,600

you don't want to do that you want to

2283

01:30:03,110 --> 01:30:01,199

detonate it near the asteroid you just

2284

01:30:04,790 --> 01:30:03,120

give it a push how about that

2285

01:30:06,550 --> 01:30:04,800

fascinating all technologies you're

2286

01:30:07,910 --> 01:30:06,560

working on lori grays

2287

01:30:09,510 --> 01:30:07,920

director of nasa science mission

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01:30:12,310 --> 01:30:09,520

directorates planetary science division

2289

01:30:14,709 --> 01:30:12,320

thank you for being here my pleasure

2290

01:30:17,510 --> 01:30:14,719

all right so with that it's time to ask

2291

01:30:19,910 --> 01:30:17,520

the expert scientists at nasa another

2292

01:30:21,189 --> 01:30:19,920

question about the asteroids and this

2293

01:30:22,870 --> 01:30:21,199

one folks

2294

01:30:26,310 --> 01:30:22,880

this one's for

2295

01:30:28,070 --> 01:30:26,320

nasa asteroid expert davide farnocchia

2296

01:30:30,390 --> 01:30:28,080

we're going to ask him the question is

2297

01:30:32,950 --> 01:30:30,400

nasa aware of any earth-threatening

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01:30:35,590 --> 01:30:32,960

asteroids

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01:30:37,669 --> 01:30:35,600

no there is no aspartate that we know of

2300

01:30:40,470 --> 01:30:37,679

that is concerning in terms of impact

2301

01:30:42,310 --> 01:30:40,480

hazard now we know that asteroid impacts

2302

01:30:44,229 --> 01:30:42,320

have happened in the past and can

2303

01:30:46,149 --> 01:30:44,239

certainly happen in the future but we

2304

01:30:48,550 --> 01:30:46,159

should keep in mind that those are rare

2305

01:30:50,870 --> 01:30:48,560

events an asteroid impact that could

2306

01:30:52,629 --> 01:30:50,880

cause serious regional damage only

2307

01:30:55,110 --> 01:30:52,639

happens every few thousand years or

2308

01:30:57,110 --> 01:30:55,120

longer still it's a good idea to protect

2309

01:30:59,510 --> 01:30:57,120

us against that possibility and the rule

2310

01:31:00,790 --> 01:30:59,520

of the game is find asteroids before

2311

01:31:03,990 --> 01:31:00,800

they find us

2312

01:31:05,750 --> 01:31:04,000

and that's why for over 20 years nasa

2313

01:31:08,070 --> 01:31:05,760

has been funding search programs to

2314

01:31:11,830 --> 01:31:08,080

observe the sky pretty much every single

2315

01:31:13,189 --> 01:31:11,840

night to find and track asteroids and

2316

01:31:15,430 --> 01:31:13,199

we've been doing a pretty good job at

2317

01:31:18,390 --> 01:31:15,440

that so far we've discovered more than a

2318

01:31:20,149 --> 01:31:18,400

million asteroids including 95 percent

2319

01:31:22,070 --> 01:31:20,159

of the asteroids that are greater than

2320

01:31:23,830 --> 01:31:22,080

one kilometer and that could come close

2321

01:31:26,390 --> 01:31:23,840

to the earth once we discover an

2322

01:31:28,390 --> 01:31:26,400

asteroid we project its motion into the

2323

01:31:30,390 --> 01:31:28,400

future to assess the possibility of an

2324

01:31:33,110 --> 01:31:30,400

impact with earth we have a scale called

2325

01:31:34,950 --> 01:31:33,120

torino scale that helps us rank the risk

2326  
01:31:37,510 --> 01:31:34,960  
coming from each asteroid it goes from

2327  
01:31:40,149 --> 01:31:37,520  
zero which is lowest risk to 10 which is

2328  
01:31:41,830 --> 01:31:40,159  
highest risk the good news is that for

2329  
01:31:44,870 --> 01:31:41,840  
all the asterisks that we've discovered

2330  
01:31:46,950 --> 01:31:44,880  
so far the 3in scale is zero so lowest

2331  
01:31:48,870 --> 01:31:46,960  
risk for the next hundred years

2332  
01:31:51,030 --> 01:31:48,880  
so is nasa aware of any earth

2333  
01:31:55,510 --> 01:31:51,040  
threatening asteroids no but we will

2334  
01:31:59,910 --> 01:31:58,070  
and that's good news we now heard about

2335  
01:32:02,390 --> 01:31:59,920  
the instrument on board a little further

2336  
01:32:04,709 --> 01:32:02,400  
back the draco camera now let's discuss

2337  
01:32:06,790 --> 01:32:04,719  
the computer that will use draco's

2338  
01:32:10,149 --> 01:32:06,800

camera and the images from it to

2339

01:32:11,990 --> 01:32:10,159

autonomously fly dart into its target

2340

01:32:13,430 --> 01:32:12,000

samson rainey is back now with us from

2341

01:32:15,350 --> 01:32:13,440

the mission operations center in

2342

01:32:19,270 --> 01:32:15,360

maryland with a special guest to tell us

2343

01:32:24,149 --> 01:32:21,990

hey daryl joining me right now is smart

2344

01:32:26,149 --> 01:32:24,159

nav leave michelle chen

2345

01:32:28,149 --> 01:32:26,159

michelle give us some insights into what

2346

01:32:30,229 --> 01:32:28,159

you call the brains of the spacecraft

2347

01:32:32,229 --> 01:32:30,239

how will smart nav allow dart to

2348

01:32:34,070 --> 01:32:32,239

identify its target and stay on the

2349

01:32:36,629 --> 01:32:34,080

target for the whole four hours before

2350

01:32:38,629 --> 01:32:36,639

long before impact right so

2351  
01:32:40,390 --> 01:32:38,639  
at four hours is when smart nav starts

2352  
01:32:42,229 --> 01:32:40,400  
controlling the spacecraft

2353  
01:32:43,510 --> 01:32:42,239  
and if you imagine that you're the

2354  
01:32:45,830 --> 01:32:43,520  
spacecraft and you're looking at the

2355  
01:32:48,870 --> 01:32:45,840  
dynamo system you're going to see the

2356  
01:32:52,149 --> 01:32:48,880  
the dynamo system and dynamos itself

2357  
01:32:54,070 --> 01:32:52,159  
and at about an hour to go is when

2358  
01:32:56,870 --> 01:32:54,080  
the little guy demorphus starts

2359  
01:32:59,350 --> 01:32:56,880  
eclipsing and coming out from eclipse

2360  
01:33:00,870 --> 01:32:59,360  
and it is at that point that we start

2361  
01:33:02,870 --> 01:33:00,880  
guiding towards

2362  
01:33:05,669 --> 01:33:02,880  
demorphus

2363  
01:33:07,030 --> 01:33:05,679

so why did you choose this um method for

2364

01:33:08,390 --> 01:33:07,040

the mission as opposed to other

2365

01:33:10,709 --> 01:33:08,400

alternatives

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01:33:13,110 --> 01:33:10,719

um so this method

2367

01:33:15,030 --> 01:33:13,120

it's we kind of need it because if you

2368

01:33:18,709 --> 01:33:15,040

everyone's been talking about the 15 000

2369

01:33:19,830 --> 01:33:18,719

miles per hour so that's 250 miles in

2370

01:33:22,709 --> 01:33:19,840

one minute

2371

01:33:24,629 --> 01:33:22,719

and for us to joystick that from the

2372

01:33:27,110 --> 01:33:24,639

ground with the

2373

01:33:29,189 --> 01:33:27,120

one-minute round-trip light delay for

2374

01:33:31,510 --> 01:33:29,199

communications it would be impossible so

2375

01:33:32,870 --> 01:33:31,520

we needed something autonomous on board

2376

01:33:34,310 --> 01:33:32,880

that's incredible

2377

01:33:36,470 --> 01:33:34,320

um so how are you feeling right now and

2378

01:33:38,470 --> 01:33:36,480

how are you gonna feel you know when we

2379

01:33:41,830 --> 01:33:38,480

approach those four hours before impact

2380

01:33:44,430 --> 01:33:41,840

right yeah so apl has a lot of

2381

01:33:47,750 --> 01:33:44,440

experience on maturing guiding

2382

01:33:49,030 --> 01:33:47,760

technology and smart nav is an irad that

2383

01:33:53,110 --> 01:33:49,040

we started

2384

01:33:53,910 --> 01:33:53,120

in eight years ago and um

2385

01:33:58,149 --> 01:33:53,920

we

2386

01:34:00,550 --> 01:33:58,159

spent the past eight years training and

2387

01:34:02,470 --> 01:34:00,560

teaching this child to basically drive

2388

01:34:04,550 --> 01:34:02,480

the spacecraft on its own

2389

01:34:05,430 --> 01:34:04,560

and like a parent would say you know

2390

01:34:06,470 --> 01:34:05,440

doing

2391

01:34:09,430 --> 01:34:06,480

we're going to be sitting in the

2392

01:34:11,430 --> 01:34:09,440

passenger seat watching our child drive

2393

01:34:13,350 --> 01:34:11,440

and we're going to be really excited and

2394

01:34:14,709 --> 01:34:13,360

nervous as all heck

2395

01:34:17,030 --> 01:34:14,719

well we are

2396

01:34:20,149 --> 01:34:17,040

rooting for your kid to do really well

2397

01:34:21,430 --> 01:34:20,159

when the time comes thank you awesome

2398

01:34:23,990 --> 01:34:21,440

thanks michelle

2399

01:34:26,070 --> 01:34:24,000

back to you daryl

2400

01:34:28,470 --> 01:34:26,080

all right thank you both and we have a

2401  
01:34:30,709 --> 01:34:28,480  
fun way now a little separation from the

2402  
01:34:32,790 --> 01:34:30,719  
serious science for you to participate

2403  
01:34:35,430 --> 01:34:32,800  
in our mission today and it's by signing

2404  
01:34:36,390 --> 01:34:35,440  
up to be a planetary defender just like

2405  
01:34:37,910 --> 01:34:36,400  
kelly

2406  
01:34:43,830 --> 01:34:37,920  
here's a look at some of the people who

2407  
01:34:49,030 --> 01:34:46,950  
i am a sanitary defender

2408  
01:34:50,709 --> 01:34:49,040  
i love space

2409  
01:34:52,390 --> 01:34:50,719  
and my dog is also appointed to our

2410  
01:35:00,570 --> 01:34:52,400  
defender

2411  
01:35:35,510 --> 01:35:02,149  
[Music]

2412  
01:35:39,270 --> 01:35:37,750  
love the kid with the rocket engines it

2413  
01:35:40,550 --> 01:35:39,280

was great

2414

01:35:42,149 --> 01:35:40,560

if you would like to participate in

2415

01:35:43,910 --> 01:35:42,159

being a planetary defender there's a

2416

01:35:47,910 --> 01:35:43,920

website we're going to put it up on the

2417

01:35:50,149 --> 01:35:47,920

screen it's at dart dot j h u

2418

01:35:53,830 --> 01:35:50,159

a p l dot edu

2419

01:35:57,109 --> 01:35:53,840

forward slash planetary hyphen defender

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01:36:00,629 --> 01:35:57,119

again that's dart dot jhu

2421

01:36:02,550 --> 01:36:00,639

forward slash planetary hyphen defender

2422

01:36:04,550 --> 01:36:02,560

and there's a five question quiz and

2423

01:36:06,390 --> 01:36:04,560

then if you do well you'll receive a

2424

01:36:08,790 --> 01:36:06,400

digital certificate so you can share it

2425

01:36:11,030 --> 01:36:08,800

on social media or you know hang it on

2426

01:36:14,149 --> 01:36:11,040

your wall so guess what

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01:36:15,830 --> 01:36:14,159

daryl and kelly took the quiz

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01:36:17,669 --> 01:36:15,840

we have our certificates

2429

01:36:19,990 --> 01:36:17,679

look at that

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01:36:21,669 --> 01:36:20,000

oh yeah i am officially declared a

2431

01:36:23,910 --> 01:36:21,679

planetary defender on nasa's double

2432

01:36:25,750 --> 01:36:23,920

asteroid redirection test i am proud of

2433

01:36:28,149 --> 01:36:25,760

you daryl

2434

01:36:30,709 --> 01:36:28,159

thank you kelly that means a lot

2435

01:36:33,830 --> 01:36:30,719

so i mean uh you took the quiz right and

2436

01:36:36,950 --> 01:36:35,109

that was kind of funny because i started

2437

01:36:38,310 --> 01:36:36,960

working my way through the quiz and

2438

01:36:39,590 --> 01:36:38,320

i knew what the answer to the question

2439

01:36:40,790 --> 01:36:39,600

was but i wanted to make sure that i

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01:36:42,950 --> 01:36:40,800

knew what they thought the answer the

2441

01:36:45,750 --> 01:36:42,960

question was so i clicked on a hint and

2442

01:36:47,990 --> 01:36:45,760

a video of me popped up so

2443

01:36:50,390 --> 01:36:48,000

and and by the way our planetary defense

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01:36:52,390 --> 01:36:50,400

officer lindley johnson he also took it

2445

01:36:53,750 --> 01:36:52,400

and he passed that is great to hear that

2446

01:36:55,590 --> 01:36:53,760

it was great to hear actually like i

2447

01:36:56,870 --> 01:36:55,600

needed a hit oh there's me

2448

01:37:00,310 --> 01:36:56,880

what's up

2449

01:37:02,310 --> 01:37:00,320

all right thank you so much well

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01:37:04,390 --> 01:37:02,320

we have um dart is scheduled to make an

2451

01:37:06,950 --> 01:37:04,400

impact with its uh target asteroid in

2452

01:37:08,550 --> 01:37:06,960

the fall of 2022 after that happens

2453

01:37:10,470 --> 01:37:08,560

scientists and astronomers around the

2454

01:37:12,470 --> 01:37:10,480

world will work to verify if the

2455

01:37:14,870 --> 01:37:12,480

redirection tests work let's go back out

2456

01:37:16,709 --> 01:37:14,880

to raquel villanueva for more on this

2457

01:37:18,390 --> 01:37:16,719

raquel

2458

01:37:20,229 --> 01:37:18,400

thanks daryl i'm here with dark

2459

01:37:22,149 --> 01:37:20,239

coordination lead nancy chabot to find

2460

01:37:23,990 --> 01:37:22,159

out what is next thanks for joining us

2461

01:37:26,310 --> 01:37:24,000

nancy oh thanks for having me great

2462

01:37:27,750 --> 01:37:26,320

launch huh it's beautiful

2463

01:37:29,830 --> 01:37:27,760

so what is the first thing your team

2464

01:37:32,070 --> 01:37:29,840

will do after impact

2465

01:37:34,390 --> 01:37:32,080

we will be doing so much i mean first

2466

01:37:36,550 --> 01:37:34,400

thing will be the draco images that are

2467

01:37:37,910 --> 01:37:36,560

streaming back one per second and this

2468

01:37:40,229 --> 01:37:37,920

is the first time we get to see what

2469

01:37:42,149 --> 01:37:40,239

this asteroid looks like and so i

2470

01:37:43,990 --> 01:37:42,159

guarantee the team at apl is going to

2471

01:37:45,590 --> 01:37:44,000

have these images up on the big screen

2472

01:37:47,910 --> 01:37:45,600

seeing what the shape is seeing what the

2473

01:37:49,189 --> 01:37:47,920

geology is seeing where we actually hit

2474

01:37:50,950 --> 01:37:49,199

you know but then there's more there's

2475

01:37:52,950 --> 01:37:50,960

leachia cube and those images are

2476

01:37:54,390 --> 01:37:52,960

actually going to take a few days or

2477

01:37:56,470 --> 01:37:54,400

weeks to come back and they're going to

2478

01:37:57,910 --> 01:37:56,480

show us the ejecta from the collision

2479

01:37:59,350 --> 01:37:57,920

and the telescopes are going to get

2480

01:38:00,950 --> 01:37:59,360

right to work too here on the earth

2481

01:38:02,310 --> 01:38:00,960

they're going to be turning their gaze

2482

01:38:04,070 --> 01:38:02,320

and trying to figure out how much we

2483

01:38:05,990 --> 01:38:04,080

actually deflected this asteroid and

2484

01:38:07,669 --> 01:38:06,000

that's going to go on for months

2485

01:38:09,270 --> 01:38:07,679

and then we've got a bunch of people

2486

01:38:11,270 --> 01:38:09,280

with state of the art models who are

2487

01:38:13,430 --> 01:38:11,280

going to model the impact model the

2488

01:38:15,350 --> 01:38:13,440

objective model the dynamics and they're

2489

01:38:16,870 --> 01:38:15,360

going to use the inputs from the images

2490

01:38:18,629 --> 01:38:16,880

and the observations and all come

2491

01:38:21,750 --> 01:38:18,639

together it's going to be a really

2492

01:38:24,310 --> 01:38:21,760

really busy time sounds like it and can

2493

01:38:26,390 --> 01:38:24,320

you tell me why the impact the timing of

2494

01:38:28,709 --> 01:38:26,400

the impact is important yeah it's really

2495

01:38:31,590 --> 01:38:28,719

interesting because september 2022 is

2496

01:38:33,990 --> 01:38:31,600

the perfect time to do this so dynamos

2497

01:38:35,910 --> 01:38:34,000

and uh and the earth they both go around

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01:38:37,590 --> 01:38:35,920

the sun right but it actually takes

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01:38:39,189 --> 01:38:37,600

about a little over two years for

2500

01:38:41,109 --> 01:38:39,199

dynamos so sometimes the earth and

2501  
01:38:42,870 --> 01:38:41,119  
dynamos are on like the opposite sides

2502  
01:38:45,590 --> 01:38:42,880  
of the sun and really far away from each

2503  
01:38:46,950 --> 01:38:45,600  
other but in september 2022 it's

2504  
01:38:49,430 --> 01:38:46,960  
actually minimized they're going to be

2505  
01:38:50,870 --> 01:38:49,440  
the closest that they are for 40 years

2506  
01:38:52,709 --> 01:38:50,880  
and that's going to let the telescopes

2507  
01:38:54,390 --> 01:38:52,719  
here on the earth get the best data

2508  
01:38:57,830 --> 01:38:54,400  
possible of how much we deflected this

2509  
01:39:00,550 --> 01:38:57,840  
asteroid wow and scientists around the

2510  
01:39:02,950 --> 01:39:00,560  
world will they be able to confirm your

2511  
01:39:04,149 --> 01:39:02,960  
results yeah i mean i'm actually super

2512  
01:39:06,550 --> 01:39:04,159  
happy we've got scientists around the

2513  
01:39:08,310 --> 01:39:06,560

world on the dart team um and so this is

2514

01:39:10,229 --> 01:39:08,320

an international team for an

2515

01:39:12,070 --> 01:39:10,239

international issue right like planetary

2516

01:39:13,830 --> 01:39:12,080

defense is our whole planet we're all on

2517

01:39:16,390 --> 01:39:13,840

it together and that's there we've got

2518

01:39:18,470 --> 01:39:16,400

obviously the lycha cube contributed by

2519

01:39:20,229 --> 01:39:18,480

the italian space agency

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01:39:22,790 --> 01:39:20,239

we're also really working closely with

2521

01:39:24,550 --> 01:39:22,800

the european space agency's her a mission

2522

01:39:27,109 --> 01:39:24,560

which is going to rendezvous with the

2523

01:39:29,350 --> 01:39:27,119

dittomo system in 2026 and it's going to

2524

01:39:30,950 --> 01:39:29,360

be able to see the crater get the mass

2525

01:39:32,709 --> 01:39:30,960

and it's really exciting because you

2526

01:39:34,070 --> 01:39:32,719

know dart is just the start and then

2527

01:39:36,390 --> 01:39:34,080

hera will get there and these two

2528

01:39:38,070 --> 01:39:36,400

missions combined will show us even more

2529

01:39:40,149 --> 01:39:38,080

than anyone could do on their own and

2530

01:39:41,750 --> 01:39:40,159

it's just really a great example of

2531

01:39:43,510 --> 01:39:41,760

international collaboration for this

2532

01:39:45,430 --> 01:39:43,520

international issue it really is and

2533

01:39:47,910 --> 01:39:45,440

what was it like seeing the launch today

2534

01:39:49,590 --> 01:39:47,920

uh it was really spectacular i you know

2535

01:39:51,350 --> 01:39:49,600

i didn't really know what to expect so

2536

01:39:52,950 --> 01:39:51,360

much um but then when you just saw it

2537

01:39:54,870 --> 01:39:52,960

like light up through the sky and sort

2538

01:39:57,669 --> 01:39:54,880

of change the things and everybody

2539

01:39:59,910 --> 01:39:57,679

erupts in the cheers it's a it's really

2540

01:40:01,510 --> 01:39:59,920

real you know and but in some ways this

2541

01:40:03,109 --> 01:40:01,520

is just getting dart onto this next

2542

01:40:05,189 --> 01:40:03,119

phase i'm looking forward to these 10

2543

01:40:07,270 --> 01:40:05,199

months and then the collision and then

2544

01:40:08,870 --> 01:40:07,280

everything i just described starts and

2545

01:40:10,550 --> 01:40:08,880

we've got so much to look forward to

2546

01:40:12,950 --> 01:40:10,560

busy time ahead thank you so much for

2547

01:40:15,030 --> 01:40:12,960

joining us thank you this is great back

2548

01:40:17,270 --> 01:40:15,040

to you daryl all right and as she

2549

01:40:19,669 --> 01:40:17,280

mentioned when dart impacts the asteroid

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01:40:21,910 --> 01:40:19,679

the spacecraft and the onboard camera

2551  
01:40:24,070 --> 01:40:21,920  
will be completely destroyed but we will

2552  
01:40:26,629 --> 01:40:24,080  
see dart's last maneuver thanks to an

2553  
01:40:29,350 --> 01:40:26,639  
italian cubesat that will jettison from

2554  
01:40:32,070 --> 01:40:29,360  
dart 10 days before impact for more on

2555  
01:40:34,629 --> 01:40:32,080  
this we are joined by simone perada of

2556  
01:40:36,709 --> 01:40:34,639  
the italian space agency and we're going

2557  
01:40:39,510 --> 01:40:36,719  
to talk about lychee cube which stands

2558  
01:40:42,070 --> 01:40:39,520  
for light italian cubesat for imaging

2559  
01:40:45,109 --> 01:40:42,080  
asteroids so how did this idea for a

2560  
01:40:46,550 --> 01:40:45,119  
dark cubesat actually come about

2561  
01:40:50,149 --> 01:40:46,560  
uh thank you

2562  
01:40:53,109 --> 01:40:50,159  
so the idea of cubesat came about in the

2563  
01:40:55,910 --> 01:40:53,119

time frame of 2017 at the time the

2564

01:40:58,709 --> 01:40:55,920

italian space agency was already running

2565

01:41:01,430 --> 01:40:58,719

a project that is called argo moon and

2566

01:41:03,430 --> 01:41:01,440

there's a similar cubesat that will fly

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01:41:05,910 --> 01:41:03,440

on the artemis one mission

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01:41:08,550 --> 01:41:05,920

so uh this cubesat will provide

2569

01:41:09,590 --> 01:41:08,560

important information and images of the

2570

01:41:11,990 --> 01:41:09,600

launcher

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01:41:14,390 --> 01:41:12,000

so we thought why don't we propose a

2572

01:41:17,350 --> 01:41:14,400

similar cubesat that will uh support

2573

01:41:20,390 --> 01:41:17,360

dart mission anyway we were somehow you

2574

01:41:23,109 --> 01:41:20,400

know contacted by nasa and then the idea

2575

01:41:24,790 --> 01:41:23,119

came in this way and we started this new

2576

01:41:26,470 --> 01:41:24,800

challenging project and we are very

2577

01:41:28,470 --> 01:41:26,480

excited to be here yeah it's like dark

2578

01:41:29,830 --> 01:41:28,480

throwing out a a cell phone to take a

2579

01:41:31,350 --> 01:41:29,840

selfie right before it rams into an

2580

01:41:32,470 --> 01:41:31,360

asteroid

2581

01:41:33,669 --> 01:41:32,480

yeah i don't know if it's okay we still

2582

01:41:36,310 --> 01:41:33,679

kind of sometimes refer to it as a

2583

01:41:38,550 --> 01:41:36,320

selfie set but but but in uh or

2584

01:41:41,590 --> 01:41:38,560

seriously what um can you tell us more

2585

01:41:43,990 --> 01:41:41,600

about lucia cube's scientific objectives

2586

01:41:47,350 --> 01:41:44,000

all right we will support that we are

2587

01:41:50,310 --> 01:41:47,360

kind of witness of the immediate effect

2588

01:41:51,109 --> 01:41:50,320

of the impact because later on you know

2589

01:41:59,750 --> 01:41:51,119

the

2590

01:42:01,990 --> 01:41:59,760

but we will provide unique images yeah

2591

01:42:03,510 --> 01:42:02,000

this is lucha cube it's going to

2592

01:42:05,030 --> 01:42:03,520

has been just

2593

01:42:08,709 --> 01:42:05,040

deployed from

2594

01:42:11,510 --> 01:42:08,719

dart so while dart is targeting and then

2595

01:42:14,470 --> 01:42:11,520

impacting the asteroids we will maneuver

2596

01:42:17,270 --> 01:42:14,480

in a way that will allow us to pass in a

2597

01:42:19,750 --> 01:42:17,280

safe distance so not to be impacted by

2598

01:42:22,229 --> 01:42:19,760

ejectors but at the proper distance to

2599

01:42:25,109 --> 01:42:22,239

have a good resolution of our images

2600

01:42:27,270 --> 01:42:25,119

that is super cool yeah so the plumes is

2601  
01:42:29,669 --> 01:42:27,280  
important information and we will also

2602  
01:42:31,750 --> 01:42:29,679  
provide information on the other side of

2603  
01:42:33,830 --> 01:42:31,760  
uh the asteroid that is not visible by

2604  
01:42:37,030 --> 01:42:33,840  
dart it is coming from just one

2605  
01:42:39,350 --> 01:42:37,040  
direction so ask can i use a small model

2606  
01:42:41,430 --> 01:42:39,360  
that is uh sure what do you have i have

2607  
01:42:42,790 --> 01:42:41,440  
with me just a small toy that my

2608  
01:42:45,030 --> 01:42:42,800  
daughter did

2609  
01:42:47,030 --> 01:42:45,040  
uh with the lego bricks

2610  
01:42:48,870 --> 01:42:47,040  
yes they are legos but in particular

2611  
01:42:49,990 --> 01:42:48,880  
they are the legos that i received when

2612  
01:42:53,510 --> 01:42:50,000  
i was a kid

2613  
01:42:55,750 --> 01:42:53,520

they were stored for 30 years and now my

2614

01:42:57,030 --> 01:42:55,760

daughter she's using so we're all legos

2615

01:42:58,950 --> 01:42:57,040

repurposed

2616

01:43:01,590 --> 01:42:58,960

you can see from the color yeah

2617

01:43:04,149 --> 01:43:01,600

they're not properly white okay anyway

2618

01:43:05,030 --> 01:43:04,159

while lychee cube is approaching the

2619

01:43:06,709 --> 01:43:05,040

scene

2620

01:43:07,590 --> 01:43:06,719

it's maneuvering

2621

01:43:10,229 --> 01:43:07,600

and

2622

01:43:11,189 --> 01:43:10,239

the velocity is uh is an issue because

2623

01:43:12,070 --> 01:43:11,199

dark

2624

01:43:14,149 --> 01:43:12,080

dart

2625

01:43:15,830 --> 01:43:14,159

is intentionally very fast against the

2626  
01:43:18,310 --> 01:43:15,840  
asteroids

2627  
01:43:21,830 --> 01:43:18,320  
so and we have limited resources on

2628  
01:43:24,310 --> 01:43:21,840  
board as a cubesat so we cannot modify

2629  
01:43:26,950 --> 01:43:24,320  
our velocity so much so we'll be very

2630  
01:43:29,510 --> 01:43:26,960  
fast while we are approaching the scene

2631  
01:43:31,750 --> 01:43:29,520  
okay and we will try to be out of the

2632  
01:43:34,229 --> 01:43:31,760  
plane have a good illumination of the

2633  
01:43:35,990 --> 01:43:34,239  
scene and then we will look at the plume

2634  
01:43:38,950 --> 01:43:36,000  
that will be generated

2635  
01:43:41,270 --> 01:43:38,960  
and we will maneuver change the attitude

2636  
01:43:43,270 --> 01:43:41,280  
in order to image the other side of the

2637  
01:43:45,430 --> 01:43:43,280  
asteroids that's fantastic not just

2638  
01:43:47,350 --> 01:43:45,440

getting the impact but the other side

2639

01:43:49,270 --> 01:43:47,360

and we we showed that with legos it's my

2640

01:43:50,470 --> 01:43:49,280

favorite part well and as is great with

2641

01:43:52,149 --> 01:43:50,480

the legos

2642

01:43:54,470 --> 01:43:52,159

using that can you tell us what are the

2643

01:43:58,310 --> 01:43:54,480

main components of lucia cube and how do

2644

01:44:01,189 --> 01:43:58,320

they work sure lichicube is a 6u cubesat

2645

01:44:03,030 --> 01:44:01,199

in size and it's a complete spacecraft

2646

01:44:05,590 --> 01:44:03,040

and you can see it's equipped with all

2647

01:44:08,790 --> 01:44:05,600

subsystems

2648

01:44:11,669 --> 01:44:08,800

the core is made by the two instruments

2649

01:44:13,669 --> 01:44:11,679

the two cameras one is with a narrow

2650

01:44:15,830 --> 01:44:13,679

field of view and the other has a wider

2651  
01:44:17,990 --> 01:44:15,840  
field of view so they have complementary

2652  
01:44:20,390 --> 01:44:18,000  
functions in the in the you know in the

2653  
01:44:23,189 --> 01:44:20,400  
action and real quickly how close will

2654  
01:44:25,910 --> 01:44:23,199  
uh lychee cube come to the asteroid

2655  
01:44:28,550 --> 01:44:25,920  
well we had a trade-off on this decision

2656  
01:44:31,669 --> 01:44:28,560  
and in the end the this property

2657  
01:44:34,870 --> 01:44:31,679  
distance at the closest approach will be

2658  
01:44:37,189 --> 01:44:34,880  
around 55 kilometers that is again a

2659  
01:44:39,590 --> 01:44:37,199  
safe distance but is good enough to have

2660  
01:44:41,189 --> 01:44:39,600  
a resolution on the surface of about one

2661  
01:44:43,030 --> 01:44:41,199  
meter per pixel

2662  
01:44:45,910 --> 01:44:43,040  
that will allow us to have good

2663  
01:44:47,350 --> 01:44:45,920

information on uh also on the morphology

2664

01:44:50,149 --> 01:44:47,360

of the surface

2665

01:44:52,310 --> 01:44:50,159

maybe the crater treader is not

2666

01:44:55,109 --> 01:44:52,320

completely sure that we can image

2667

01:44:57,189 --> 01:44:55,119

because the plume can cover it we can

2668

01:44:59,750 --> 01:44:57,199

when we need the proper time to allow

2669

01:45:03,109 --> 01:44:59,760

the plume to be developed enough

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01:45:05,109 --> 01:45:03,119

so while we are having our flyby we can

2671

01:45:07,750 --> 01:45:05,119

have a complete

2672

01:45:10,070 --> 01:45:07,760

modeling of how the materials will be uh

2673

01:45:11,669 --> 01:45:10,080

released that's fantastic simone pirado

2674

01:45:13,270 --> 01:45:11,679

from the italian space agency thank you

2675

01:45:14,709 --> 01:45:13,280

so much for that thank you for bringing

2676

01:45:17,910 --> 01:45:14,719

your legos

2677

01:45:20,790 --> 01:45:17,920

that was great it is like a kind of uh

2678

01:45:22,629 --> 01:45:20,800

lucky charm for us and um my daughter

2679

01:45:23,990 --> 01:45:22,639

wants this back so i take it back to

2680

01:45:25,510 --> 01:45:24,000

italy all right let's check in with

2681

01:45:29,350 --> 01:45:25,520

marie and denton to find out more about

2682

01:45:33,830 --> 01:45:31,109

all right thanks uh daryl and kelly it

2683

01:45:37,030 --> 01:45:33,840

was a very interesting uh conversation

2684

01:45:39,270 --> 01:45:37,040

we are about uh 45 seconds or so from

2685

01:45:41,910 --> 01:45:39,280

spacecraft separation when the falcon 9

2686

01:45:44,390 --> 01:45:41,920

second stage and dart will be over the

2687

01:45:46,310 --> 01:45:44,400

indian ocean near madagascar

2688

01:45:48,229 --> 01:45:46,320

and then the job of the falcon 9 rocket

2689

01:45:50,550 --> 01:45:48,239  
will be officially complete for this

2690

01:45:53,189 --> 01:45:50,560  
mission yeah absolutely i mean

2691

01:45:55,430 --> 01:45:53,199  
the job of falcon 9 was to get

2692

01:45:56,870 --> 01:45:55,440  
dart on its way to the dynamo system at

2693

01:46:00,550 --> 01:45:56,880  
this point we

2694

01:46:02,790 --> 01:46:00,560  
gotten enough velocity enough speed to

2695

01:46:04,870 --> 01:46:02,800  
send dart off towards the general system

2696

01:46:06,310 --> 01:46:04,880  
and right now well we're in range of the

2697

01:46:08,550 --> 01:46:06,320  
ground station so we can get all the

2698

01:46:11,030 --> 01:46:08,560  
data from and so we can make sure we can

2699

01:46:12,709 --> 01:46:11,040  
actually capture this separation

2700

01:46:14,550 --> 01:46:12,719  
and we just heard the call out for

2701  
01:46:15,590 --> 01:46:14,560  
spacecraft separation you can see the

2702  
01:46:16,950 --> 01:46:15,600  
video

2703  
01:46:18,709 --> 01:46:16,960  
of the

2704  
01:46:20,310 --> 01:46:18,719  
dart spacecraft

2705  
01:46:23,830 --> 01:46:20,320  
on its way heading on its way to the

2706  
01:46:26,709 --> 01:46:23,840  
digimon system what a spectacular view

2707  
01:46:28,709 --> 01:46:26,719  
of dart yep just floating away from the

2708  
01:46:30,870 --> 01:46:28,719  
falcon 9 second stage

2709  
01:46:33,510 --> 01:46:30,880  
and you can see the

2710  
01:46:35,270 --> 01:46:33,520  
sun off to the side there as dart drifts

2711  
01:46:37,350 --> 01:46:35,280  
away from the

2712  
01:46:40,550 --> 01:46:37,360  
falcon 9 second stage

2713  
01:46:44,149 --> 01:46:40,560

and so this officially begins uh almost

2714

01:46:45,990 --> 01:46:44,159

a year of cruise for the dart spacecraft

2715

01:46:48,629 --> 01:46:46,000

flying through

2716

01:46:51,510 --> 01:46:48,639

on its way to the ditimo system

2717

01:46:55,669 --> 01:46:51,520

and at the time that it impacts

2718

01:46:56,709 --> 01:46:55,679

dimorphose in late september 2022 is

2719

01:46:57,830 --> 01:46:56,719

what we

2720

01:47:00,149 --> 01:46:57,840

expect

2721

01:47:02,790 --> 01:47:00,159

the ditimo system will be within 11

2722

01:47:05,910 --> 01:47:02,800

million kilometers of earth

2723

01:47:07,990 --> 01:47:05,920

again to remind folks this this

2724

01:47:08,870 --> 01:47:08,000

system is does not pose any kind of

2725

01:47:12,149 --> 01:47:08,880

threat

2726

01:47:15,270 --> 01:47:12,159

to earth this is purely a test

2727

01:47:18,310 --> 01:47:15,280

and so dart when it approaches

2728

01:47:22,149 --> 01:47:18,320

will smash into dimorphous the small

2729

01:47:24,790 --> 01:47:22,159

moonlit of dytamos at 15 000 miles per

2730

01:47:26,229 --> 01:47:24,800

hour just astonishing rate of speed yeah

2731

01:47:28,550 --> 01:47:26,239

absolutely

2732

01:47:30,310 --> 01:47:28,560

now the next thing that uh we have to

2733

01:47:33,430 --> 01:47:30,320

get through obviously spacecraft

2734

01:47:35,750 --> 01:47:33,440

separation is is a huge milestone but we

2735

01:47:38,070 --> 01:47:35,760

are we're not out of the woods yet we

2736

01:47:40,550 --> 01:47:38,080

still have to get acquisition of signal

2737

01:47:42,629 --> 01:47:40,560

from the dart spacecraft and that takes

2738

01:47:43,590 --> 01:47:42,639

a little bit more time right dutton yeah

2739

01:47:45,430 --> 01:47:43,600

and

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01:47:47,189 --> 01:47:45,440

at this point the launch vehicle has

2741

01:47:49,910 --> 01:47:47,199

done its job and we just want to make

2742

01:47:51,430 --> 01:47:49,920

sure we get we basically hear from the

2743

01:47:53,430 --> 01:47:51,440

dart spacecraft make sure it's doing

2744

01:47:54,629 --> 01:47:53,440

well and you think you think about it's

2745

01:47:56,709 --> 01:47:54,639

kind of like getting off of roller

2746

01:47:58,070 --> 01:47:56,719

coaster right you know you step off the

2747

01:47:59,350 --> 01:47:58,080

roller coaster you know you kind of

2748

01:48:00,950 --> 01:47:59,360

steady yourself you want to check your

2749

01:48:03,030 --> 01:48:00,960

pockets make sure you didn't lose

2750

01:48:04,390 --> 01:48:03,040

anything along along the way make sure

2751

01:48:05,910 --> 01:48:04,400

you're okay

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01:48:07,910 --> 01:48:05,920

and that's basically what we're looking

2753

01:48:09,830 --> 01:48:07,920

for from the dart spacecraft once it

2754

01:48:11,669 --> 01:48:09,840

gets that acquisition the signal because

2755

01:48:13,510 --> 01:48:11,679

it's gonna kind of go through itself

2756

01:48:14,870 --> 01:48:13,520

checks make sure everything's okay and

2757

01:48:16,390 --> 01:48:14,880

then it's gonna send

2758

01:48:17,510 --> 01:48:16,400

send word back to home basically saying

2759

01:48:19,750 --> 01:48:17,520

hey i'm doing all right and that's what

2760

01:48:21,350 --> 01:48:19,760

we're looking for right now and that's

2761

01:48:22,629 --> 01:48:21,360

i mean because if we don't get that then

2762

01:48:24,310 --> 01:48:22,639

it's kind of all for nothing right you

2763

01:48:26,629 --> 01:48:24,320

want to make sure that the spacecraft is

2764

01:48:28,470 --> 01:48:26,639

doing well after it's gone um you know

2765

01:48:30,310 --> 01:48:28,480

separated away from the launch vehicle

2766

01:48:33,750 --> 01:48:30,320

and you've got grounds uh ground

2767

01:48:35,669 --> 01:48:33,760

stations uh all over the planet that are

2768

01:48:38,070 --> 01:48:35,679

looking for this signal from dart and

2769

01:48:40,229 --> 01:48:38,080

we'll be trying to start picking that up

2770

01:48:42,629 --> 01:48:40,239

very soon right and sometimes it's not

2771

01:48:44,709 --> 01:48:42,639

an exact s not exactly sometimes the

2772

01:48:46,229 --> 01:48:44,719

timing may vary once you get in range of

2773

01:48:48,070 --> 01:48:46,239

certain ground stations you know they

2774

01:48:49,830 --> 01:48:48,080

could be where they're kind of impacting

2775

01:48:51,590 --> 01:48:49,840

that signal strength etc so there are

2776

01:48:54,310 --> 01:48:51,600

there's various factors that come into

2777

01:48:55,910 --> 01:48:54,320

play so but we're expecting to get it

2778

01:48:58,390 --> 01:48:55,920

coming up in a few minutes but hopefully

2779

01:49:00,310 --> 01:48:58,400

we'll get that so we can

2780

01:49:03,030 --> 01:49:00,320

get good word that dart is doing well

2781

01:49:04,629 --> 01:49:03,040

okay and so there's a range uh that

2782

01:49:06,470 --> 01:49:04,639

we're look that we're expecting um

2783

01:49:10,149 --> 01:49:06,480

acquisition of signal could be as early

2784

01:49:11,750 --> 01:49:10,159

as around uh t plus an hour and seven

2785

01:49:13,910 --> 01:49:11,760

minutes so that's

2786

01:49:17,430 --> 01:49:13,920

nine or so minutes from now

2787

01:49:19,189 --> 01:49:17,440

it could be as late as t plus 1 hour 34

2788

01:49:22,390 --> 01:49:19,199

minutes like you said it's not an exact

2789

01:49:24,550 --> 01:49:22,400

science uh we'll know when it happens uh

2790

01:49:26,629 --> 01:49:24,560

and we'll give confirmation as as soon

2791

01:49:28,870 --> 01:49:26,639

as we hear it but for now we're going to

2792

01:49:30,470 --> 01:49:28,880

keep an ear on things and daryl and

2793

01:49:32,149 --> 01:49:30,480

kelly we will send it back to you all

2794

01:49:34,229 --> 01:49:32,159

right marie and denton thank you so much

2795

01:49:37,109 --> 01:49:34,239

what beautiful imagery seeing that dart

2796

01:49:39,109 --> 01:49:37,119

spacecraft sailing off well dart will be

2797

01:49:41,830 --> 01:49:39,119

destroyed after it smashes into its

2798

01:49:44,390 --> 01:49:41,840

target asteroid but years from now a new

2799

01:49:47,109 --> 01:49:44,400

spacecraft will follow darth's path to

2800

01:49:49,350 --> 01:49:47,119

the same double asteroid joining us now

2801  
01:49:52,470 --> 01:49:49,360  
is ian carnelly the european space

2802  
01:49:53,910 --> 01:49:52,480  
agency's project manager for hira

2803  
01:49:55,830 --> 01:49:53,920  
thanks for being here thank you for

2804  
01:49:58,070 --> 01:49:55,840  
inviting me well tell me a little bit

2805  
01:50:00,390 --> 01:49:58,080  
about what hera does and how it got its

2806  
01:50:02,709 --> 01:50:00,400  
name all right so here i will be

2807  
01:50:04,709 --> 01:50:02,719  
launched in october 2024

2808  
01:50:05,990 --> 01:50:04,719  
so fears out is currently now in

2809  
01:50:08,149 --> 01:50:06,000  
integration

2810  
01:50:09,830 --> 01:50:08,159  
and uh we'll launch it from crew and

2811  
01:50:13,030 --> 01:50:09,840  
arrive at

2812  
01:50:15,189 --> 01:50:13,040  
in 2026 around christmas day

2813  
01:50:17,510 --> 01:50:15,199

and our primary purpose is really to

2814

01:50:19,589 --> 01:50:17,520

complete the investigation to understand

2815

01:50:22,550 --> 01:50:19,599

what has happened during the and after

2816

01:50:26,149 --> 01:50:22,560

the dart impacts understand the dynamics

2817

01:50:28,390 --> 01:50:26,159

uh the geology the what the the asteroid

2818

01:50:30,629 --> 01:50:28,400

is made of and the name is quite funny

2819

01:50:33,030 --> 01:50:30,639

actually we had uh an evening with the

2820

01:50:34,950 --> 01:50:33,040

scientists and we were thinking about

2821

01:50:36,950 --> 01:50:34,960

names and i only had a constraint from

2822

01:50:39,350 --> 01:50:36,960

my boss saying we don't want acronyms

2823

01:50:42,229 --> 01:50:39,360

for once so

2824

01:50:44,390 --> 01:50:42,239

uh the idea yeah it was a perfect choice

2825

01:50:45,830 --> 01:50:44,400

but it's because there are two

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01:50:47,830 --> 01:50:45,840

aspects of this right what is this

2827

01:50:49,990 --> 01:50:47,840

exactly so these are the cubesats so

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01:50:52,390 --> 01:50:50,000

here we'll bring with it two cubesats

2829

01:50:53,910 --> 01:50:52,400

one called milani after actually the

2830

01:50:57,109 --> 01:50:53,920

scientists who brought up the name of

2831

01:50:59,189 --> 01:50:57,119

the mission and the concept and juventus

2832

01:51:01,109 --> 01:50:59,199

so the two cubesats will perform

2833

01:51:04,390 --> 01:51:01,119

scientific investigations here we're

2834

01:51:06,950 --> 01:51:04,400

seeing the booms deploying from juventus

2835

01:51:08,870 --> 01:51:06,960

that's actually a a low frequency radar

2836

01:51:11,030 --> 01:51:08,880

what it does it's actually going down is

2837

01:51:12,470 --> 01:51:11,040

actually like a x-ray we want to

2838

01:51:14,950 --> 01:51:12,480

understand what is the internal

2839

01:51:17,589 --> 01:51:14,960

structure of the asteroid understand if

2840

01:51:20,070 --> 01:51:17,599

there are voids or if it's a monolithic

2841

01:51:21,589 --> 01:51:20,080

rock how about that yeah so imagine

2842

01:51:23,750 --> 01:51:21,599

literally going into the crater that

2843

01:51:26,229 --> 01:51:23,760

dart created exactly that's the purpose

2844

01:51:28,790 --> 01:51:26,239

and uh so here it comes after the

2845

01:51:30,470 --> 01:51:28,800

goddess the greek goddess of marriage

2846

01:51:33,189 --> 01:51:30,480

and the idea being that

2847

01:51:35,750 --> 01:51:33,199

despite being hit by guard the two

2848

01:51:38,229 --> 01:51:35,760

asteroids will stay together so that was

2849

01:51:39,109 --> 01:51:38,239

kind of the history behind the name i

2850

01:51:41,350 --> 01:51:39,119

love it

2851  
01:51:43,830 --> 01:51:41,360  
well yeah we just got uh dart off the

2852  
01:51:46,070 --> 01:51:43,840  
planet and so why is it important now to

2853  
01:51:48,870 --> 01:51:46,080  
you know a few years later for hera to

2854  
01:51:51,189 --> 01:51:48,880  
go and then follow up yeah absolutely so

2855  
01:51:52,550 --> 01:51:51,199  
we are so excited about art it was an

2856  
01:51:55,589 --> 01:51:52,560  
awesome launch

2857  
01:51:58,149 --> 01:51:55,599  
and we're all expecting beautiful uh

2858  
01:52:00,229 --> 01:51:58,159  
science data to come next year but then

2859  
01:52:02,709 --> 01:52:00,239  
the the purpose of here is really to

2860  
01:52:03,750 --> 01:52:02,719  
complete the experiment to get close and

2861  
01:52:06,149 --> 01:52:03,760  
personal

2862  
01:52:07,990 --> 01:52:06,159  
and get all of the science data that we

2863  
01:52:10,390 --> 01:52:08,000

need to to actually calibrate our

2864

01:52:12,070 --> 01:52:10,400

numerical input codes meaning that we

2865

01:52:14,709 --> 01:52:12,080

can reproduce on our computer

2866

01:52:17,189 --> 01:52:14,719

simulations exactly what happened during

2867

01:52:18,950 --> 01:52:17,199

the dark impact and that will allow us

2868

01:52:21,109 --> 01:52:18,960

in the future to be able to design a

2869

01:52:24,229 --> 01:52:21,119

planetary defense mission if we need to

2870

01:52:26,310 --> 01:52:24,239

on another object so we will have all of

2871

01:52:28,310 --> 01:52:26,320

the models calibrated so that we can use

2872

01:52:30,229 --> 01:52:28,320

it on another asteroid all right ian

2873

01:52:31,669 --> 01:52:30,239

cornelli fascinating stuff and a great

2874

01:52:32,950 --> 01:52:31,679

mission to follow up on this dart

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01:52:35,270 --> 01:52:32,960

mission i appreciate you being here

2876

01:52:37,270 --> 01:52:35,280

thank you for inviting me all right

2877

01:52:38,629 --> 01:52:37,280

well now we are getting to the big

2878

01:52:41,030 --> 01:52:38,639

moment where we're going to try to

2879

01:52:43,270 --> 01:52:41,040

acquire a single signal from the dart

2880

01:52:45,030 --> 01:52:43,280

spacecraft and so let's take a look

2881

01:52:46,790 --> 01:52:45,040

inside at the mission operations center

2882

01:52:48,390 --> 01:52:46,800

in the johns hopkins

2883

01:52:50,709 --> 01:52:48,400

uh university's applied physics

2884

01:52:52,229 --> 01:52:50,719

laboratory if we have that that's where

2885

01:52:54,310 --> 01:52:52,239

that's where the real work is going to

2886

01:52:56,629 --> 01:52:54,320

start being done in terms of acquiring

2887

01:52:59,109 --> 01:52:56,639

that signal and in just a few minutes

2888

01:53:01,510 --> 01:52:59,119

we're expecting that dart team to do

2889

01:53:03,669 --> 01:53:01,520

just that acquire the signal but as

2890

01:53:06,070 --> 01:53:03,679

marine denton mentioned it's not an

2891

01:53:08,070 --> 01:53:06,080

exact science you know we got to go

2892

01:53:09,750 --> 01:53:08,080

through some stations to make sure we

2893

01:53:11,589 --> 01:53:09,760

acquire that signal and get it in there

2894

01:53:12,550 --> 01:53:11,599

but you're pretty familiar kelly with

2895

01:53:14,790 --> 01:53:12,560

the people

2896

01:53:16,950 --> 01:53:14,800

who are going to be in that room

2897

01:53:18,629 --> 01:53:16,960

waiting for this signal to come in well

2898

01:53:19,750 --> 01:53:18,639

the planetary defense coordination

2899

01:53:21,109 --> 01:53:19,760

office and the planetary science

2900

01:53:24,229 --> 01:53:21,119

division have been working with the

2901

01:53:25,589 --> 01:53:24,239

applied physics lab and with the uh

2902

01:53:28,070 --> 01:53:25,599

co-investigators at other other

2903

01:53:28,790 --> 01:53:28,080

institutions for for a long time on this

2904

01:53:33,109 --> 01:53:28,800

and

2905

01:53:35,270 --> 01:53:33,119

people have their jobs that they need to

2906

01:53:36,870 --> 01:53:35,280

do but i mean these are these are

2907

01:53:39,669 --> 01:53:36,880

individuals who are really passionate

2908

01:53:41,430 --> 01:53:39,679

about that what they're doing and so uh

2909

01:53:43,270 --> 01:53:41,440

they're really taking this to heart and

2910

01:53:44,550 --> 01:53:43,280

and and i'm sure they're still on pins

2911

01:53:45,910 --> 01:53:44,560

and needles as they work their way

2912

01:53:48,229 --> 01:53:45,920

through this part of the mission

2913

01:53:50,070 --> 01:53:48,239

speaking of pins and needles there we

2914

01:53:53,030 --> 01:53:50,080

see the room there as you can see at the

2915

01:53:55,910 --> 01:53:53,040

lower uh bottom of your screen a waiting

2916

01:53:58,870 --> 01:53:55,920

dart acquisition of signal and that area

2917

01:54:02,950 --> 01:53:58,880

right there is called the command pit

2918

01:54:05,750 --> 01:54:02,960

at apl and and so those folks are

2919

01:54:07,510 --> 01:54:05,760

patiently and intently listening for

2920

01:54:10,229 --> 01:54:07,520

communication

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01:54:11,830 --> 01:54:10,239

from dart to the ground so while we

2922

01:54:13,830 --> 01:54:11,840

await that let's send it over to marie

2923

01:54:16,390 --> 01:54:13,840

and denton who are monitoring the launch

2924

01:54:18,950 --> 01:54:16,400

team communications as we await

2925

01:54:20,950 --> 01:54:18,960

acquisition of signal

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01:54:23,910 --> 01:54:20,960

uh so right now daryl and kelly it's

2927

01:54:27,189 --> 01:54:23,920

just a lot of waiting and listening

2928

01:54:28,950 --> 01:54:27,199

we're there's almost no chatter going on

2929

01:54:30,709 --> 01:54:28,960

on the loops everyone is just kind of

2930

01:54:33,270 --> 01:54:30,719

waiting with baited breath

2931

01:54:36,310 --> 01:54:33,280

at this point we're at t plus one hour

2932

01:54:39,030 --> 01:54:36,320

four minutes and counting uh and just in

2933

01:54:40,709 --> 01:54:39,040

these these it all kind of comes down to

2934

01:54:43,030 --> 01:54:40,719

these final minutes when are we going to

2935

01:54:45,669 --> 01:54:43,040

get that signal um

2936

01:54:48,390 --> 01:54:45,679

years of work some of the people in this

2937

01:54:49,189 --> 01:54:48,400

room probably if not if not all of them

2938

01:54:51,750 --> 01:54:49,199

have

2939

01:54:55,109 --> 01:54:51,760

poured years of their life this is their

2940

01:54:55,910 --> 01:54:55,119

life's work into this mission and so

2941

01:54:58,229 --> 01:54:55,920

uh

2942

01:54:59,910 --> 01:54:58,239

what's it like waiting for

2943

01:55:01,990 --> 01:54:59,920

this confirmation

2944

01:55:03,589 --> 01:55:02,000

yeah and so you know having

2945

01:55:05,669 --> 01:55:03,599

been on the launch vehicle side and

2946

01:55:07,589 --> 01:55:05,679

sitting on console and working this is

2947

01:55:09,270 --> 01:55:07,599

you know what you've been working

2948

01:55:11,510 --> 01:55:09,280

years to kind of get to this point and

2949

01:55:13,430 --> 01:55:11,520

as you mentioned the spacecraft teams

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01:55:15,990 --> 01:55:13,440

dedicate most of their careers or you

2951  
01:55:17,669 --> 01:55:16,000  
know their life's work to the spacecraft

2952  
01:55:19,669 --> 01:55:17,679  
so you know getting through the launch

2953  
01:55:21,189 --> 01:55:19,679  
you know he's like great we had a great

2954  
01:55:22,629 --> 01:55:21,199  
launch everything went successful but

2955  
01:55:24,709 --> 01:55:22,639  
you want to make sure you get that

2956  
01:55:26,470 --> 01:55:24,719  
confirmation from the spacecraft so it's

2957  
01:55:27,990 --> 01:55:26,480  
a little excitement that we got through

2958  
01:55:29,669 --> 01:55:28,000  
the launch but it's a little nervousness

2959  
01:55:31,510 --> 01:55:29,679  
and we can say okay we want to make sure

2960  
01:55:34,070 --> 01:55:31,520  
the spacecraft is doing okay and that

2961  
01:55:35,990 --> 01:55:34,080  
that and so it's a mixture of excitement

2962  
01:55:37,589 --> 01:55:36,000  
and nervousness at the same time

2963  
01:55:40,390 --> 01:55:37,599

yeah and you know

2964

01:55:42,149 --> 01:55:40,400  
you mentioned nervousness and

2965

01:55:54,709 --> 01:55:42,159  
in

2966

01:55:56,709 --> 01:55:54,719  
confirmation that we've

2967

01:56:08,229 --> 01:55:56,719  
actually have got signal

2968

01:56:08,239 --> 01:56:20,550  
so we just waiting to get word

2969

01:56:24,790 --> 01:56:22,310  
if you're just joining us this is a live

2970

01:56:27,669 --> 01:56:24,800  
view of the mission operations center at

2971

01:56:29,589 --> 01:56:27,679  
johns hopkins applied physics laboratory

2972

01:56:31,990 --> 01:56:29,599  
in laurel maryland

2973

01:56:33,350 --> 01:56:32,000  
this is where the spacecraft team is

2974

01:56:35,189 --> 01:56:33,360  
waiting to

2975

01:56:37,270 --> 01:56:35,199  
receive confirmation

2976

01:56:39,990 --> 01:56:37,280

of acquisition of signal from the dart

2977

01:56:41,270 --> 01:56:40,000

spacecraft currently on its way to the

2978

01:56:44,229 --> 01:56:41,280

dynamos

2979

01:56:46,550 --> 01:56:44,239

asteroid system

2980

01:56:49,270 --> 01:56:46,560

where we expect it will impact the

2981

01:57:05,750 --> 01:56:49,280

moonlit dimorphous in late september of

2982

01:57:09,990 --> 01:57:07,350

and then while we wait

2983

01:57:12,629 --> 01:57:10,000

to hear whether we have acquisition of

2984

01:57:14,070 --> 01:57:12,639

signal i was going to mention

2985

01:57:15,830 --> 01:57:14,080

you know the teams

2986

01:57:18,070 --> 01:57:15,840

rehearse this

2987

01:57:20,470 --> 01:57:18,080

many many times there is

2988

01:57:22,629 --> 01:57:20,480

um there are pages and pages of

2989

01:57:24,870 --> 01:57:22,639

procedures that have to be followed down

2990

01:57:26,709 --> 01:57:24,880

to the letter and you go through

2991

01:57:28,310 --> 01:57:26,719

everything a final time during the

2992

01:57:31,510 --> 01:57:28,320

mission dress rehearsal this team did

2993

01:57:33,350 --> 01:57:31,520

that uh less than a week ago

2994

01:57:35,830 --> 01:57:33,360

from the control rooms here in

2995

01:57:38,390 --> 01:57:35,840

vandenberg uh

2996

01:57:41,270 --> 01:57:38,400

john johns hopkins

2997

01:57:43,430 --> 01:57:41,280

all around the country

2998

01:57:44,709 --> 01:57:43,440

and this is the one thing that

2999

01:57:46,629 --> 01:57:44,719

you can't really predict you don't

3000

01:57:47,910 --> 01:57:46,639

really know when it's going to happen

3001  
01:57:50,070 --> 01:57:47,920  
right

3002  
01:57:51,990 --> 01:57:50,080  
so it all comes down to

3003  
01:57:54,070 --> 01:57:52,000  
different the environments are different

3004  
01:57:55,030 --> 01:57:54,080  
variables that play out on launch day

3005  
01:57:56,149 --> 01:57:55,040  
and

3006  
01:57:57,990 --> 01:57:56,159  
whether you're going to get that single

3007  
01:57:59,990 --> 01:57:58,000  
early or whether you get it later you

3008  
01:58:02,709 --> 01:58:00,000  
won't know until you get up there so you

3009  
01:58:03,990 --> 01:58:02,719  
know rehearsals and and practice is

3010  
01:58:05,910 --> 01:58:04,000  
great

3011  
01:58:07,830 --> 01:58:05,920  
for dealing with anomalies and and

3012  
01:58:09,830 --> 01:58:07,840  
things along those lines but at the end

3013  
01:58:11,589 --> 01:58:09,840

of the day you still you're 100 sure

3014

01:58:14,950 --> 01:58:11,599

when it'll actually happen until you

3015

01:58:17,109 --> 01:58:14,960

know the launch until launch day

3016

01:58:19,430 --> 01:58:17,119

and so at this point we are officially

3017

01:58:20,629 --> 01:58:19,440

inside that window

3018

01:58:22,629 --> 01:58:20,639

when we

3019

01:58:31,910 --> 01:58:22,639

think we could get acquisition of signal

3020

01:58:35,030 --> 01:58:32,830

and you

3021

01:58:36,950 --> 01:58:35,040

can look in the room you can kind of see

3022

01:58:38,470 --> 01:58:36,960

that nervous energy of people just

3023

01:58:39,669 --> 01:58:38,480

waiting to get that confirmation of

3024

01:58:42,390 --> 01:58:39,679

spacecraft

3025

01:58:43,830 --> 01:58:42,400

um that or i would say first signal from

3026  
01:58:52,870 --> 01:58:43,840  
the spacecraft and make sure that the

3027  
01:58:57,750 --> 01:58:55,910  
and then after that signal is acquired

3028  
01:58:59,669 --> 01:58:57,760  
there i mean there's even more to be

3029  
01:59:02,629 --> 01:58:59,679  
done then i mean that's a that's a huge

3030  
01:59:03,910 --> 01:59:02,639  
moment of celebration a sigh of relief

3031  
01:59:05,030 --> 01:59:03,920  
but there's still a lot of work to be

3032  
01:59:07,430 --> 01:59:05,040  
done on the other side of that

3033  
01:59:09,030 --> 01:59:07,440  
absolutely so that's when the dart the

3034  
01:59:10,390 --> 01:59:09,040  
dart team the spacecraft team that's

3035  
01:59:12,310 --> 01:59:10,400  
when their work really begins the launch

3036  
01:59:14,229 --> 01:59:12,320  
vehicle team pretty much did

3037  
01:59:15,990 --> 01:59:14,239  
all their work kind of leading up to

3038  
01:59:17,990 --> 01:59:16,000

spacecraft separation now it's time for

3039

01:59:19,109 --> 01:59:18,000

the dart team to kind of really

3040

01:59:20,629 --> 01:59:19,119

uh

3041

01:59:22,550 --> 01:59:20,639

moving forward on the operational side

3042

01:59:23,990 --> 01:59:22,560

of their their mission

3043

01:59:26,070 --> 01:59:24,000

um at this point because you know they

3044

01:59:28,709 --> 01:59:26,080

spent years developing the technology

3045

01:59:31,030 --> 01:59:28,719

building the spacecraft and now

3046

01:59:32,790 --> 01:59:31,040

since we've had a successful launch

3047

01:59:46,390 --> 01:59:32,800

the operational side of their their

3048

01:59:51,270 --> 01:59:48,950

so we just got confirmation that we do

3049

01:59:53,910 --> 01:59:51,280

have acquisition the signal

3050

01:59:55,669 --> 01:59:53,920

which is great news that the spacecraft

3051  
01:59:57,510 --> 01:59:55,679  
has been able to talk to the team on the

3052  
02:00:00,070 --> 01:59:57,520  
ground so that's that's a good thing

3053  
02:00:01,109 --> 02:00:00,080  
yeah huge news um

3054  
02:00:04,550 --> 02:00:01,119  
it's

3055  
02:00:07,030 --> 02:00:04,560  
the

3056  
02:00:10,390 --> 02:00:07,040  
solar arrays on dart uh

3057  
02:00:12,790 --> 02:00:10,400  
will still have to unfurl uh that that

3058  
02:00:13,990 --> 02:00:12,800  
process does not begin until

3059  
02:00:19,270 --> 02:00:14,000  
uh

3060  
02:00:21,669 --> 02:00:19,280  
so that's still quite a ways away um and

3061  
02:00:24,950 --> 02:00:21,679  
that process once the first one begins

3062  
02:00:27,750 --> 02:00:24,960  
to unfurl that happens uh very gradually

3063  
02:00:29,990 --> 02:00:27,760

and then uh it's almost an hour before

3064

02:00:32,629 --> 02:00:30,000

the second one is is fully unfurled and

3065

02:00:34,629 --> 02:00:32,639

the span of those um stretches fully out

3066

02:00:37,510 --> 02:00:34,639

into space each one

3067

02:00:43,910 --> 02:00:37,520

reaching almost 30 feet um in either

3068

02:00:47,990 --> 02:00:46,149

okay and uh just to finish that thought

3069

02:00:50,709 --> 02:00:48,000

they are three times more

3070

02:00:53,270 --> 02:00:50,719

powerful than standard solar arrays uh

3071

02:00:55,910 --> 02:00:53,280

we we've just heard that uh nasa launch

3072

02:00:58,390 --> 02:00:55,920

manager tim dunn is is standing by with

3073

02:01:00,629 --> 02:00:58,400

daryl and kelly to speak to them about

3074

02:01:02,629 --> 02:01:00,639

uh the success so far in the dart

3075

02:01:05,350 --> 02:01:02,639

mission now that we have confirmation of

3076

02:01:07,589 --> 02:01:05,360

acquisition of signal so daryl and kelly

3077

02:01:09,270 --> 02:01:07,599

denton and i will sign off from here and

3078

02:01:11,109 --> 02:01:09,280

we will send it back to you all right

3079

02:01:13,750 --> 02:01:11,119

thank you maria denton great job out

3080

02:01:15,910 --> 02:01:13,760

there and congratulations is in order

3081

02:01:18,310 --> 02:01:15,920

for launch services program tim dunn

3082

02:01:20,870 --> 02:01:18,320

joining us here on set just popped in

3083

02:01:23,270 --> 02:01:20,880

fresh from the control room yes how did

3084

02:01:24,149 --> 02:01:23,280

it go from your perspective oh it went

3085

02:01:26,229 --> 02:01:24,159

great

3086

02:01:28,070 --> 02:01:26,239

just terrific uh

3087

02:01:30,390 --> 02:01:28,080

we got it all settled in about three and

3088

02:01:33,669 --> 02:01:30,400

a half hours before t-zero

3089

02:01:36,390 --> 02:01:33,679

and uh we had a couple of minor issues

3090

02:01:39,510 --> 02:01:36,400

uh with a little bit with the pad a few

3091

02:01:42,790 --> 02:01:39,520

items with the rocket but it's amazing

3092

02:01:45,669 --> 02:01:42,800

daryl to watch the integration of the

3093

02:01:48,070 --> 02:01:45,679

nasa team and the spacex team work

3094

02:01:49,750 --> 02:01:48,080

through anomalies and issues to make

3095

02:01:52,310 --> 02:01:49,760

sure that we are tracking to that

3096

02:01:53,589 --> 02:01:52,320

precious one second instantaneous window

3097

02:01:55,430 --> 02:01:53,599

that we had to hit

3098

02:01:57,510 --> 02:01:55,440

obviously we had perfect weather today

3099

02:02:00,390 --> 02:01:57,520

so that was not a player at all

3100

02:02:01,189 --> 02:02:00,400

uh no range instrumentation issues at

3101

02:02:02,390 --> 02:02:01,199

all

3102

02:02:05,270 --> 02:02:02,400

so

3103

02:02:07,669 --> 02:02:05,280

it was just a terrific countdown and any

3104

02:02:10,070 --> 02:02:07,679

countdown that ends in a successful

3105

02:02:12,470 --> 02:02:10,080

launch followed by spacecraft separation

3106

02:02:14,629 --> 02:02:12,480

is a great day absolutely and what a

3107

02:02:17,109 --> 02:02:14,639

show out there outside as well clear

3108

02:02:18,629 --> 02:02:17,119

skies you don't get that all the time in

3109

02:02:19,750 --> 02:02:18,639

vandenberg that's great to see it

3110

02:02:22,229 --> 02:02:19,760

straight up and there were some great

3111

02:02:24,550 --> 02:02:22,239

camera views as well yes yes we uh we

3112

02:02:26,790 --> 02:02:24,560

got a peek out of the window at the uh

3113

02:02:28,310 --> 02:02:26,800

spacex facility and i got to see

3114

02:02:30,149 --> 02:02:28,320

probably about the first 30 seconds of

3115

02:02:32,950 --> 02:02:30,159

flight looked gorgeous from north

3116

02:02:35,270 --> 02:02:32,960

vandenberg nice oh fantastic and one

3117

02:02:37,669 --> 02:02:35,280

second launch window and um no rest for

3118

02:02:39,030 --> 02:02:37,679

the weary it's been quite uh an end of

3119

02:02:41,109 --> 02:02:39,040

the year for you here with lots of

3120

02:02:44,070 --> 02:02:41,119

launches what has that been like

3121

02:02:46,390 --> 02:02:44,080

it's been very busy you guys know we

3122

02:02:48,709 --> 02:02:46,400

started off just two months ago landsat

3123

02:02:50,629 --> 02:02:48,719

here at vandenberg a month after that

3124

02:02:52,629 --> 02:02:50,639

middle of october lucy back on the east

3125

02:02:54,390 --> 02:02:52,639

coast and here we are

3126  
02:02:57,030 --> 02:02:54,400  
you know right before thanksgiving with

3127  
02:02:59,830 --> 02:02:57,040  
a successful dart launch and we turn

3128  
02:03:02,470 --> 02:02:59,840  
right around 16 days from now we'll be

3129  
02:03:04,470 --> 02:03:02,480  
launching xp on a falcon 9 from kennedy

3130  
02:03:06,790 --> 02:03:04,480  
space center and then just a few more

3131  
02:03:08,149 --> 02:03:06,800  
months after that a goes launch early in

3132  
02:03:11,510 --> 02:03:08,159  
2022

3133  
02:03:13,109 --> 02:03:11,520  
so just a very busy time but a very

3134  
02:03:15,589 --> 02:03:13,119  
exciting time for launch services

3135  
02:03:17,189 --> 02:03:15,599  
program well it certainly has been the

3136  
02:03:19,189 --> 02:03:17,199  
end of the year lots of launches as you

3137  
02:03:21,669 --> 02:03:19,199  
mentioned got to get going in the early

3138  
02:03:23,669 --> 02:03:21,679

part of next year as well yes but uh you

3139

02:03:25,430 --> 02:03:23,679

get to enjoy this one now a little bit

3140

02:03:27,189 --> 02:03:25,440

and uh congratulations to you and the

3141

02:03:29,350 --> 02:03:27,199

team oh well thank you so much it means

3142

02:03:31,910 --> 02:03:29,360

a lot to be able to launch uh on the

3143

02:03:33,830 --> 02:03:31,920

23rd of november and be able to get a

3144

02:03:35,669 --> 02:03:33,840

lot of folks on airplanes tomorrow so

3145

02:03:37,910 --> 02:03:35,679

they can be home with their families you

3146

02:03:40,229 --> 02:03:37,920

betcha i'm one of those so thank you

3147

02:03:42,470 --> 02:03:40,239

wonderful thank you all right well our

3148

02:03:45,189 --> 02:03:42,480

coverage of the dart mission is coming

3149

02:03:47,750 --> 02:03:45,199

to a close but uh you can keep track of

3150

02:03:48,950 --> 02:03:47,760

dart and get updates on twitter just go

3151

02:03:50,870 --> 02:03:48,960

to at

3152

02:03:53,350 --> 02:03:50,880

asteroid watch

3153

02:03:54,629 --> 02:03:53,360

on all of the platforms twitter facebook

3154

02:03:56,709 --> 02:03:54,639

and instagram

3155

02:03:58,149 --> 02:03:56,719

so thank you for watching our nasa

3156

02:03:59,990 --> 02:03:58,159

coverage of the dart launch from the

3157

02:04:02,470 --> 02:04:00,000

vandenberg space force base in

3158

02:04:03,910 --> 02:04:02,480

california we want to give all of our

3159

02:04:06,390 --> 02:04:03,920

guests a special thanks for

3160

02:04:08,310 --> 02:04:06,400

participating in the show and a special

3161

02:04:09,750 --> 02:04:08,320

shout out to my co-host kelly fast thank

3162

02:04:11,830 --> 02:04:09,760

you so much for being here no thank you

3163

02:04:13,910 --> 02:04:11,840

daryl this is so much fun

3164

02:04:16,390 --> 02:04:13,920

congratulations and we look to hear more

3165

02:04:17,830 --> 02:04:16,400

from you in the fall of next year ready

3166

02:04:19,830 --> 02:04:17,840

to cheer on the team they've been

3167

02:04:21,669 --> 02:04:19,840

fabulous all right

3168

02:04:23,669 --> 02:04:21,679

fantastic so we leave you now with a

3169

02:04:26,229 --> 02:04:23,679

replay of the dart launch from right

3170

02:04:28,629 --> 02:04:26,239

here at the vanderberg space force base

3171

02:04:33,030 --> 02:04:28,639

in california good night everyone and

3172

02:04:33,040 --> 02:04:39,430

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3173

02:04:41,270 --> 02:04:40,390

nine

3174

02:04:42,149 --> 02:04:41,280

eight

3175

02:04:43,109 --> 02:04:42,159

seven

3176  
02:04:44,069 --> 02:04:43,119  
six

3177  
02:04:45,109 --> 02:04:44,079  
five

3178  
02:04:46,069 --> 02:04:45,119  
four

3179  
02:04:47,109 --> 02:04:46,079  
three

3180  
02:04:49,750 --> 02:04:47,119  
two

3181  
02:04:56,870 --> 02:04:50,790  
and

3182  
02:05:04,390 --> 02:04:56,880  
nasa's first planetary defense test to

3183  
02:05:08,069 --> 02:05:06,229  
so we're getting a nice view of the

3184  
02:05:10,470 --> 02:05:08,079  
on-board cameras from the falcon 9 so

3185  
02:05:12,149 --> 02:05:10,480  
you can see it looking towards the

3186  
02:05:13,830 --> 02:05:12,159  
first the

3187  
02:05:16,950 --> 02:05:13,840  
aft end of the first stage and you can

3188  
02:05:20,629 --> 02:05:16,960

see those engines coming to life

3189

02:05:23,189 --> 02:05:20,639

stage when chamber pressures level

3190

02:05:24,790 --> 02:05:23,199

and falcon 9 will be reaching max q in

3191

02:05:39,970 --> 02:05:24,800

just seconds the moment of peak