

Daily Space Snapshot

April 5, 2026 • Fresh stories, source-linked

TOPLINE

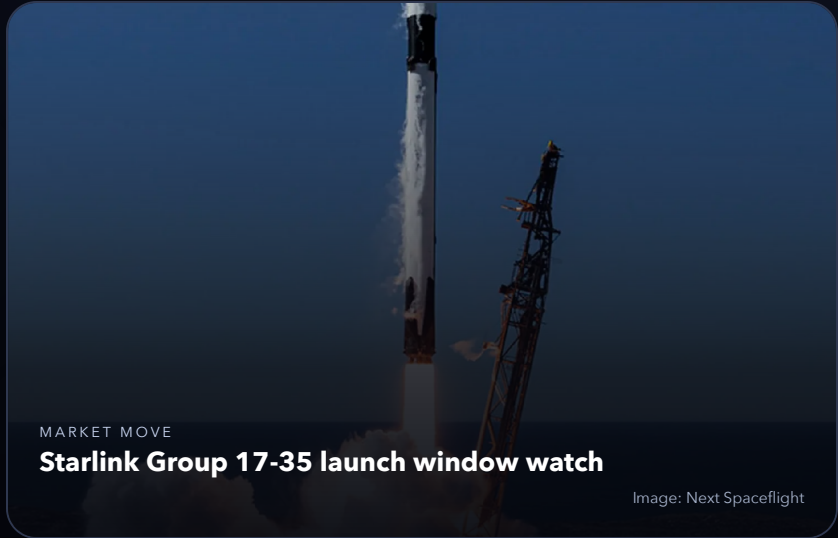
Launch cadence + lunar surface ops are leading today's signal mix.

On the third day of the Artemis II mission, the astronauts began preparing Orion's cabin for lunar flyby. They also exercised, practiced medical response procedures, and tested the spacecraft's emergency communications system in deep space.



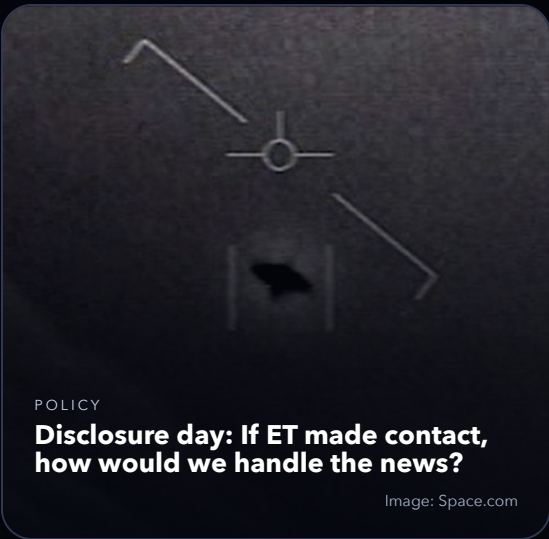
TOP SIGNAL
Illuminated in Orion

Image: NASA



MARKET MOVE
Starlink Group 17-35 launch window watch

Image: Next Spaceflight



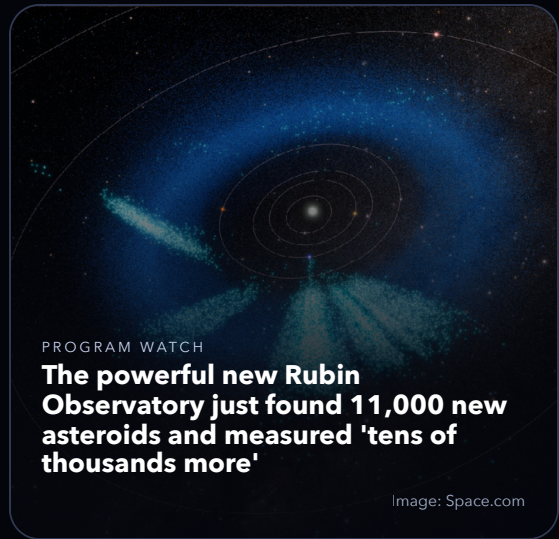
POLICY
Disclosure day: If ET made contact, how would we handle the news?

Image: Space.com



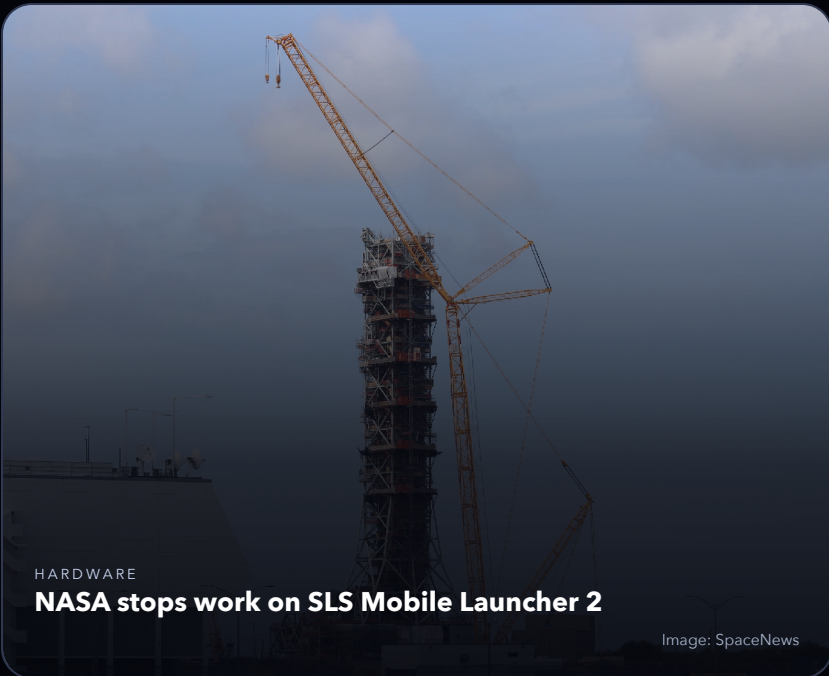
LAUNCH OPS
Dozens of hidden star streams found in the outskirts of our Milky Way galaxy

Image: Space.com



PROGRAM WATCH
The powerful new Rubin Observatory just found 11,000 new asteroids and measured 'tens of thousands more'

Image: Space.com



HARDWARE
NASA stops work on SLS Mobile Launcher 2

Image: SpaceNews



SCIENCE / PUBLIC
Isaacman defends NASA budget proposal despite steep cuts

Image: SpaceNews

SIGNAL METER
Topic Heat



LAUNCH WINDOW
Upcoming Launches

- Apr 6, 2026 • Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, USA**
Starlink Group 17-35
- Apr 7, 2026 • Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, USA**
STP-S29A
- Apr 7, 2026 • Wenchang Space Launch Site, China**
CASC launch listing
- Apr 8, 2026 • Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida, ...**
CRS NG-24
- Apr 8, 2026 • Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center, China**
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NARRATIVE BALANCE
Signal Split

