

HAPPENINGS

Weekly Edition

April 11, 2025

Meanwhile, In Outer Space...

The Fram2 mission launched on March 31, carrying a quartet of passengers who would soon complete the first human spaceflight in polar orbit. The launch was funded by Maltese cryptocurrency billionaire Chun Wang, who brought three polar expedition colleagues to join him on the mission.

During the three-and-a-half-day spaceflight, the crew performed a total of 22 research experiments, which included observation of Earth's poles, growing mushrooms and taking the first X-ray images of a human while in orbit. The first was a hand X-ray, honoring the very first X-ray ever made. The Fram2 crew continued their technology demonstration with a series of other diagnostic images that included the forearm, pelvis, abdomen and chest. The astronauts also imaged electronics to test the use of the X-ray as a hardware diagnostics tool, then demonstrated a DXA (Dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry) scan.

Blue Origin's NS-31 mission is planned to launch Monday, April 14 at 10 a.m. from Blue Origin's Launch Site One in West Texas with an all-female crew: Aisha Bowe, Kerianna Flynn, Gayle King, Amanda Nguyen, Katy Perry and Lauren Sanchez.

Aisha Bowe is a former NASA rocket scientist with a degree in aerospace engineering and a master's in space systems engineering. Bowe is CEO of STEMBoard, an engineering company that works with governments and other organizations. She also founded LINGO, a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education technology company.

Producer Kerianna Flynn has worked on documentaries and other films. She's also served as a board member and helped with nonprofit work at a number of New York-based schools and organizations.

Amanda Nguyễn graduated from Harvard. In her bioastronautics research career, she's worked at the Harvard Center for Astrophysics, MIT, NASA and the International Institute for Astronautical Sciences. Nguyễn will make history during this space mission as the first Vietnamese and Southeast Asian woman astronaut.

Gayle King is an award-winning broadcast journalist and media personality and she's an editor-at-large at "O, the Oprah Magazine."

Pop star Katy Perry is one of the best-selling music artists of all time. As a philanthropy advocate, Perry founded the Firework Foundation and serves as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador.

Author and journalist Lauren Sánchez is also a helicopter pilot and founded Black Ops Aviation. In 2016, she became engaged to Jeff Bezos, who founded both Amazon and Blue Origin.

NASA astronaut Jonny Kim and his two cosmonaut colleagues have arrived at the International Space Station (ISS). The Russian Soyuz spacecraft carrying Kim, Sergey Ryzhikov and Alexey Zubritsky docked with the orbiting lab on Tuesday, April 8 at 4:57 a.m. The trio launched atop a Soyuz rocket from Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. This is the first spaceflight for both Kim — a medical doctor and former Navy SEAL who is the first Korean-American astronaut to reach the ISS — and Zubritsky. It's the third mission for Ryzhikov, who spent nearly a year on the orbiting lab across two missions in 2016-2017 and 2020-2021.

The three new arrivals will spend about eight months in orbit as members of the ISS's Expedition 72 and 73 missions. They'll return to Earth in December, if all goes according to plan.



*The Soyuz module approaches the ISS.
(Image credit: NASA)*

Jobseekers Over 50 New Jobs In Brevard

BACK TO WORK 50+ at CareerSource Brevard Flagler Volusia provides coaching and peer support for jobseekers over 50 so you can build job-search skills and compete with confidence in today's job market. At the BACK TO WORK 50+ Intro Session, you can apply for Free Career Coaching to receive expanded coaching on the 7 Steps:

- Prepare for Your Job Campaign
- Identify your Interests and Skills, Align them with the Job Market, and Notice Gaps
- Select Your Job Targets, Research Employers, and Find Skills Training
- Create Your Personal Marketing Tools
- Find and Apply for Jobs
- Prepare for the Interview
- Accept, Negotiate, or Decline the Job Offer

Next Virtual Intro Sessions:

Wednesday, April 16, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 17, 2025, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Spots are limited!

Call toll-free 855-850-2525, or register online at <https://my.aarpfoundation.org/employment/workshop-signup/>.

Brevard County Sheriff's Office Job Fair

Join the job fair and tour the new facility. Take the Critical Call assessment and typing test for free! Filling multiple positions for 911 Dispatchers and 911 Call Takers.

Wednesday, April 23rd, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. & 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Brevard County Emergency Operations Center is located at 1751 Huntington Lane, Rockledge.



Viper Project Graduation Seeks Donated Storage Space

Viper Project Graduation is looking for a donated 10 x 20 or 10 x 10 storage unit to help reduce expenses and keep funds focused on supporting our graduating seniors. In the past, a 10 x 20 unit was generously donated. This year, we've received a discounted rate, but it remains a significant cost.

The storage unit is used to pass along essential supplies—like Viper Vortex and fundraiser items—from year to year. The 2025 committee's term ends in June, when the 2026 team will take over.

If you can help by donating a storage unit, please email scviperspg@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support!

Parrish Healthcare Open Interviews & Job Opportunities for Healthcare Workers Affected by Rockledge Hospital Closure

Parrish Healthcare recognizes the dedication and expertise of the health care professionals affected by the closure of Rockledge Hospital. Parrish Healthcare is hosting several hiring events for those seeking immediate employment opportunities.

Parrish Healthcare hosts open interviews every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Parrish Medical Center; 951 North Washington Avenue, Titusville.

- Registered Nurses
- RN Clinical Coordinators
- RN Charge Nurses
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Medical Assistant
- Emergency Medicine Technologist
- Respiratory Technologists
- CT Technologists
- EKG Technologists
- Quality Improvement
- MRI Technologists
- Radiology Technologist
- Phlebotomist
- Identity Access Management Analyst
- Paramedic
- Sterile Processing Technician
 - Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist
 - Athletic Trainer

For additional information regarding open positions within Parrish Healthcare, please visit parrishhealthcare.com/careers.

Be a Part of Something Special. Be a Parrish Care Partner!

Collapsing Manhole Prompts Temporary Closure of Section of S. Courtenay Parkway

A failing manhole cover caused the emergency closure of a section of S. Courtenay Parkway on Merritt Island. Work began on Thursday. The repair could take through the weekend. The manhole is located on S. Courtenay Parkway south of Cone Road, between N. Tropical Trail and Orchid Lane. A temporary repair is in place.

Motorists are encouraged to take this alternative route: Heading north on S. Courtenay Parkway, take Brandy Lane west to Tropical Trail, then south to Cone Road, then back onto S. Courtenay Parkway.

Launch Offers Free Shred Events

Launch Credit Union will host free “Shred Days” at several locations in the month of April.

- April 17th at the Titusville Singleton Branch 905 S. Singleton Ave., Titusville

- April 23 at the Melbourne-Wickham Branch 2200 N. Wickham Road in Melbourne

- April 30 at the Merritt Island Branch 415 Fortenberry Road Merritt Island (Drive Thru)

All Shred Days will be 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Members of Launch CU and non-members are invited to stop by and have their papers shredded for free, up to five boxes. Please remove any plastic bags, plastic materials such as CDs, and garbage prior to attending shred day. No batteries.

Shredding your sensitive documents including old bills and other items can help with identity fraud. Some items people may want to consider shredding include: credit card statements, old checks, ATM receipts, bank statements and anything a thief can use to steal your identity.

Launch Credit Union is a full service, community credit union, rated excellent on Bauerfinancial.com. Membership is open to all who live, work, worship or attend school in Brevard, Volusia, Seminole, Flagler, Osceola and Orange counties. For more information, visit Launchcu.com or call 321-455-9400.



Dog Surfing Festival!

The Brevard Humane Society is thrilled to announce the return of its East Coast Dog Surfing Festival on Easter Sunday, April 20, at Lori Wilson Park in Cocoa Beach. This festival brings together surfing pups, creative canine contests, live music, food trucks and family fun—all to benefit homeless animals in Brevard County. The event will run from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and helps raise critical funds for homeless animals cared for by the Brevard Humane Society. The main event is sponsored by Ron Jon Surf Shop.

Event Highlights:

- Bunny Paddle Out (9:00 a.m.) – Free bunny ears for the first 50 surfers (dogs & humans!)
- Intro to Dog Surfing Lessons – \$10
- Dog Surfing Championship (12:00- 1:00 p.m.) – Featuring surfing dog Gnarly Charley
- Doggy Easter Outfit Contest – 10 a.m.
- Doggy Bikini Contest – 1:00 p.m.
- Over \$500 in contest prizes
- Food Trucks, Vendors, Live Music from “Nowhere to Rum,” Alcohol Sales & More

Dog Beach Access is \$5 (with proof of current vaccinations). Parking is \$10 (cash only).

Wags & Waves Pre-Party:

The fun starts early on Saturday, April 19th at Cocoa Beach Fish Camp Grill (5602 N Atlantic Ave.). From 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Enjoy a Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle and a chance to mingle.

Launch Of Amazon's 1st Kuiper Internet Satellites Delayed By Weather

Amazon will have to wait to launch the first satellites of its new space internet constellation after bad weather scrubbed a liftoff on Wednesday night. Persistent clouds near the pad violated launch rules, ULA officials said.

“It is confirmed that we will not continue with the Amazon Project Kuiper 1 launch activities today,” ULA launch commentator Caleb Weiss said during a livestream. “We will work with our partners at the U.S. Space Force Space Launch Delta 45 for the timing of our next launch opportunity.” A new launch window has not been set. Yet.

Project Kuiper is Amazon's program to rival SpaceX's constellation of Starlink satellites to provide high-speed internet around the world. Amazon hopes to build a constellation of 3,200 broadband satellites in the years ahead to cement a foothold on the space-based internet market.

While ULA is launching these first Kuiper satellites, Amazon has contracted a wide range of launch services for the project, including flights on ULA's brand-new Vulcan Centaur rocket, Arianespace boosters and Blue Origin's New Glenn and SpaceX's Falcon rocket family.



LIBRARY HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.
9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Wednesday, 12-8 p.m. and Sunday, 12-5 p.m.

Youth Services
Family Programs

Family Spice Travelers Spice Club - Friday, April 18th at 3:30 p.m. This is a family event. Come to the meeting to pick up a spice kit and share food, recipes, and cooking adventures. It's fun for the entire family.

Game Day - Every Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Join us to meet other game enthusiasts for an afternoon of board, tabletop and card games in the main library area. Use one of the library-provided sets, or bring your own! All ages are welcome to this family-friendly event.

Recycling Creative Lab - Join us on Tuesday, April 22nd, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room for a creative family event! Combine art supplies, recycled items, and your imagination to make something amazing. This hands-on activity is perfect for families with children ages 12 and under. Come and let your creativity shine

Feathers & Focus - A Birdwatching Adventure with Becky Bolt, April 23rd 6-7 p.m. Join the Port St. John Library for an exciting birdwatching program with retired NASA ecologist and author Becky Bolt. Becky will give an educational presentation on local birds and birdwatching techniques. Afterward, participants can join in a hands-on birdwatching scavenger hunt outside the library. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about local wildlife in a fun, interactive setting!

Recycle Brevard - April 26th, 1:30 to 4 p.m. Pick up FREE reusable materials, Drop off your Terracycle, learn about the work they do, help separate materials received.

Adult

Community Advocate - Mondays, April 14 and 28, from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. The community support advocate assists with housing, SNAP, social security, healthcare and insurance, and senior resources.

Florida Orchid Presentation - April 16th at 6 p.m. Join The Park Biologist Mike Owen in a very informative and exciting presentation on his knowledge and experience with the orchids of South Florida. Mr. Owen is featured in several books including The Orchid Thief by Jeff Klinkenberg. Check out Orchidswamp.org.

Yarn Group of PSJ Library - The yarn group is a group of adults that enjoy knitting and crocheting. They are happy to help you learn. All levels are welcome. They donate projects and meet every Friday at the Port St. John Public Library from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Youth Programs

STEAM Time - Every Tuesday afternoon from 4:30-5:30

p.m. in the meeting room for children ages six through twelve. We have activities centered around science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. This event requires parent or adult supervision at all times.

Library Egg Hunt— Kids five and under can participate in an egg hunt in the Port St. John Library's youth services section. Trade any eggs you find to the Youth Services staff for mystery prizes!

Read Your Way to K: Baby Story Time - 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. every Friday in the meeting room. We invite babies, young toddlers, and their caregivers to join us for stories, songs, and activities. This storytime is for babies ages three and younger and always requires parent or adult supervision.

Read Your Way to K: Toddler Story Time - 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. every Friday in the meeting room. We invite babies, young toddlers and their caregivers to join us for stories, songs and activities. This storytime is for toddlers ages three to five and always requires parent or adult supervision.

Sensory Sundays - Every Sunday from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., children can join the library staff for sensory bin activities. This event is for ages six and up and always requires parent or adult supervision.

4/13 - Egg Letter Match Game

4/27 - Bubble Wrap Beehive Craft

Teen Art League - On April 12th and 19th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Teens ages 13 and up can join other creative-minded individuals for some time to chill and work on their personal art projects. The library will provide various art supplies, but you can bring your own. Try new projects with staff:

4/12— Bubble Wrap Pop Art

4/19— Garden Rock Painting

Saturday Craft Crew - Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Join us on Saturdays for a fun, hands-on craft time designed for kids ages four and up. We'll explore a new project or activity each week, helping kids get creative with colorful materials and exciting themes! It's the perfect way to start your weekend with a splash of imagination and fun!

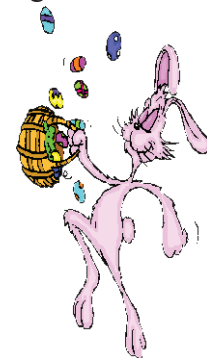
4/12— Box Bunny

4/19— Bunny Head Band

4/26— Spring Lily Handprint

***At my age, I can hide my own
Easter eggs, wait 1/2 hour
and have no idea where they
are hidden.***

Happy Easter Egg Hunting!



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