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U.S.-Iran ceasefire on tenuous ground



Rescuers search through wreckage in Beirut on April 8 after Israeli strikes killed and injured hundreds. MOHAMED AZAKIR/REUTERS

Israel continues attacks on Lebanon

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President Donald Trump's ceasefire with Iran was on tenuous ground on April 9 after Israel launched its deadliest day of strikes on Lebanon yet and Teh-

ran vowed not to desert its allies. A day after announcing the Iran war ceasefire, Trump took to social media to warn the country that if the "REAL AGREEMENT" was not complied with, all U.S. military assets would remain in place ready for a military response. He warned Iran to keep the Strait of Hormuz open and safe but did not ad-

dress the strikes in Lebanon in the post.

"If for any reason it is not, which is highly unlikely, then the 'Shootin' Starts,' bigger, and better, and stronger than anyone has ever seen before," he wrote.

Meanwhile, strikes on Lebanon, which borders Israel came on April 8, a day after United States and Iranian

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Artemis II crew spends final full day in space

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After years of preparation and enormous galactic achievements, the Artemis II astronauts on April 9 marked their final full day in space.

As of that morning, the Orion spacecraft carrying the crew still had tens of thousands of miles to go ahead of a planned water landing April 10 off the California coast: It was about 160,000 miles from Earth, leaving the moon about 120,000 miles behind, according to NASA's online tracker.

That meant the astronauts were approaching the point where they were

closer to Earth than to the moon – a key point in their return journey signifying that the end of the historic mission was near.

The crew was due to spend the day working with flight control teams back on Earth to review landing procedures and prepare the Orion vehicle for re-entering Earth's atmosphere, according to NASA.

About nine days into their journey, the astronauts – Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover and Christina Koch of NASA, as well as the Canadian Space Agency's Jeremy Hansen – appeared to be in

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The Artemis II crew of NASA astronauts Christina Koch, Reid Wiseman and Victor Glover and Canadian astronaut Jeremy Hansen will return to Earth on April 10. PROVIDED BY NASA/HANDOUT VIA REUTERS

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE



Scoops on 5th is among the ice-cream shops participating in the Mount Dora Ice Cream Stroll on April 12. PROVIDED BY SCOOPS ON 5TH

Lake County Fair, Mount Dora Ice Cream Stroll and more

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In case you missed the Easter season fun, it's not too late. Enjoy free all-American festing this weekend at Easter egg hunts in Mascotte and during Discover Leesburg on Saturday, as well as the 2nd Friday Block Party in Groveland and the Mount Dora Chamber of Commerce's annual Ice Cream Stroll in the city's historic downtown on Sunday.

Learn more and check out what else is going on below:

Hunt Easter eggs at Discover Leesburg

Head to downtown Leesburg for its second Friday celebration from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, April 10, for the Discover Leesburg Easter Egg Hunt. The event will feature live music, food trucks and a hunt for colorful Easter eggs, each packed with surprises from local merchants. "No maps, no registration, no stress," the city's special events folks say.

Music headliner Johnathan O'Gilvie is an Orlando-based artist and producer who specializes in "R&B with a personal twist," adding elements of "smooth, dreamy, dark synth sounds" into his music. Check the Discover Leesburg Facebook event page for details and updates, or call 352-365-0053.

2nd Friday Block Party packs free fun in Groveland

It's time again for the 2nd Friday Block Party at Lake David from 5 to 9

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