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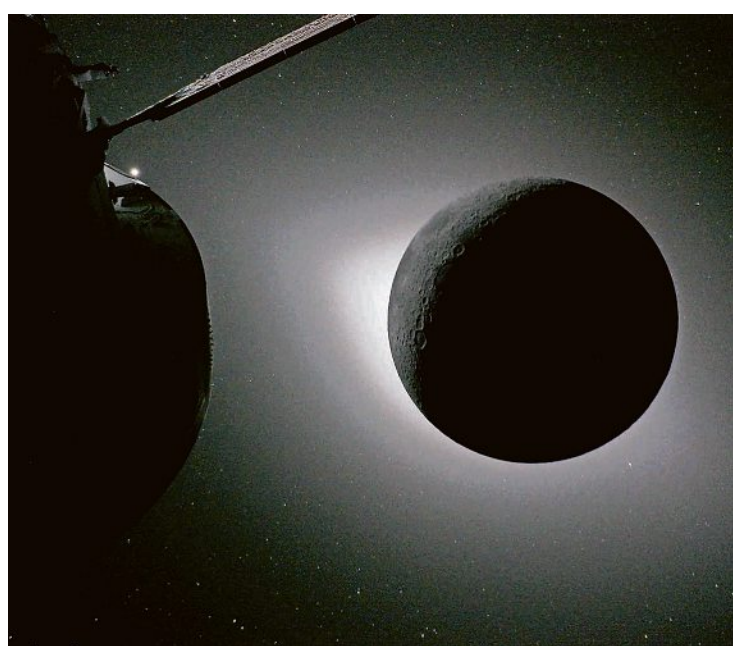
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## Artemis II crew spends final full day in space



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

### Astronauts set the stage for future lunar missions



The moon is backlit by the sun during a solar eclipse, as photographed by one of the cameras on the Orion spacecraft during the Artemis II flyby of the moon on April 7.

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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 reentering Earth's atmosphere, according to NASA.

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## Ohio bills aim to rein in sports betting

### House proposals ban phone, college wagers

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Ohio would ban people from using their phones to place sports bets under new legislation being pushed by House Republicans.

Three lawmakers unveiled a plan on April 8 to restrict sports gaming three years after it became legal. Under their proposal, Ohio would require gamblers to place wagers at casinos, prohibit all betting on college sports, cap the amount and frequency of bets, and limit the ability of sportsbooks to advertise or offer financial incentives.

The bills would eliminate certain types of bets, including proposition bets that are tied to specific parts of the game rather than the final outcome.

Bettors also couldn't use a credit card to place wagers.

"I want to know the outcome is determined on the field of play, not on the gambling markets," Rep. Riordan McClain, R-Upper Sandusky, said during a news conference.

Ohio legalized sports betting in 2023, something Gov. Mike DeWine said he now regrets. Critics say the ease of access through betting apps encourages addictive, financially risky

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Guests enjoy watching sports on TV behind the bar at the grand opening of DraftKings Sports & Social in Columbus in 2024.

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## I-75 closure Downtown this weekend forces detours

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If you were planning to travel Interstate 75 north through downtown Cincinnati this weekend, you'll need to find an alternate route.

That's because about a third of a mile of the interstate – from about where In-

terstates 75 and 71 split to Freeman Avenue – will be closed for a bridge demolition.

The Ohio Department of Transportation is replacing the Linn Street bridge as part of the giant Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project.

Here's what to expect from the temporary interstate interruption this weekend.

### Three options after crossing the Brent Spence Bridge

Coming north over the Brent Spence, into Downtown, motorists will have these options:

- Take I-71 where it splits off I-75 and continue north on that route. Then take westbound State Route 562, the Norwood Lateral, to get back to northbound

I-75.

- Stay on I-75 until Exit 1C, West Fifth Street, to access Downtown.

- Stay on I-75 until Exit 1D, to travel west on U.S. 50/River Road.

Once in Ohio, motorists can resume northbound travel on I-75 from West Sixth Street, by way of Linn Street, West

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