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Artemis II astronauts have reminded the world of what we all share, a love of chocolate spreads and hot sauces.
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Thumbs up: The Artemis II mission reminds us that there are some things money can't buy -- such as accidental product placement in outer space. Millions from across the globe watched as a jar of Nutella floated by in the foreground of a mission livestream this week. Other brands that the astronauts brought with them: Tabasco, Sriracha, Cholula, Frank's RedHot and Heinz Hot Taco Sauce. Why so much hot sauce? "In microgravity, astronauts often experience less acute olfactory senses due to fluid shift — similar to having a mild congestion — which can dull flavor perceptions," Victoria Segovia, a public affairs specialist at Johnson Space Center, told Axios.

Thumbs up: Here's hoping the rain stays away because it's a big weekend for outdoor fun. Downtown is hosting the annual Houston Art Car Parade at 2 p.m., Rice University students and alumni and taking part in the annual Beer Bike race, and in The Woodlands, advocates for Camp for All will be rappelling off the The Woodlands Tower to raise money for the charity that provides camping fun for children and adults with challenging illnesses and special needs.

Thumbs down: Gov. Greg Abbott should consider getting outside too, because the fact that he fell for an obviously fake AI photo this week supposedly showing the real military rescue of a downed pilot in Iran is a sign that he's far too online. Or maybe he was just providing some free promotion for Texas' buildout of data centers.



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