

Tuesday, January 26, 1999

Stardust on track for launch on Feb. 6



Employees invited to JPMO Open House

▲ **Launch of the spacecraft Stardust** aboard a Boeing Delta II rocket is on track for Feb. 6 at 4:07 p.m. at the Cape Canaveral Air Station. The spacecraft is destined for a close encounter with the comet Wild 2 in January 2004. Using a silicon-based substance called aerogel, Stardust will capture comet particles flying off the nucleus of the comet. The spacecraft also will bring back samples of interstellar dust. These materials consist of ancient pre-solar interstellar grains and other remnants left over from the formation of the solar system. Scientists expect their analysis to provide important insights into the evolution of the sun and planets and possibly into the origin of life itself. The collected samples will return to Earth in a sample return capsule to be jettisoned as Stardust swings by Earth in January 2006.

▲ The Joint Performance Management Office (JPMO) is having an **Open House** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today, **Jan. 26**, on the second floor of Hangar I Annex. The JPMO is the new joint 45th Space Wing and Kennedy Space Center organization staffed by NASA and Air Force personnel to manage the new Joint Base Operations and Support Contract (J-BOSC). J-BOSC provides base support services at Cape Canaveral Air Station, Patrick Air Force Base, and Kennedy Space Center under one contract. Visit the open house and learn about the new JPMO.

Cartridge Replacement Up to You: ODIN has announced it will no longer be responsible for replacing toner and ink cartridges in office equipment. Employees are now expected to replace their own cartridges. JBOSC (SGS) is stocking ribbons, toner and ink cartridges for over 200 models of printers and 6 models of Pitney Bowes Fax machines. These supplies are available to NASA organizations and NASA contractors who are authorized to draw supplies from the JBOSC Logistics Support Centers. The installation is routine and should be easily performed by the user. If contractors do not have a current charge code for withdrawing supplies, they must provide their own toner through commercial means. Beginning Feb. 1, 1999, KSC fax and printer toner will be available through the KSC supply system. You may order toner and have it delivered to your office or to the Logistics Support Center (Supply Room) nearest you. Delivery may take two to three days. Since toner has a limited shelf life, it is not advisable to stock more than one cartridge at a time in your office. The used toner/ink cartridges and ribbon must also be recycled to meet federal environmental standards. The ODIN contractor (OAO) will provide used toner cartridge recycling bins in strategic locations around the center. If you need additional information pertaining to this topic, please feel free to contact Josh Travis at 867-7934.

Did You Know? February is African-American History Month, which highlights the many achievements and contributions of African-Americans to the Kennedy Space Center, the agency, the U.S. space program, and this nation. In the year that would have marked Dr. Martin Luther King's 70th birthday, the Installation Operations (FF) Directorate is hosting KSC's 1999 African-American History Month Celebration. "**The Legacy of African-American Leadership for the Present and the Future**" is the national theme. The kickoff celebration will be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1999, in the KSC Training Auditorium. It will feature the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Gospel Mimes, a group of young adults who perform interpretations through mime. In keeping with NASA tradition, all KSC employees are urged to attend with permission from their supervisors.

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