

NASA's comet tale draws to successful close in Utah desert

NASA to cover launch of New Horizons on TV and Web

◆ **Stardust On Earth:** The NASA TV image below shows the Stardust sample return capsule in a temporary clean room at the Michael Army Air Field in Utah. The capsule successfully landed at the U.S. Air Force Utah Test and Training Range at 5:10 a.m. EST Sunday. It contains cometary and interstellar samples gathered by the Stardust spacecraft.



◆ **ELV Update:** NASA TV and NASA Direct, Kennedy Space Center's Internet broadcasting network, will provide live New Horizons launch coverage **today**. TV and Web coverage starts at 11 a.m. EST; liftoff is scheduled for 1:24 p.m. EST. For information about NASA TV and digital downlink information on the Web, visit:

<http://www.nasa.gov/ntv>.

The New Horizons launch vehicle, an Atlas V rocket, was rolled onto the launch pad Monday.

■ **Memorial Service To Honor Challenger Astronauts at the Space Mirror Memorial** — A public

memorial service will be held in honor of the crew of Challenger STS-51L on Jan. 28. The ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. at the Space Mirror Memorial at the KSC Visitor Complex. Hosted by The Astronauts Memorial Foundation, the ceremony will include June Scobee Rogers, wife of the late Francis "Dick" Scobee, commander of the Challenger flight, and their son, Lt. Col. Richard Scobee; Center Director Jim Kennedy; NASA Associate Administrator for Space Operations William H. Gerstenmaier; the commander of Discovery on the first post-Challenger mission, Rick Hauck; and astronaut and Chairman of the Challenger Center for Space Education, Dr. Joseph P. Allen. The public is invited and there is no charge to attend. The KSC Visitor Complex will provide flowers for all ceremony guests and visitors throughout the day to place at the memorial. For more information, call 449-4444.

■ **One NASA Peer Award**— Are you looking for a way to recognize your colleagues for their contribution toward mission success? The One NASA Peer Award Program is designed to reward achievements supporting NASA's strategic goals that utilize a One NASA approach. You can easily nominate individuals or teams from anywhere across the agency, including both contractors and civil servants. Last year's

Agency Best of the Best winner was Melvin Ferebee from Langley Research Center. He created an Agencywide Systems Analysis Consortium to share expertise and resources across center boundaries. If you know of someone like Ferebee who has helped achieve mission success while pulling the agency together as one team, visit <http://www.onenasa.nasa.gov/TRIBUTES/Overview.htm> to place your nomination today.

■ **Volunteers Needed** — The Society of Women Engineers is seeking volunteers to assist at its Introducing Girls to Engineering Workshop for girls in the third to ninth grades. The workshop is being held at Merritt Island High School from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Jan. 21. More information is available on the Web at www.swe-sc.org/IGEW. To volunteer, go to <http://www.swe-sc.org/IGEW/VolunteerReg.htm>. If you have any questions, send an e-mail to judy.kersey@swe.org.

■ **Did You Know?** Florida's Blood Centers scheduled the following blood drives for the month: **today** at the SSPF, from 12:30 to 4 p.m.; Jan. 18 & 19 at the O&C Bldg, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Jan. 25 at Headquarters, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For an appointment, contact Ruth Wilburn, 632-2052, or Aida Teague, 867-1944.