

NEWS FLASHES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

- **COMET WILD2 VISITED BY STARDUST SPACECRAFT IN JAN 04. APPEARS “FRESH” AND MAY BE A RECENT EJECTEE FROM THE KUIPER BELT (NATURE, 428, P381)**
- **“BERRIES” AT OPPORTUNITY SITE ARE APPARENTLY HEMATITE, IRON OXIDE (SEE NASA MARS WEB SITE)**
- **NO EVIDENCE FOR WATER BORNE DEPOSITS AT GUSEV CRATER, YET (SCIENCE, 304, P 197)**
- **~10 PPM METHANE CONFIRMED AS STEADY STATE COMPONENT OF MARTIAN ATMOSPHERE AND ELEVATED OVER MERIDIANI PLANUM (OPPORTUNITY’S SITE). BIOGENIC OR ? (SCIENCE NEWS, 165, P 228)**
- **WATER ICE IS PRIMARY COMPONENT OF MARS SOUTHERN POLAR CAP (NATURE, 428, P 610 & 627)**
- **MARS MAGNETISM HYPOTHESIS: OVERTURN OF UNSTABLE MAGMA OCEAN (SCIENCE, 303, P 1439)**
- **ROBOTIC SERVICING MISSION FOR HUBBLE BEING CONSIDERED (SCIENCE, 303, P 1745)**
- **GEN. PERMITOV REPLACES KOPTEV AS HEAD OF RUSSIAN SPACE AGENCE (SCIENCE, 303, P 1747)**