

Space station crew greets shuttle visitors

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The crew of the international space station Monday exchanged hugs with their first visitors and then successfully commanded the outpost's new billion-dollar robot arm to take its first step.

"Hey, how are you doing? You guys are awesome!" U.S. astronaut Jim Voss of the station said to space shuttle Endeavour commander Kent Rominger as the shuttle crew floated into the station through an open hatch.

Members of both crews snapped pictures between handshakes and hugs.

Russian cosmonaut and station commander Yuri Usachev, Voss and U.S. astronaut Susan Helms arrived at the station, named Alpha, in March for a 4 1/2-month stay.

Since Endeavour docked at the station on Saturday, its seven-man crew and the station's crew had to settle for waving at each other through a port-hole.

On Sunday, Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield and U.S. astronaut Scott Parazynski performed a spacewalk to unfold and power up the new 58-foot robot arm that the shuttle delivered. Hadfield wiped tears from his eyes as he greeted Alpha's crew Monday.

Helms and Voss manipulated the newly attached arm's from a control center in the station, checking the joints. One end of the arm was moved 24 1/4 feet from its packing crate to an anchor on the station; it took three hours to complete the step because of all the tests.

"Congratulations. You've just added a new part of the station," Mission Control radioed once the job was finished.

"We've got a lot of excited people up here," Helms replied.

Voss said the arm was very smooth

and precise, "just a joy to operate."

Later Monday, Parazynski and Italian astronaut Umberto Guidoni were to move an Italian-built cargo carrier, named Raffaello, from Endeavour's payload bay to the station. The carrier contains 10,000 pounds of supplies, from food and clothes to science experiments and racks to hold them.

The arm, 3,618 pounds of steel, aluminum and graphite epoxy, has "hands" at either end and seven joints. It will act as a high-tech construction crane, walking end-over-end like an inchworm, to add pieces to the station and lessen the need for astronauts to do outside work during spacewalks.

On Tuesday, Hadfield and Parazynski will go back outside to wire up the end of the arm in its new location. On Wednesday, the new arm will hand off its packing crate to a smaller arm attached to the shuttle.

The shuttle was launched on Thursday and is due to return to Earth next Monday.

The new robotic arm was built by Canada, and Hadfield was the first Canadian to perform a spacewalk.

"Thank you very much for all the people who helped put the arm here," Hadfield said Sunday. "Scott and I were just the deliverymen. And it really opens the door to what all of us can be doing together here internationally, beginning to explore space as a planet."

In June the new arm will hook up a pressure chamber to Alpha. That chamber will allow station astronauts to perform spacewalks without the aid of a shuttle.

Next year the station is scheduled to receive a rail car built by Canada to further extend the new arm's reach. "Fingers" will be added to the arm in 2003 to increase its dexterity.

Last week for exhibit

HAYS (AP) — Really, how much interest could there be in seeing a model of some old bones?

Plenty — if they're the right bones. Officials at Fort Hays State University's Sternberg Museum of Natural History said they're close to their goal of attracting 100,000 visitors to the traveling exhibit, "A T. rex Named Sue."

The exhibit includes a cast of the

largest and most complete Tyrannosaurus rex fossil ever found. The original is on permanent display at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago.

The exhibit, which concludes its two-month run at the Sternberg on Sunday, had drawn 85,000 visitors as of last Friday.

That's more than four times the population of Hays.

Drawing winner



Goodland Shriners Randy Topliff, president, and Art Nelson, vice-president, of the Northwest Shrine Club, presented Jerlynn Enfield, 10, daughter of Marie Enfield, with a bicycle gift card redeemable at Wal-mart Super Center. The club took 88 fourth grade students to the Shrine Circus at Scott City, and Enfield won a drawing on the return trip. Wallace County club members plan to present a bike to a student there.

Photo by Eric Yonkey/The Goodland Daily News

Trainmen save bit of history

MEDICINE LODGE (AP) — Railroad barons, they're not.

Their line runs for less than 45 miles in southern Kansas. They have but one client. And if one of them calls in sick, it cuts their workforce in half.

But with a rented engine, a 19th-century depot that's seen better days, and a track that they describe as being "in pretty good shape," Stan Patterson and Cody Dodson are in business as the Kansas Southern Railway.

The two men, both in their early 20s, have leased the 43-mile track that starts at the gypsum mine in Sun City. The line runs east through Medicine Lodge and on to Attica, where it meets the main-

line Burlington Northern Santa Fe.

Patterson is the conductor, Dodson the engineer.

Their railroad is a remnant of the Central Kansas line, established in the late 1800s. The line was destined for sale to a "scrapper" — someone who would buy it, tear up the rails, and ship the rails to an overseas customer.

That's when Patterson stepped in. He lined up the purchase with a partner — but the month before they planned to start up, the friend became ill and backed out.

Patterson had put all the money he had into the deal. With a track and a leased engine but no engineer, he contacted Dodson, who accepted the job.

Board to get update on administrator

The Sherman County Hospital Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. tonight, with an update expected on the hiring contract with the new administrator. Jay Jolly of Brazil, Ind., hopes to take the job in May.

In addition, the board is to hear an update on the daycare project and the

status of acquiring a location to operate the facility.

There will also be an update on the operations of Rural Health Ventures, and the monthly financial report for the hospital.

The meeting will be in the conference room in the new addition to the hospital.

S&T Telephone to serve new areas

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tive weeks in the city's official newspaper. He said the agreement will take effect 60 days after the commission approves it — which won't be until after the third reading.

Southwestern Bell is the only telephone company to have a franchise agreement with Goodland, Pickman said, noting that the law requires the city to offer S&T an identical agreement. He said the document protects Goodland and the telephone companies.

The three-year agreement Southwestern Bell has with the city, which was signed in January 2000, requires the company to give the city construction plans, outlining where lines will be laid and how the company will repair any damage to streets or sidewalks.

Pickman said the agreement says the city is not responsible for any damage Southwestern Bell causes and requires the company to pay the city a 75-cent monthly fee per telephone line.

"The agreement will be the same for S&T," he said, "unless both agreements change."

Richards said the board has been talking about expansion for a year, rigorously pursuing it for the past two months. He said S&T recently hired a

company to perform a telephone survey in Goodland and Colby, finding that a good majority of people want S&T to come to town.

Business owners, Richards said, reported that it's hard for Colby or Goodland to recruit or retain new businesses because the telecommunications services aren't up to par. He said many owners said reliable telephone service and high speed Internet aren't available.

"We are really at the same crossroads," Richards said, "we were at when S&T Telephone was formed in 1952 in order to provide critical telephone services in the Brewster area."

Southwestern Bell didn't provide telephone service to rural cities, so farmers and ranchers in the Brewster area formed S&T as a co-operative.

"We are excited to be able to offer the Goodland and Colby city residents a choice in telecommunication services," he said. "We are going to be making a significant investment in building the telecommunication's backbone to these communities and feel this will help drive community and economic development in this region."

Richards said prices will be competitive and S&T will offer customers telecommunication packages, with one price for telephone, long distance, cable and Internet service.

Duckwall-Alco celebrates 100 years

ABILENE (AP) — In the era of the 35-cent phone call and the 34-cent stamp, when a cup of coffee can set you back a dollar, the term "five-and-dime store" has all but passed from common usage.

But for some, the phrase brings back thoughts of creaky wood floors, flickering fluorescent lights, maybe an old-time soda fountain and a lot of merchandise actually priced in the 5-to-10 cent range. That's where the "five-and-dime" name originated.

One of the original entrants in the five-

and-dime store competition is a home-grown Kansas company, Duckwall-Alco Stores Inc., which is celebrating its 100th anniversary in business this year.

"This company was built on the old-fashioned values of quality, service, price and convenience. Those values are just as important today," said Glen Shank, president and chief executive of Duckwall-Alco.

Shank said he sees the stores' rediscovered goal of serving smaller rural communities as a workable niche-market strategy for the 21st century.

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Tuesday, April 24 - JV Tennis @ Russell 2 p.m.
V Tennis @ Larned 2 p.m.
Golf @ Hoxie 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25 - Screening Comm. Mtg. 3:45 p.m.
National DECA Career Dev. Conference, Anaheim, Calif.

Thursday, April 26 - JH Track Quad @ Oberlin 2 p.m.
Tennis @ wakeeney 8:30 a.m.
JV V SB @ Holcomb 3 p.m.
National DECA Career Dev. Conference

Friday, April 27 - Tri-State Relays @ 2 p.m., home
National DECA continues

Saturday, April 28 - State Music Solo & Ensemble Contest; Tennis @ Colby 7:30 a.m.
Golf @ Atwood 8:00 a.m.
National DECA continues

Sunday, April 29 - National DECA continues
Monday, April 30 - 9-10 Track @ Atwood 2 p.m.
Golf @ Hays TMP 8 a.m.

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