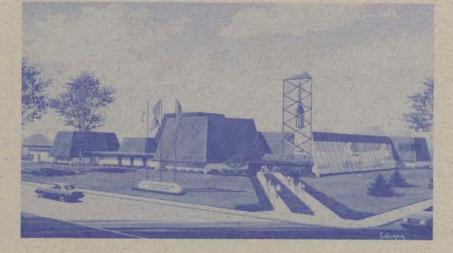
OFFICIAL GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

for Phase 1 Construction of the

KANSAS COSMOSPHERE AND **SPACE CENTER**



May 15, 1992 3:00 p.m.

VOYAGER 1

Voyager 1, an unmanned robot spacecraft designed to explore the planets Jupiter and Saturn, left the Earth atop a Titan-Centaur rocket Sept. 5, 1977. On Feb. 17, 1979 just before its closest approach to Jupiter, Voyager transmitted the signal for the Cosmosphere's first groundbreaking. At that time, Voyager 1 was about 500 million miles from Earth. Today, Voyager is outside the Solar System, traveling at an incredible speed of 39,549 miles per hour. Today, Voyager will be beaming its signal a distance of 4,435,265,455 miles to arrive at the Cosmosphere's second groundbreaking. The signal will take 6 hours, 36 minutes and 49 seconds to reach the Cosmosphere. Each year, Voyager travels 325 million miles farther from our Solar System. In a few million years, it will be moving silently through the region of the night sky we know as Hercules.

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Program

The Dream Continues . . .

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center extends its grateful appreciation to the donors whose gifts and pledges have made this institution and its programs of service possible.

Today's groundbreaking marks the beginning of a \$12.7 million expansion. It is the continuation of a dream that has brought international recognition to Reno County and Kansas.

If you have not yet done so, you are invited to join your friends and neighbors whose financial support is helping make the dream a reality.



Welcome Max L. Ary, KCSC Executive Director

Invocation Rev. Grant W. Housewright

Introductions and Comments Dean Johnson, Chairman of the Board, KCSC John Neal, Chairman of KCSC Development Committee

Keynote Address The Honorable Senator Robert Dole

Groundbreaking Ceremony

Countdown Voyager Signal Received Explosion

Ceremony Concludes

We would like to extend special thanks to the many people who helped make today's events possible. Special appreciation is extended to Dick Rudd and Noel Burden of NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, California, Hutchinson Community College, Sid Showalter and the Hutchinson High School Jazz Ensemble #2, our explosive expert, John Blumfalk and the Tripoli Rocketry Association, and the Hutchinson Police and Fire Departments.

MAY 14, 1992

TO: SENATOR DOLE

FROM: DAN STANLEY

SUBJECT: COSMOSPHERE

Information regarding the event, schedule and participants is attached.

There are fund raising aspects to this event as well. The Cosmosphere will need to raise about \$4 million to continue expanding. Currently, they must turn students away because of their size. They have begun working with aerospace companies and their associated foundations -- specifically McDonnell Douglas. I talked to McDonnell's Washington people and encouraged them to give full consideration to the request. In addition, I will talk to Rockwell and others and put them in contact with Chuck Schillings and Max Ary.

SCHEDULE FOR SENATOR ROBERT DOLE'S VISIT TO THE KANSAS COSMOSPHERE & SPACE CENTER

THE EVENT:

Groundbreaking for the first phase expansion of the Cosmosphere facility. This expansion program, to be built in three phases, will add 60,000 square feet to the present 35,000 square foot facility at a total cost of nearly \$13 million.

Phase I expansion will cost \$4.6 million, will add 14,000 square feet, and will completely remodel and reconfigure the existing 35,000 square feet.

TIME:

Ceremonies are set for 3:00 p.m., Friday, May 15, 1992

SPEAKERS DIAS

Max Ary, Executive Director, Kansas Cosmosphere Patty Carey, Founder and KCSC Board President Senator Robert Dole

Dean Johnson, KCSC Board Chairman and President, Emprise Bank, NA

John Neal, KCSC Board member, Campaign Chairman, and President, Ineeda Laundry and Dry Cleaning

Peter Brown, West Point appointee from Hutchinson, and a graduate of the KCSC Future Astronaut Training program

Jason Stinchcomb, Air Force Academy appointee from Russell and a Future Astronaut Training Program graduate

THE CEREMONY

After remarks by Ary, Johnson, Neal and Dole, Max will explain the "arming" of the explosive device. Carey, Johnson, Neal and Dole will each be asked to throw a switch, after which the device will be fully armed.

Following this, the two military academy appointees will be asked to throw two switches. The first switch will engage a signal from the Voyager satellite, which will be heard as an audible tone. The second switch will direct that signal to the explosive device, triggering the buried charge.

National Beef hit with \$150,000 fine

By Steve Painter

The Wichita Eagle

National Beef Packing Co. of Liberal was fined \$150,000 Wednesday after pleading guilty to criminal negligence in the deaths of three workers in June.

U.S. Attorney Lee Thompson said there wasn't enough evidence to bring criminal charges against any individual.

"That's certainly something that we looked at," Thompson said. "If we had evidence on some individual, current or past management, I wouldn't have hesitated to file charges."

The charge to which National Beef pleaded guilty said the company failed to provide and require use of respirators. The three employees were overcome by methyl mercaptan, a lethal gas produced from decaying organic matter, as they were attempting to clean a screen atop a blood holding tank.

Company attorney James Wyrsch said National Beef accepted the misdemeanor plea agreement so it could put the issue to rest without further litigation. Jackie Nowell, spokeswoman for the United Food and Commercial Workers, which represents National Beef employees, said the union had no comment on the criminal charge.

In December, the company agreed to a

\$1.5 million fine by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, which had documented more than 1,200 instances of health and safety violations in the months following the deaths.

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Although the criminal fine is only a fraction of the civil penalty, Thompson said the charge was significant. It is the second-largest criminal fine in the nation stemming from an OSHA case, he said, and the largest previous fine in Kansas had been \$10,000.

Thompson said proving a criminal charge against an individual would have required evidence that a manager or supervisor sent workers into the area without proper equipment, knowing that their lives were in danger. In fact, he said, the company had a written policy prohibiting workers entering the area without respirators.

In this case, no supervisors were on duty when Homer Stuil, 20, entered the area to clean the screen. He was immediately overcome by the gas, and the two others, David Arnold Kelley, 39, and Saya Chanthalangsy, 25, died trying to save him.

However, Thompson said, managers at the plant were clearly aware that workers frequently entered the area without respirators. 08:30

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An out-of-this-world ground breaking

Cosmosphere readies for expansion

By Mike Berry

Eagle Western Kansas bureau

Friday's ground breaking for the Kansas Cosmosphere's \$12.8 million expansion program in Hutchinson will combine the pioneer era and Star Wars technology.

Signals from the Voyager I spacecraft — 5 billion miles from Earth, beyond Pluto's orbit — will touch off an oldfashioned black powder charge at 3 p.m. in the Cosmosphere parking lot, turning the first "spadeful" of earth for the project.

"It will be the world's longest longdistance phone call," joked Ken Quimby, a spokesman for the space museum. It will take approximately 6½ hours for the signals to reach Earth, Quimby said.

Actually, it will be a repeat performance by Voyager I, which also keyed the charge for the Cosmosphere's first ground breaking, 13 years ago. That time, the probe was in the neighborhood of Jupiter, and its single electronic cue was only about 30 seconds late.

This time, it will be the sound of Voyager I's continuously transmitted stream of engineering data that actually sets off the black powder, Quimby said. Seven guests, including Sen. Bob Dole, will throw switches that will turn on a flashing red beacon, arming the system.

Then two graduates of the Cosmosphere's future-astronaut space camp program, who have gone on to U.S. military academies, will key a switch that turns digital electronic information into an audio signal, which in turn will set off the

explosives.

Quimby said the Cosmosphere has outgrown its facilities over the past 13 years. Expansion plans call for three phases, the first costing about \$4.3 million, be 'said.

A new planetarium will be built, exhibit space will be added to the museum, new classrooms are to be constructed and the OmniMax circular projection theater will be remodeled to provide additional seating, including 10 new wheelchair spaces, Quimby said. Phase 1 of the project is expected to take about 14 months to complete.

Senator Dola's schedule:

2:45	Arrive Hutchinson Airport. Will be me	et by	John
	Neal and Charles Schillings, Deputy Ex	kecu-	
	tive Director of the Cosmosphere.		

- 3:00 Welcome -- Max Ary, Executive Director
- 3:02 Invocation
- 3:04 Opening comments by Max Ary and introduction of Dean Johnson, Chairman of the Cosmosphere board
- 3:08 Comments by Dean Johnson
- 3:11 Introduction of John Neal by Max Ary
- 3:13 Comments by John Neal and introduction of Senator Dole
- 3:17 Senator Dole's Presentation
- 3:23 Explanation of Groundbreaking by Max Ary
- 3:28 Arming of Explosives
- 3:30 Introduction of West Point and Air Force Apointees

GRADUATES OF THE FUTURE ASTORONAUTS TRAINING PROGRAM

PETER BROWN, HUTCHINSON, ENTERING WEST PONT

JASON STINCHCOMB, RUSSELL, ENTERING THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY - SON OF VETERINARIAN CHUCK STINCHCOMB.

(Both were competitive for your nomination but had sufficient nomination assistance when your final selection was made. You sent them congratulatory notes.)

- 3:32 Countdown Voyager Signal heard Explosion Rockets fired from roof F-1 Engine ignition Banner Unfolds
- 3:35 Closing Comments, Max Ary
- 3:45 Senator Dole tours Cosmosphere with Ary, Neal, and Patty Carey
- 4:25 Dean Johnson and Chuck Schillings take Senator Dole's party to the airport for 4:30 departure

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SENATOR BOB DOLE COSMOSPHERE EXPANSION FRIDAY, MAY 15

THANK YOU. IT'S A PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE TODAY, AND TO JOIN IN RAISING THE CURTAIN ON THE NEXT CHAPTER IN ONE OF OUR STATE'S FINEST SUCCESS STORIES.

JUST DOWN THE HILL FROM THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL IS THE SMITHSONIAN AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM. THERE, AMONG OTHER HISTORIC **AIRPLANES, YOU CAN FIND THE VOYAGER--THE PLANE THAT** DICK RUTAN AND JENNA YEAGER FLEW NON-STOP AROUND THE WORLD.

IN A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN AFTER THAT FLIGHT, DICK RUTAN SAID, "WHAT KIND OF WORLD WOULD IT BE IF THERE WERE NO DARING?"

THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY, AMERICA HAS BEEN BLESSED BY MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAD THE DARING TO LOOK TO THE

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STARS...TO DREAM...AND TO MAKE THAT DREAM A REALITY. **ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WITH** DARING IS PATTY CAREY. IN FACT, PATTY AND THE **COSMOSPHERE ARE SHINING EXAMPLES OF THE KANSAS** STATE MOTTO--"TO THE STARS **THROUGH DIFFICULTIES."**

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WHAT BEGAN IN THE POULTRY BUILDING ON THE STATE FAIRGROUNDS IS NOW THIS BEAUTIFUL--AND EVER-**EXPANDING--CENTER.** WHAT BEGAN WITH ONE SECOND-HAND STAR **PROJECTOR NOW CONTAINS AN OMNIMAX THEATER, MORE THAN** 7,000 INDIVIDUAL ITEMS, AND IS

RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S FINEST SPACE SCIENCE MUSEUMS. THROUGH THE LEADERSHIP **OF PATTY CAREY, AND THE PEOPLE OF HUTCHINSON, THE** WONDERS OF SPACE ARE NOW **AVAILABLE TO OVER 350,000** PEOPLE ANNUALLY.

IN FACT, THE COSMOSPHERE HAS OPENED THE EYES OF MANY TO THE ECONOMIC **DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL THAT** TOURISM HOLDS FOR KANSAS. THE INVESTMENT THAT **HUTCHINSON HAS MADE IN THE** COSMOSPHERE HAS **TRANSLATED INTO JOBS FOR OUR CITIZENS AND NATIONAL**

AND INTERNATIONAL

RECOGNITION FOR

HUTCHINSON, RENO COUNTY,

AND KANSAS.

WITH SUCCESS, HOWEVER,

COMES MORE CHALLENGES.

FOR EXAMPLE, YOUR ABILITY

TO LOCATE AND ACQUIRE RARE

AND HISTORIC SPACE

ARTIFACTS MEANS YOU MUST

FIND ADDITIONAL ROOM TO **DISPLAY THESE ITEMS, SOME OF** WHICH ARE NOW IN WAREHOUSES AND STORAGE **AREAS AROUND HUTCHINSON.** THE SUCCESS OF YOUR **EDUCATION PROGRAMS--WHICH REACH OVER 40,000 SCHOOL** CHILDREN AND THEIR **TEACHERS EACH YEAR, HAS PUT**

PRESSURE ON YOU TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM SO OTHERS MIGHT PARTICIPATE IN THE "COSMOSPHERE EXPERIENCE." **TWO OF THE STUDENTS WHO** HAVE ENJOYED THAT **EXPERIENCE ARE WITH US** TODAY TO ASSIST IN THESE CEREMONIES.

PETER BROWN, FROM RIGHT

HERE IN HUTCHINSON AND

JASON STINCHCOMB, FROM MY

HOME TOWN OF RUSSELL, ARE

BOTH GRADUATES OF THE

COSMOSPHERE'S OUTSTANDING

FUTURE ASTRONAUT TRAINING

PROGRAM. PETER WILL BE

ENTERING WEST POINT THIS

FALL, AND JASON WILL BE

ENTERING THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY.

THERE ARE OTHER PETER'S AND JASON'S OUT THERE THAT THE COSMOSPHERE CAN **REACH. YET, EVERY YEAR, DUE TO LACK OF ROOM, YOU HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TURN AWAY** LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF SCHOOL GROUPS, AND

THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS. THE FUTURE OF THESE STUDENTS MAY WELL DEPEND ON HOW EFFECTIVELY THEY ARE CHALLENGED AND MOTIVATED TO ACQUIRE THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS **NEEDED IN TODAY'S COMPLEX GLOBAL ECONOMY.**

TO MEET THESE CHALLENGES, THE **COSMOSPHERE HAS LITTLE** CHOICE BUT TO GROW. AND TO **DO THAT MEANS AN ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT OF \$13 MILLION.** AS YOU BREAK GROUND ON THE FIRST PHASE OF THAT **EXPANSION, I HOPE EVERYONE** WILL REMEMBER HOW

IMPORTANT THE COSMOSPHERE IS TO HUTCHINSON AND TO KANSAS.

I CONGRATULATE EVERYONE WHO HAS PLAYED A ROLE IN MAKING POSSIBLE THE COSMOSPHERE OF TODAY. CERTAINLY, CONGRATULATIONS ARE DUE PATTY AND MAX, BUT JUST AS IMPORTANT ARE THE

HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF

YOU WHO HAVE PROVIDED THE

FINANCIAL FUEL WITHOUT

WHICH THEIR DREAMS WOULD

NEVER HAVE BECOME A

REALITY.

I ALSO THANK THOSE WHOSE ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS ARE MAKING THIS FIRST EXPANSION PHASE A REALITY.

AS LONG AS PEOPLE LIKE PATTY, AND ALL OF YOU HAVE DARING, I KNOW THAT THE FUTURE OF THE COSMOSPHERE, AND OF KANSAS AND AMERICA, IS IN VERY GOOD HANDS.