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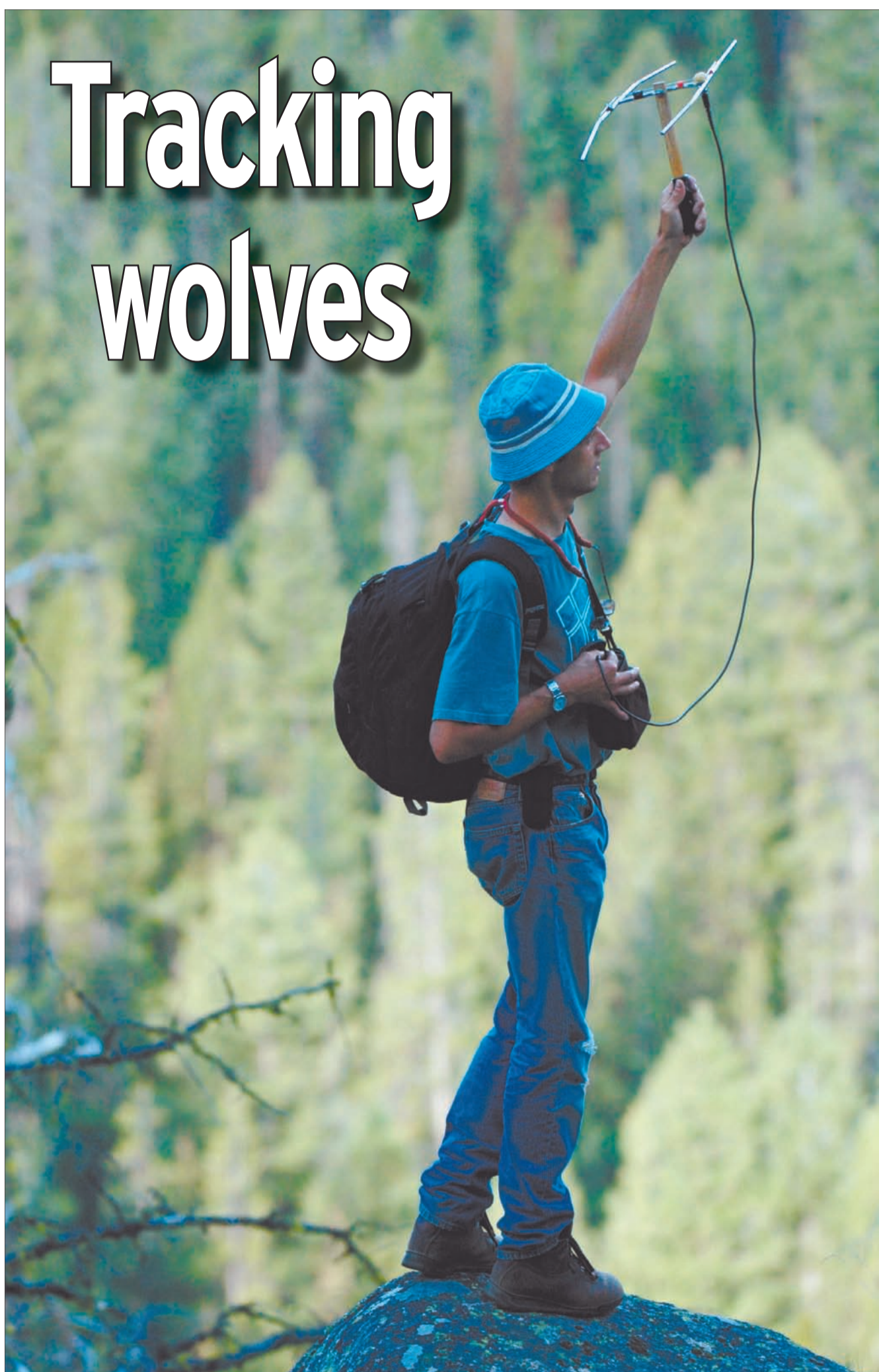
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# Tracking wolves

## Tools, patience key to tracing American gray

By BRITTANY KARFORD

**C**ASCADE, Idaho — The snap of cold steel on steel slices the air, breaking the silence in the Payette Mountain Range.

Jim Holyan instantly jumps backward at the crack, then gently resets the steel-jaw foothold, his fingers dancing nervously around the pad set off under just eight pounds of pressure.

"We use the same traps they used to wipe out wolves 100 years ago," Holyan said, pulling the snare out of the ground by a trailing 5-foot chain and fishhook.

In 1907, the call was given by the USDA to exterminate the gray wolf. Now, in 2005, they have ordered the traps back — this time to collar and release.

It's one of the few methods they have to keep tabs on the predator, who can be more than elusive with 80,000 acres of wilderness to call home. Tracking is no small task, but the whereabouts of the North American Gray Wolf are crucial. As part of a statewide management plan for the wolves introduced to Central Idaho in 1995, it is Holyan's job to find out how many wolves there are, where they're at and how fast they're reproducing.

Sucking in a deep breath, Holyan cups his mouth and sings out a long, deep howl in varying octaves. After a series of three calls, he pauses to listen. The echo rings off the surrounding mountains, then silence.

"There are no wolves within 500 miles of here," he said, returning to his truck.

And if there were, they would have answered back. While Holyan said his howls are a foreign language to them, he gets an answer more often than not. He has heard choruses of wolves answer back all over the state.

There are 450 or more wolves roaming somewhere in Idaho's expanse of forest. Each pack has an average territory of 350-400 square miles. Multiply that by 50-plus packs in Idaho, factor in that a wolf may travel up to 50 miles a day, and it becomes too much ground to cover on foot.

"It's like trying to find a needle in a haystack, not a haystack," said Holyan, a wolf tracker with the Nez Perce Wolf Recovery Program.

With that, the engines of a Cessna 20G personal aircraft begin to roar outside McCall Aviation Center. "Let's go find us some doggles," said Mike Dorris, pilot for the flight char-

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## Wolves revive ecology

By MICHELLE WITTE

**W**EST YELLOWSTONE, Idaho — It may have started small, just like a drop of water disturbing the glassy surface of a pond, but the rippled effects of wolf reintroduction reach much further than people expected. For the ecosystem of Yellowstone National Park and the surrounding area, those effects could mean the difference between finding a balance in nature and causing additional harm to the local ecosystem.

For biologists at Yellowstone who are studying these effects, the science of ecology is changed by the fact that the top predator in the ecosystem is now back after nearly a century.

"When we began studying ecosystems no wolves were in it because we killed them all," said Doug Smith, head wolf biologist for Yellowstone. "So when our science that we rely on today got going, and we began to understand how ecosystems work, they were wolfless. And we actually think that wolves have a strong impact over the ecosystems they live in. Everything we've learned about biology

and ecology, to a degree, is artificial or different because ecosystems evolved, ecosystems developed with wolves."

Smith said they have found that wolves affect a majority of the animals and plants in the Yellowstone ecosystem. The animals that are most obviously affected by wolves are the animals they prey on like elk, moose, bison and antelope.

Wolf presence also affects other predators, including grizzly and black bears, cougars and coyotes, since they often will prey upon the same animals.

In addition to these noticeable effects, the researchers are including other species where there would not seem to be any correlation, direct or indirect. These include ducks, reptiles, amphibians, beavers, song birds, ravens, magpies, beetles, willows, aspens and cottonwoods.

In one dramatic example, Smith showed how this trickle-down effect

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Wolf biologist Jim Holyan holds up an antennae Aug. 23 in the hopes of hearing a small beep from his transmitter, which would represent the presence of a nearby wolf. Holyan and a small team of trackers spend all summer hiking through remote areas of Idaho trapping and collaring wolves for the Nez Perce Wolf recovery Program.

Photo by Autumn Lorimer

## Devotional: Africa, the next mission field

By STEVE NYE

The Church and its potential for missionary work in Africa is growing, said BYU professor R.J. Snow at Tuesday's devotional.

"The more one learns about Africa and Africans, the greater seems the enormity of undertaking and pursuing missionary work there," said Snow, a political science professor.

Snow, who served as president of the Johannesburg South Africa Mission from 1987 to 1990, said he has learned about Africa and its people and understands the spreading of the gospel taking place there.

"Physically, Africa is vast; enormously complicated and not easily

described," Snow said. "It is a huge landmass of deserts, rainforests, boundless plains, wild animals and uncountable millions of people."

He said Africa is divided into 53 separate and sovereign nations with a total population of 830 million to 900 million people speaking more than 1,000 languages and dialects.

After describing physical Africa, Snow shared thoughts about the Prophet Joseph Smith, the coming forth of the Church on the African continent and the dedication of three temples in Africa.

Snow quoted Doctrine and Covenants Section 122, which is the Lord's instruction to Joseph Smith while confined in Liberty Jail, emphasizing that the gospel would go forth.

"The Lord's firm assurance to the

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R.J. Snow

## Katrina response, a weak link chain

Associated Press



Los Angeles Times photo by Carolyn Cole

Dylan Chancey, 7, rode out Hurricane Katrina in Biloxi, Miss., with his mother and father. The family lost virtually everything it owned to the storm.

Just two weeks ago, five state emergency managers brought a tough message to a meeting in Washington with Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and his top deputies.

"We told them straight out that they were weakening emergency management with potentially disastrous consequences," says Dave Liebersbach, the director of Alaska's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The department's focus on terrorism was undermining its readiness for other catastrophes, said the visiting officials, who included emergency managers from Mississippi and Alabama.

Now that Hurricane Katrina has left the Gulf Coast flooded and New Orleans in ruins, the question ricocheting around the nation and the world is this: How could the world's biggest superpower fail so badly in protecting and rescuing its residents from a natural disaster so frequently foretold?

The answer is sure to receive intense

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**[ Weather ]**



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Sunny

High 88, low 54



**THURSDAY**  
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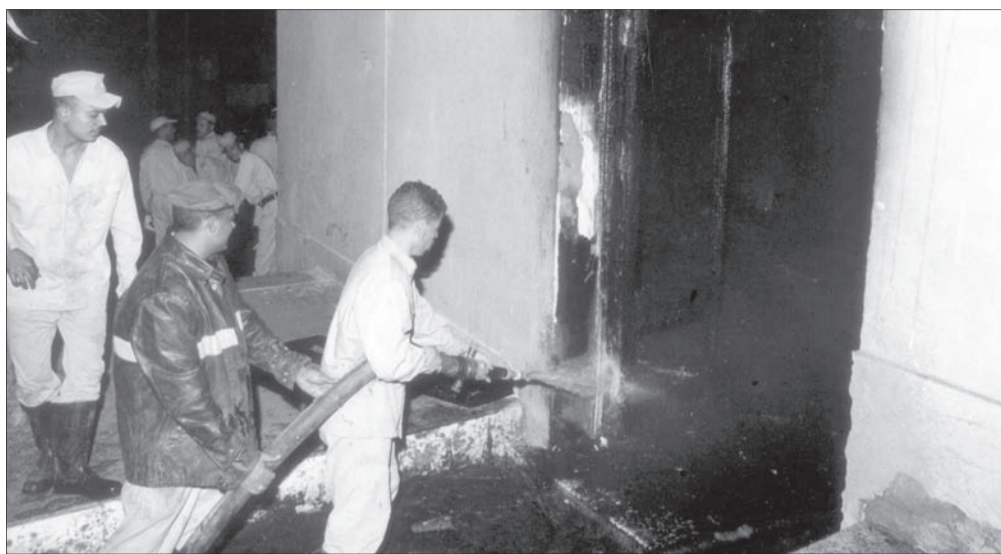


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Egyptian firefighters spray water Monday on a theater in Beni Suef, about 62 miles south of Cairo. A candle fell over and set fire to the crowded theater, killing 31 people and seriously burning 16 others, police and hospital sources said Tuesday.

**Fire destroys theater south of Cairo, killing at least 32**

**BENI SUEF, Egypt (AP)**—An actor knocked over a candle on a stage filled with billowing paper, starting a blaze that killed at least 32 people, many as they struggled to escape the packed theater through the only available exit, officials said.

Health Minister Mohammed Awad Tag Ed-din said Tuesday he expected an investigation to examine why so many people died in the fire late Monday at the Culture Palace in Beni Suef, a town 60 miles south of Cairo.

Fire codes will also be considered in the investigation, said Mustafa Alwy, a high-ranking official in the culture ministry, which runs the theater. Egypt requires safety measures such as fire extinguishers but does not strictly enforce them.

Sixty people were injured in the fire, and 36 remained hospitalized Tuesday morning. Eighteen people were in critical condition, said security officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

Officials believe the fire began with the toppled candle, then spread quickly to the stage set, which was lined with paper bags to look like a cave. Audience members trampled each other trying to get out the one door, which was partially blocked by a piece of wood.

The theater had another exit but it was covered in the same paper as the set and had caught fire, so the crowd rushed for the other, said Mohammed Arafat Yassin.

**U.S. jets attack in Iraq**

**BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)** — U.S. Marine jets Tuesday attacked two bridges across the Euphrates River near the Syrian border to prevent insurgents from moving foreign fighters and munitions toward Baghdad and other cities, the U.S. command said.

A Marine statement also said U.S. and Iraqi forces destroyed a "foreign fighter safe house," killed two foreigners and arrested three others during a Tuesday raid in the same area as the bridge attack.

Elsewhere, Iraqi civilians said they could see smoke rising from the northern city of Tal Afar, where fighting has been raging for days between U.S.-Iraqi forces and insurgents.

The U.S. command said two American soldiers were killed by separate bombs Monday and two were killed and two others wounded Tuesday by a roadside bomb. At least 1,893 members of the U.S. military have died since the war began in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.



Reuters

**Aruba suspects released**

**AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP)** — An 18-year-old Dutch man who had been held by police on the Caribbean island of Aruba in connection with the disappearance of an American tourist arrived in the Netherlands on Tuesday.

Joran van der Sloot and his father arrived at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport, ignored questions from reporters, and quickly departed. The 18-year-old was to attend college in Holland, his mother said.

Van der Sloot, a resident of Aruba, and two Surinamese brothers who were suspects in the disappearance of American teenager Natalee Holloway were released on condition they remain available to police.

Holloway was last seen May 30, on the last day of her high school graduation trip to the Dutch Caribbean island, leaving a bar with van der Sloot and the two brothers, Satish and Deepak Kalpoe.

The three were arrested June 9 on suspicion of involvement in Holloway's disappearance. All denied any connection to the disappearance. Van der Sloot acknowledged spending the evening before with Holloway, but denied any wrongdoing.

Indonesian soldiers search Tuesday for human remains among the debris of a plane crash that killed 149 people.

**Workers probe plane crash**

**MEDAN, Indonesia (AP)** — Investigators tried to determine Tuesday why an Indonesian jetliner crashed into a neighborhood seconds after take-off, killing at least 149 people. Weeping families looked for loved ones at a morgue, and authorities readied a mass grave for the unidentified.

Remains not identified by early Wednesday will be buried next to another mass grave for victims of a 1997 Garuda Indonesia plane crash that killed more than 200, said Dr. Suprato, the assistant director of the Adam Malik Hospital in Medan, who was helping with recovery efforts.

The crash killed 47 people on the ground when the plane crashed Monday in Indonesia's third-largest city. Fifteen people aboard the flight survived, including an 18-month-old boy who was sitting on his mother's lap and a 5-year-old boy who was separated from his father after the crash.



Reuters

**WORKING IN THE CANE FIELDS**

A worker harvests sugar cane Tuesday at a plantation in Santa Rita do Passa Quatro, 124 miles southeast of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Motorists around the world are filling their cars with more biofuels, such as ethanol made from sugar cane or corn, in the hunt for cheaper alternatives to stratospheric gasoline prices.

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# National Guard helps Katrina victims

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A transport plane delivered 20 members of the Utah National Guard on Friday onto the soggy tarmac at the New Orleans Naval Air Station.

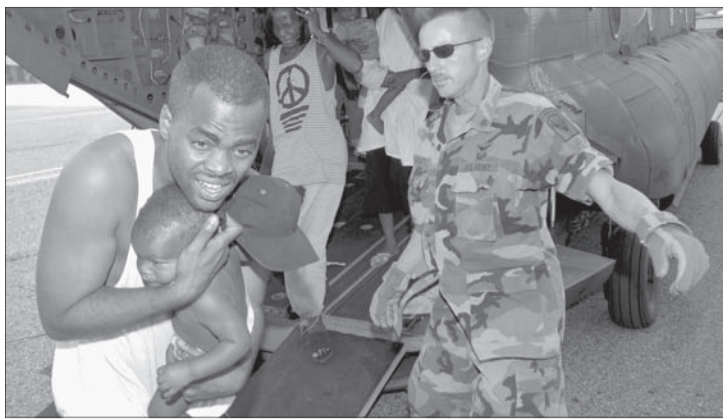
The troops from the Guard's 151st Security Force Squadron arrived after a cramped, three-hour flight from Salt Lake City, ready to help restore order in hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast.

"We are looking at a lot of chaos and havoc," said airman Kayleigh Andermann, 19, of West Jordan. "My whole thought is just bring them hope. It's something they haven't had for a while."

The plane, a KC-135E, was prepared to return to Utah with hurricane evacuees, but for logistical reasons it didn't work out. The air crew was flying back Friday night without any refugees. New Orleans is still under water six days after Hurricane Katrina swept through on Monday, rupturing levees along Lake Pontchartrain.

Chief Master Sgt. Andy Brunt said his squad is well trained and ready for any assignment, including restoring peace.

"I really don't know what to expect. This is my first trip to New Orleans," he said. "But we have been trained to expect the worse and we know there are Ameri-



Reuters

A U.S. Army National Guard air crewman directs Hurricane Katrina victims as they exit the back of an Army CH-47 Chinook helicopter during relief efforts in New Orleans Saturday.

cans here who need our help. We will do everything we can."

The 151st had yet to receive its deployment assignment upon touchdown. Military transport planes were backed up on the runway, bearing supplies and troops from all across the country.

Several dozen helicopters swarmed the base, ferrying the troops into position throughout the city. They hoped to halt looting and lawlessness, said Lt. Col. Angie Abram.

"One of our primary missions is a show of force. We use it a lot," she said.

Despite zero-tolerance orders from President Bush on looting, troops from the 151st hope it won't

come to bloodshed.

"I assume we will be doing security," said Abram. "But we prefer law enforcement officials to enforce the laws."

For Staff Sgt. Mike Beckwith, a 15-year veteran, "It will be an experience, that's for sure. It's a whole new world out there right now."

Experienced hands like Master Sgt. Perry Norstad have a calming effect on the younger troops. Unlike the rest of the unit, who carry M-16s, Norstad shouldered a 12-gauge Remington shotgun.

"It's good at close range," said Norstad, who did similar duty after Hurricane Andrew laid waste to southern Florida in 1992.

## DEVOTIONAL

*Snow emphasizes potential of missionary work in Africa*

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prophet was laden with profound implications for the future of missionary work in the church," he said.

The first missionaries were called to Africa in August 1852 and arrived in South Africa in April 1853. This began the spreading of the gospel in Africa.

In 1954, President David O. McKay was the first prophet to visit Africa. The first stake was organized in 1970 and the first temple was dedicated on Aug. 24, 1985.

Snow said now the blessings

of the temple are available to the majority of the members of the church in Africa with temples in Johannesburg; Accra, Ghana; and Aba, Nigeria.

Snow also quoted many temple dedicatory prayers given by prophets upon the African continent.

"Without the unbounded faith and complete assurance of the Lord's prophets, [spreading the gospel in Africa] could never be attempted," he said.

The LDS Church membership in Africa has now reached nearly a quarter of a million in 17 missions, 45 stakes and 700 wards and branches.

Snow closed his address by saying Doctrine and Covenants Section 65 "makes clear our missionary responsibility for our day and the purposes served as we fulfill it.

"It was always intended in the great plan of God that this last dispensation would be commanded to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth."

Snow concluded with a plea to students and faculty to "fully accept and fulfill our personal and individual role in missionary work, helping the kingdom of God to roll forth unto the ends of the earth."



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### Ride 'em cowboys!

Top, a participant in the Bucking Bronco competition hangs on for his eight seconds during the Cowboy Days Rodeo in Evanston, Wyo. Above, participants in the rodeo wait their turn to compete behind the fence. The PRCA sanctioned rodeo is sponsored in conjunction with Labor Day festivities every year.

## U.S. accepts U.N. hurricane

By JAMIE HUISH

The United States will accept humanitarian aid from the international community to alleviate destruction left by Hurricane Katrina, the United Nations announced Sunday.

"The U.N.'s coordination team in Washington will be based at the newly established USAID Hurricane Katrina Operations Center, where offers of international assistance are being coordinated," a U.N. spokesman said in a statement released Sunday in New York.

The United States Agency for International Development established a center in Arlington, Va., especially to command and direct hurricane relief operations.

The United Nations mobilized three teams Tuesday to begin the recovery process and expects to deploy more teams within the next few days, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Government officials are currently consulting with a U.N. coordination team in Washington, D.C., to determine how the United Nations can complement

the relief efforts already begun by the United States.

Teams will provide all types of humanitarian aid from food supplies to helping lost children, drawing from agencies such as the U.N. Children's Fund and the World Food Programme.

The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs chaired an interagency task force that met to assess resources

saster.

They "are ready to provide emergency staff and a wide variety of relief supplies as and when necessary," the U.N. statement said.

Accepting the United Nations' offer puts the United States on the receiving end of humanitarian aid, as opposed to providing it. The United States received offers of assistance from Russia, Japan, France, Honduras, Australia, the United Kingdom and many other countries.

"No offer that can help alleviate the suffering of the people in the afflicted area will be refused," State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said Thursday.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan offered sympathy and support to the United States in a statement Thursday. He recognized American relief efforts in many parts of the world and offered help as Americans suffered a severe crisis.

"We will be happy to work with other parts of the international community to support the efforts of President Bush and his administration, the American Red Cross and other U.S. relief organizations who have been our partners in the past," he said.

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**Sean McCormack**  
Spokesman, State Department

es available for the relief effort, according to Marie Okabe, deputy spokesperson for the secretary-general in a briefing at U.N. headquarters Friday. The United Nations has decided it can provide water storage tanks, planes, tents, generators, food supplies and experienced personnel to deal with the di-

## Utah wildfires decrease

By BONNIE BOYD

The total amount of land burned so far this year during the 2005 fire season in Utah is 1,019,780 acres, according to a state fire management officer.

"The fire season generally ends by November," said Keith Crumpton, fire management officer. "I view the fire potential to be relatively moderate and in some cases extreme, depending on the weather."

Firefighters said they are pleased to find that the majority of the season's fires were started by lightning storms.

"Early indications are that the number of human-caused fires are below average again this year," said State Forester Joel Frandsen in a news release. "We congratulate everyone on their diligence, and with a little extra caution, we'll continue the trend."

This year was a great improvement in fires in the Great Basin, which includes western Utah, southern Idaho and much of Nevada, according to the Associated Press. Timber in the Utah mountains received more moisture than usual at the beginning of the year, which contributed to a better summer in Utah, unlike the neighboring western states.

According to the AP: "The number of acres charred by wildfire across the West this year is almost double the 10-year average, but this summer's forest fires have not been as big nor as devastating as those in past years. Fire behavior experts say the apparent contradiction is due

to the unusual moisture patterns in the region earlier this year, which favored big grass fires on the open range."

More than 7.3 million acres have burned in the United States since May, which is more than 11,000 square miles, according to the National Interagency Fire Center. About half of that was in Alaska, where large fires often are not fought aggressively if

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**Joel Frandsen**  
State Forester

they pose no threat to people or structures. "The national total is more than a million acres ahead of the record fire season of 2000, and is nearly double the 4 million acres that burned on average through late August over the past decade," said the AP.

While this year's fire season has been relatively light, local firefighters are asking residents of the Wasatch communities to not only obey fire restrictions, but to keep an eye out for fires sparked by thunderstorms.

"The public can be of real service while in the backcountry," said Sheldon Wimmer, officer of Utah Land Management, in a news release. "Watch for lightning strikes and the possibility of fire, then report it as soon as possible."

Fire restrictions being enforced include lands west of the Interstate 15 in Salt Lake. No open fires of any kind are legal unless sanctioned by authorities beforehand, such as state park fire pits.

Approved places include campground fire rings, picnic area pits or fire pits in permanent places of habitation. Authorities ask the public to use open flames with caution along with knowledge of the fire risk of the day.

## UDOT cautions closures in September for construction

By STEPHANIE SCHAEER

Many projects are underway in Utah and Wasatch counties that will affect traffic flow this week, especially in the nighttime hours.

"We encourage all students and faculty to ... watch out, be courteous to other motorists and drive the posted speed limits," Utah Department of Transportation spokesman Geoff Dupaix said. "Safety is everyone's responsibility."

According to a UDOT construction advisory, motorists cannot drive through Provo Canyon on U.S. 189 at night, a situation faced by drivers many times this summer. The highway will be closed between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. through Saturday in the Deer Creek Dam area. UDOT recommends taking the estimated 90-minute detour route, using I-15 and I-80 instead.

Contractors will be working to excavate the area around the dam, removing roughly 200 feet of rock at the highest point and

about 50 feet into the canyon, Dupaix said. The highway runs on top of the dam and leaves no room for construction to take place along with moving traffic. The speed limit along that section of the highway has already been lowered to 30 miles per hour because of the construction.

Moderate delays are also expected Sept. 1 through Nov. 4 on State Street (U.S. Highway 89) in Lehi where it crosses under I-15. Traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction as construction occurs on the bridge as part of the ongoing I-15 carpool lane extension project. Workers will be erecting bridge supports so they can set beams and fill in the freeway to the middle lane to put in the carpool lane. This work will be similar to bridge work that occurred elsewhere in Utah County earlier this summer.

UDOT has hired off-duty officers to control Provo Canyon and the I-15 project, and urges drivers to obey the posted speed limits in those areas.

Nighttime paving operations will also interrupt traffic in Lehi and Springville beginning Tuesday night.

Main Street in Lehi will be restricted to one-way travel between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sept. 6-12. Moderate delays are expected and flaggers will be posted to direct traffic through the work zone, according to the UDOT construction advisory.

In Springville, Main Street will be restricted to one lane in each direction from 700 South to 300 North between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sept. 6-17. Though delays should be minimal, UDOT advises motorists the road surface will be rough for a few days.



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# Comedic hopefuls take spotlight in auditions



Photo by Kyle Morgan

"Joey-man" Larsen, dressed as a superhero, kept the audience laughing last week during his two-minute audition for Divine Comedy.

## Divine Comedy preps for new season

By LISA JOHNSON

Stepping into the spotlight, Joey Larsen couldn't help but feel the heat as he took his place for auditions. Of course his two layers of clothes didn't help.

On top, he wore regular street clothes — underneath, a superhero costume.

It was all part of Larsen's attempt to make Divine Comedy, BYU's premier sketch comedy troupe, which will have its first show Oct. 7 and 8.

During his two-minute — and strictly two-minute — audition Larsen started out seeming to be a regular stand-up comedy routine. Half way through his act, people couldn't help but laugh, as "Joey-man" was revealed, complete with black spandex, a green cape and the letter "J" written across his chest.

Like Larsen, 100 other students tried creativity and humor as they auditioned last Thursday and Friday to fill one of the six vacancies in Divine Comedy.

"My life-long dream is to be a comedian and make people laugh," the 22-year-old junior from Provo said after his tryout.

To Larsen's disappointment, he won't be making people laugh as a part of Divine Comedy this year.

But the president of Divine Comedy, Joel Hilton, was pleased with those who auditioned.

"We've seen some really good talent, said Hilton, a 24-year-old English major from Layton. "It's good to see a wide range of humor. If they don't make it, it doesn't mean the talent isn't there. We have different needs at different times."

The crowd who came to watch seemed to enjoy Larsen's audition, laughing throughout his two-minute audition.

"The superhero one was way funny," said Emily Van Natter, 21, a senior from Clinton. "The outfit basically explained it all."

Although he didn't make the cut, Larsen said he doesn't have any regrets. He loved just being able to use his comedy.

"I would have done that for fun anyway," Larsen

said. "I like to take every opportunity to make people laugh. Unless I imagined people laughing, my audition went way better than planned."

Larsen came up with his audition material a little last minute. He said he started brainstorming at 6:30 p.m. before the auditions.

"I came up with the idea of 'Joey-man' that day and built around it," he said.

After practicing it 10 times and receiving a few pointers from a friend, Larsen said he felt fairly confident and calm prior to the audition.

Upon arriving, Larsen and other hopefuls filled out an audition form and received their number in line

to try out. Organizers then called up numbers in groups of five. Each person auditioning had his or her picture taken and waited to go on stage.

Like Larsen, Earnest Cooper thought he would take a chance and try out.

"I've never endeavored to share my comedy with people before," Cooper said. "I saw the booth set up in the Wilk and said 'why not?'"

The 18-year-old freshman from Dallas mixed comedy with soul for his audition. He sang "Amazing Grace" as part of his stand-up routine.

His audition seemed to have the right mix, too. Cooper was among those who made the callback list posted on the club's Web site Friday night.

Saturday morning the finalists were given scripts and played impromptu games as part of callbacks.

Hilton said callbacks are to see how the finalists think on their feet. They are rated on humor, stage presence and how they get along with the Divine Comedy team.

Cooper didn't make the final six but, along with Larsen, he hasn't given up on the love he has of making people laugh.

"I might try out for Brand X Comedy, and I might try out for Divine Comedy again," Cooper said. "Who knows? But it was definitely well worth it."

Hilton regrets that they can't accept everyone worthy of being a part of the Divine Comedy team.

"They just need to remember their mom still loves them, and that's all that matters," Hilton said.

## BYUSA aims to serve, advise

By TIFFANY POTTER OLSEN

In 1988, Jeffrey R. Holland, former president of BYU, appointed a restructuring committee to plan and develop an organization to represent and serve the BYU community.

The committee recognized two roles for the BYU Student Service Association, which replaced the Associated Students of BYU: They would serve and advise.

After five years of research in developing a charter, the Brigham Young University Student Association was made an official organization that would focus on service, cooperation and administrators.

Unlike most student councils, the Student Advisory Council (SAC), a branch of BYUSA, does not operate like a legislative body.

"The main difference between us and a student government is that we're more effective," said Max Hunsaker, vice president of the Student Advisory Council. "We have greater credibility with administrators and students. They spend more time allocating budgets and arguing with administration. We cut through all that."

Christie Broadbent, BYUSA executive vice president, agreed.

"The beauty of the council system is that when we interact with administration, we council with them," Broadbent said. "It's never confrontational."

According to the mission of the Student Advisory Council, members of the council serve the BYU community by actively taking students' opinions to the administration, allowing administrators to make decisions according to the needs of students.

The organization seeks to serve the students of the university by consciously listening to the issues and concerns voiced by students, through programs such as "bright ideas," "question and answer forums" and the "soap box."

Other activities BYUSA sponsors are to provide opportunities for students to socialize and fellowship. The organization sponsors symposiums that inform students of occurring issues and that provide opportunities for international students.

All members of BYUSA are volunteers seeking opportunities to serve the BYU community.

"It's about service," said Laura Ewing, executive director of the Student Advisory Council. "You choose to serve the students because you care about improvement."

Anyone interested in becoming involved with the Student Advisory Council can sign-up within his or her college or at the BYUSA office located at 3400

### BYUSA OBJECTIVES

SAC's goals for the year:

- Be credible student advisors
- Collect student input on relevant issues
- Process collected student opinion
- Represent student opinion to the administration
- Lead and direct SAC

## Students need to immunize

By CAROLINA TILLOTSON

As a result of outbreaks across the nation, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the BYU Student Health Center recommend students living in the dorms receive an immunization to protect against meningitis.

In the advisory notice issued from the Student Health Center to all incoming freshman, the immunization specifically protects students from the bacterial meningococcal infection.

Gus Hoffman, medical director of the Student Health Center, said students living in dorms are five times more likely to become infected and are, therefore, at highest risk because of the many people living in a confined area.

The CDC reports on its Web site that recent outbreaks of the infection are also prompting the strong recommendations.

To counter these outbreaks, health care professionals adopted Menactra, the new vaccine for meningococcal infection, because it protects against the infection for a longer period of time, Hoffman said. The previous vaccine only offered protection for three to five years.

But according to a released statement from the CDC, Menactra is currently unavailable because

the demand has exceeded supply. However, it will be available sometime in September.

The Student Health Center also offers a limited supply of Menactra but also has a supply of the older vaccine.

Despite the health warnings, some freshmen who have gotten the vaccine said they weren't scared by the recent publicity but credit their parents' awareness and encouragement to get the immunization.

"My mom told me I had to get the shot, so I didn't have much choice," said James Ogden, a freshman from Nashua, N.H. "I personally wasn't motivated, but my mom said, 'You're getting it whether you like it or not.'"

Although Hoffman said he isn't aware of any known cases of meningitis from BYU students in his time here, the recommendations still stand, and the immunization shots are offered year round for about \$83.

"It's very rapid in onset and can lead to rapid death, and a significant amount of [infected] students can have brain damage or hearing loss," Hoffman said of meningitis. "They can catch the infection and can die within 12 to 24 hours."


Students other than those in the dorms are also at risk.

On its Web site, the Meningitis Research Foundation stated a person can become infected by the bacteria through "regular and prolonged contact."

### IMMUNIZATION

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# Timetable for draining New Orleans uncertain

Associated Press

Progress was measured in inches Tuesday, in the slow dropping of water levels outside New Orleans' buildings, as engineers struggled to drain this saucer of a city in a herculean task that could take weeks — if they are lucky.

The Army Corps of Engineers said the timetable ranges from three weeks to nearly three months, depending on a string of variables, including rainfall, the still-unknown condition of the pumps abandoned to Hurricane Katrina, and whether the system can withstand the flotsam of broken buildings, trees, trash and corpses.

"We have to get the water out of the city or the nightmare will continue," said Louisiana Environmental Secretary Mike McDaniel. He said the water will be pumped into Lake Pontchartrain even though it is fouled with sewage, heavy metals, gasoline and other dangerous substances.

The pumping began after the Corps used hundreds of sandbags and rocks over the Labor Day weekend to close a 200-foot gap in the 17th Street Canal levee that burst in the aftermath of the storm and swamped 80 percent of this below sea-level city.

Following an aerial tour Tuesday, Mayor Ray Nagin said the water was dropping ever so slightly, and he estimated that it covered only 60 percent of the city.

"Even in areas where the water was as high as the rooftops, I started to see parts of the buildings," he said, adding, "I'm starting to see rays of light."

But he also warned of the horrors that could be revealed when the waters recede. "It's going to be awful and it's going to wake the nation up again," said Nagin, who a day earlier upped his estimate of the death toll in his city to as much as 10,000.

The job got off to a woefully slow start.

Once all of the city's pumping stations are running, they can move water at a rate of 29 billion gallons a day and lower the water



Photos by Reuters

Left, John Rimp looks over the lost persons message board inside Reliant Hall adjacent to the Astrodome in Houston, Texas, Sunday during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Above, resident Dennis Roberts watches over his friend's house in Biloxi, Miss., Sunday shortly before the imposed curfew for residents, one week after Hurricane Katrina hit.

level a half-inch per hour, or about a foot per day. But by late Tuesday afternoon, Corps officials said only three of New Orleans' normal contingent of 148 drainage pumps were operating.

With the water dropping, military and police turned their attention to evacuating the streets of the estimated 10,000 people still believed to be in the city. Some have been holed up in their homes for more than a week and refuse to leave.

"You've got to protect your property, that's the main thing," said 69-year-old John Ebanks, who waved off would-be rescuers from a porch stocked with food, mosquito spray and other supplies. "This is all I've got. I'm pretty damn old to start over."

In a plea to holdouts who might be listening to portable radios in the powerless city, Nagin warned that the fetid water could carry disease and that natural gas was leaking all over town.

"This is not a safe environment," Nagin said. "I understand the spirit that's basically, 'I don't want to abandon my city.' It's OK. Leave for a little while. Let us get

you to a better place. Let us clean the city up."

To that end, the Pentagon began sending 5,000 paratroopers from the Army's storied 82nd Airborne Division to use small boats, including inflatable Zodiac craft, to launch a new search-and-rescue effort in flooded sections of the city.

Some National Guardsmen and helicopters were diverted from their search missions Tuesday to fight fires, an emerging threat in a city that is still at least a day and a half away from restoring the first running water since the storm.

A candle was blamed for starting one major blaze in the lower Garden District — a historic neighborhood of mostly wooden homes. The flames started in an abandoned brick building and spread to a neighboring apartment house. The blazes burned for hours before Chinook helicopters with water pouches were brought in to fight the blaze.

New Orleans Police Superintendent Eddie Compass said lawlessness in the city "has subsided tremendously," and officers warned that those caught looting in an area where the governor has declared an

emergency can get up to 15 years in prison. About 124 prisoners filled a downtown jail set up at the city's train and bus terminal.

"We continue to get better day by day," Compass said.

The signs of hope came against the federal response as too little too late. In Washington, congressional leaders planned hearings into the aftermath of the storm.

"We need to rebuild the confidence of the American people ... in our government's ability to protect them from attack, whether it comes from nature or from terrorists," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn. "The government simply


did not act quickly and effectively enough."

Jefferson Parish President Aaron Broussard was even more blunt.

"Bureaucracy has murdered people in the greater New Orleans area," he said on CBS' "Early Show." "Take whatever idiot they have at the top of whatever agency and give me a better idiot. Give me a caring idiot. Give me a sensitive idiot. Just don't give me the same idiot."

Five of the 13 sub-basins in New Orleans were still seriously flooded, and barges and crews were getting into place to fix levee breaches at two other spots — the London

Avenue canal and the Industrial canal. The London Avenue canal is in the northwestern section of the city, the Industrial canal in the east.



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Eric Leese sits on a couch in his flooded living room in Metairie, outside New Orleans, Monday. Thousands of residents of suburban New Orleans returned on Monday to inspect homes wrecked by Hurricane Katrina. President George W. Bush went back to the disaster zone to quell a political crisis over bungled aid efforts.

# Weekend progress doesn't erase slow response to Katrina

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scrutiny this fall in Congress and around the nation, especially given revived fears that the U.S. is ill-prepared for a terrorist attack. "We are going to take a hard, hard look at our disaster-response procedures," said Republican Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee this weekend as he assisted patients at the New Orleans airport.

Monday, the government moved aggressively to show it has the situation in hand. President Bush paid his second visit to the region in four days, visiting Baton Rouge, La., and Poplarville, Miss. He asserted that federal, state and local governments are "doing the best we can." The major levee breach in New Orleans, at the 17th Street Canal, was closed, allowing the city to begin pumping out floodwaters, a process expected to take about 30 days.

Meanwhile, thousands of federal troops appeared to be firmly in control of the city, with most residents evacuated and searches for survivors well underway. A Customs and Border Protection aircraft operating as a flying communication link gave first responders in New Orleans the ability to communicate for the first time since Katrina struck more than a week ago. In suburban Jefferson Parish, thousands of residents were allowed to check their homes under tight restrictions to evaluate what was left. But the weekend's progress hasn't erased the troubling questions left by the government's delayed understanding of the scope of the damage last week and its initial slowness in mounting rescues and bringing food and water to stricken citizens. The problems include:

- The decision to transform the Federal Emergency Management Agency from a cabinet-level agency reporting directly to the president to just one piece of a new, gargantuan Department of Homeland

Security, which altered FEMA's mission and watered down its powers.

- Too few helicopters stationed in the Gulf Coast area ahead of the storm.

- A military stretched by wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, which left commanders near New Orleans reluctant to commit some active-duty units at nearby Fort Polk, La., because they were in the midst of preparing for an Afghan deployment this winter.

- A total breakdown of communications systems, an echo of the problems that faced New York officials dealing with the 2001 terrorist attacks and a system the government has been trying to fix for four years.

- Poor coordination among federal, state and local officials in the days immediately before and after the hurricane.

- Failure at all levels of government to take seriously many studies and reports over many years warning of the potential disaster.

Indeed, despite many warn-

ings of the dangers, Chertoff and other administration officials have explained their poor initial response by saying government planners didn't expect both a serious hurricane and a breach in levees. "This is really one which I think was breathtaking in its surprise," Chertoff told reporters on Saturday.

Planners, he said, "were confronted with a second wave that they did not have built into the plan, but using the tools they had, we have to move forward and adapt."

Plenty of missteps at the local level contributed to last week's disaster too, from a failure to take basic steps to protect the telecom infrastructure to inadequate food and water at the Superdome. New Orleans may be able to stage events such as Mardi Gras and Jazzfest and provide parking, crowd control and adequate toilets for millions of visitors, but its hurricane plan was more rudimentary. "Get people to higher ground and have the feds and the state

airlift supplies to them — that was the plan, man," Mayor Ray Nagin said in an interview Monday.

But so far, the federal government is bearing the brunt of criticism, given its vast resources and unique role in responding to major disasters. Critics say the response shows that the nation's disaster-response system, rebuilt in the wake of the 2001 terrorist attacks, is woefully inadequate. In a Washington Post-ABC News poll taken on Friday, the public said by a 67 percent to 31 percent margin that the federal government wasn't adequately prepared for Katrina.

"What the events of the last week have shown is that over the last few years since 9-11 we have slowly disassembled our national emergency response system and put in its place something far inferior," says Bill Waugh, an academic expert on emergency management at Georgia State University. "We reinvented the wheel when we didn't need to and now have something that doesn't roll very well at all."

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In 2004, there were 44 known wolf packs in Idaho, and officials estimate that another five or so have been added in 2005. While environmentalists are trying to keep the wolves away from humans and cattle and sheep herds, they estimate that 40 to 60 wolves were killed illegally last year.

# A look at the life of canis lupis

By BRITTANY KARFORD

Two lines of chain link fence surround the two-acre confine, each stretching 10 feet high, topped with curling wire. Nick Fiore enters and kneels. Across the small meadow a rustle breaks the quiet afternoon heat.

The downy tops of the tall grass sway above an animal as it moves closer, but all that can be seen is a streamline of movement atop the field.

Then, out of nowhere, the wolf emerges a mere few feet ahead.

One of the last five wolves at the Wolf Education Resource Center in Winchester, Idaho, Amani is kept here for the purpose of research and education. As a wolf in captivity, his behavior is much different than that of wild wolves, but he does well to represent the biological and symbolic characteristics of the canis lupis.

Back in the pen, Amani slinks down in his approach, ears alert. He will greet Fiore like he would another pack member. Nose and snout almost touching, Amani stops. Fiore holds his breath.

He is now faced to face with one of the most feared predators in the Northwest.

After a moment's pause, Fiore receives a lick on the face, a quick nuzzle and almost topples over with a rear-end sniff. Amani has just said hello.

Wolves typically greet each other in this way to reinforce pack structure. The pack has a

hierarchy, led by the alpha male at the top of the ladder with the omega at the bottom.

The alpha is chosen by the pack for a variety of reasons, including age, experience and demeanor.

"Every wolf is an individual," said Jeremy Heft, wolf biologist at the Wolf Education Resource Center. "Some are natural leaders, and some are followers."

And it's not always the biggest or strongest. The current alpha male at the center is the smallest in the pack.

It may sound complex, but there's more — the extensive monitoring of the predator over the last 10 years has unveiled volumes of information about the lives of wolves.

"We know a tremendous amount about them now compared to 10 years ago," Heft said. "Some people say we know more about the wolf than any other animal on the planet."

And wolves have a lot more in common with humans than one might think. Hierarchy, camaraderie and communication are all humanistic traits that packs exhibit.

"Actually, that's one reason why some wolf biologists think people hate wolves is they're so much like us," said Doug Smith, wolf coordinator for Yellowstone Park. "They live in families,

they mate for life, they're good parents — they're very good family animals."

The pack is a family unit, led by one breeding pair — the only ones in the pack to reproduce each year. This pair, usually the alpha male and alpha female, is monogamous and dedicated to each other. In fact, one famous wolf in Idaho, B2, traveled over 1,000 miles in search of his

mate after she passed away.

Typically, a pack will stay in a territory of about 500 square miles, but they will move to follow their prey-base.

The wolf is opportunistic and will take

the weakest animals in the herds or even scavenge for food. Flux in pack size directly depends on access to prey. Most packs have six to eight members, and everyone in the pack, except pups, hunts.

"A wolf is kept alive by its feet," Heft said. "They're built to travel long distances."

He holds his palm up, fingers stretched. This spread is the size of a wolf's paw. "Their paws are also webbed, making the perfect snowshoe in the winter," Heft said.

With knock-knees, long legs and a keel-shaped chest, wolves can push through deep snow. They are built to travel long distances.

"Their muscles are much more dense than dogs," Heft said. "They live on their feet. If they're not sleeping, they're hunting."

But they sure do enjoy sleeping.

"They spend at least 12 hours a day sleeping," said Issac Babcock, a wolf tracker for the Nez Perce Wolf Recovery Program. "I think we should too."

These two activities take up most of a wolf's time, along with mating season, spanning Dec. to Feb. and maintaining territory.

"That's one thing that's different about wolves compared to other wildlife is they're ferociously territorial," Smith said.

"They have an area of ground that they defend from other packs and there's no crossing over. There is crossing over, but if you're caught, you're in trouble."

Wolves make their territory known by howling, a language all their own.

"They're very communicative, like people," Smith said. "They howl, they bark, they yip, they squeak, they growl — they have all kinds of vocalizations."

Back at the center, Amani lays back, his mouth agape. His speckled-black tongue dangles out the side over his long sharp teeth — teeth that can crush bones in one bite.

"This guy is just a love bug," said Fiore, while scratching the 100 pound wolf's belly. "This is their world. We are just visitors."

**"They spend at least 12 hours a day sleeping. I think we should too."**

**Isaac Babcock**  
Wolf Tracker,  
Nez Perce Recovery Program

## Tracking wolves takes time and old-fashioned technology

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tered to track wolves in Scott Valley. He pilots one of the last aerial mail and grocery routes in the country, but said the wolf routes are his favorite.

"I like keeping track of where they're going and where they've been," Dorris said.

Under the direction of Holyan's agenda, which includes locating nine wolves, Dorris peaks at an altitude of 10,500 feet and heads into the backcountry.

From this height, the Payette National Forest in Northern Idaho looks like a sprawling ocean of green, each fir tree a blade of grass, every granite slab a fortress jutting out of the mountainside.

The plane will scour each range with hopes of passing over a collared wolf. Every collar transmits on a unique frequency.

"I heard a beep," said Holyan, pressing his face against the window.

Over scraggly reception, a faint pulse is heard from the receiver.

"That meadow looks perfect for wolves," he points. "That's where they'd be."

In a series of stomach-jerking circles and figure-8s, the plane drops down tighter and tighter to provide a more accurate location. The sudden dips are enough to make Holyan's lunch rise.

"Five hours is the longest I've been up in the air," he calls back over the headset. "Any longer than that and I'm in the fetal position."

At just 20 feet above the ground, all that can be seen in the meadow



Photo by Autumn Lorimer

The same traps that were once used to exterminate wolves are now used to trap and collar them in an effort to control their reintroduction.

are two cows.

"I've heard cows and wolves don't mix — is that true?" Dorris jests.

Unfortunately, livestock and wolf relations are a primary concern for tracking.

"We'd just leave 'em [the wolves] be, but livestock producers want to know where they're at," Holyan said.

After hours of combing the forest, the receiver in Holyan's lap picks up the signal for the last on the list.

"I didn't want it to be in the valley," Dorris said. Holyan is silent. A wolf mingling around livestock is a dead wolf. It's a hard loss to swallow for Holyan and his team at the recovery program, who spend May through October chasing the wolves.

"You spend all summer hiking in after one wolf, and you finally get a collar on her and two days later she's dead," Holyan said. "It makes me wonder what we're doing out here."

But his measurements hold

the future for the gray wolf in the Northwest. To be removed from the USDA Endangered Species act, 30 wolf breeding pairs must be equitably distributed between Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

"Seems like in the old days there were fewer packs, and we had more time to devote to each pack," Holyan said. "Now we have so many wolves — and less of us — as soon as we see two pups we move on to the next pack."

Holyan covers up to 25 miles a day hiking, confirmed by his wiry frame. He ratchets up 15 or more hitches each season. This one brings him to Scott Valley.

Holyan fondly remembers one alpha female, B22, staking out her den, and he waited eight hours for her to return. When the pack came back, he could observe for a while undetected.

"The best is to be out here in wolf country," Holyan said. "To touch one every once in a while — and know how magnificent they are."

## ECOLOGY

### Wolves have surprising effects on environs

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works to reach each level of the ecosystem.

"In the northern part of Yellowstone, in 1996 there was one colony [of beavers]; now there are over nine," he said. "They came back because the willow has come back in the last 10 years. Because now elk have to worry about wolves, they don't camp out in bottomland willow."

"And so the willow has come back and the beavers have taken advantage of that — they've made ponds, waterfowl come to those ponds, more willows grow, warblers and flycatchers move in to the willows that the ponds have created and you've got this positive loop of feedback just because wolves affected elk behavior, which affected willows."

These changes, though small at first, affect the overall ecosystem in ways scientists are now discovering could lead to more long-reaching consequences — a phenomenon called trophic cascade.

**"Wolves are affecting plants, but yet they don't eat plants, so how did that happen?"**

**Doug Smith**  
Biologist, Yellowstone Park

"Wolves are affecting plants, but yet they don't eat plants, so how did that happen?" Smith asked. "It's an indirect affect. ... One of the biggest, most interesting things that have happened since wolf recovery is this trophic cascade."

The wolf-triggered cascade in Yellowstone is only the second one to have been documented in a land-based ecosystem, Smith said. The other documented phenomena were in aquatic environments.

Part of the influence of the cascade centers on the interaction between wolves and other predators that eat the carcasses of wolf kills.

"When they make a kill there are ripple-down effects through the ecosystem," said Matt Metz, who has worked on the Yellowstone Wolf Project for three years.

Scavengers like ravens,

eagles and beetles, benefit directly from the wolf method of leaving the carcass of an animal behind after eating its fill. Bears have also been known to chase wolves off a kill and eat the rest of the carcass.

The top predator before wolf reintroduction was the cougar, but their method of hunting prey varies widely from wolves. When a cougar kills an animal, it will usually hide the kill to prevent other animals from eating it, Metz said. That doesn't leave as much for carrion eaters to survive on.

The most controversial relationship within the park ecosystem is between prey and predator. Elk, which were once plentiful in the park, have declined sharply in the 10 years since the reintroduction, from 16,791 in 1995 to 8,335 in 2004.

But Metz said decline in the number of elk won't inevitably cause the extinction of the animal.

"Elk and these predators have coexisted for thousands of years, so there's no reason the elk population will continue to go down," he said. "Predator populations and prey populations will fluctuate in

response to each other."

Elk populations might actually be strengthened by wolf predation because wolves will usually kill the weaker animals, primarily the sick and the older, thereby strengthening the herd.

As wolves have caused elk populations to decrease, species that elk had smothered have flourished, Smith said. The increased diversity of animals and plants has had an overall positive effect on Yellowstone's biodiversity.

"There's really a lot of links that have happened in the park since wolves have been reintroduced," Smith said. "And so, to come full circle, things are totally different out there when there are wolves in the landscape as compared to when there are none. I think that affects a lot of the conclusions we make about the studies we've done of animals."

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# Man's plight rooted in saving wolves from extinction

By BRITTANY KARFORD

BOISE, Idaho — In blinding snow, Roy Farrar plunged forward on his snowmobile, careful not to disturb the contents in his trailing crate.

Daylight was barely breaking at the descent to the release point. Securing each crate in the chest-deep snow, he opened the first gate.

"You could of heard a pin drop," Farrar said. "They ran up a ravine, and every one of em' stopped and looked back."

One by one, 20 wolves hit the ground in the heart of Dagger Creek in January of 1996, comprising the second half of the first 45 wolves to return to Idaho.

"If it wasn't for the Wolf Education Resource Center, it wouldn't have happened," Farrar said.

In 60 days, his organization raised \$200,000 to fund the second release after it was almost squashed by the state and government for lack of funds.

That was the excitement back then.

Now everything is a bit calmer for Farrar and the Wolf Education Resource Center. No carting wolves down from Canada inconspicuously in the back of Ryder trucks. No snowmobiling them into the backcountry. Those were the glory days.

But his plight is not over.

He continues to raise money and awareness to ensure a future for wolves in the northwest — and he continues to tend to his own.

Yes, the WERC has its very own pack, located in Winchester Idaho.

Their wolves are the remaining members of the Sawtooth pack, stars of Jim Dutcher's ABC Documentary "Wolf: Return of a Legend." After their film debut, the wolves could not be returned to the wild because they were born in captivity. They now spend their days fenced for public viewing in the WERC's 20-acre enclosure built on Nez Perce tribal land.

With these wolves, Farrar hopes to educate visitors about the wolf and ways to co-exist with the predator.

"There's nothing like being face to face with a wolf," Farrar said. "You feel

it when you're up there at the center."

The center attracts visitors and donors worldwide, but it is hard to imagine Amani, the center's oldest wolf, acting like a true alpha male in the wild. He hardly noticed the deer traipsing by outside his pen — he was busy getting a tummy rub from one of the handlers.

However the myth that wolves are cuddly canines is one they are trying to debunk.

"They are the antecedents to domestic dogs," Farrar said. "But they are nothing like pets." Jeremy Heft, wolf biologist at



Photos by Autumn Lorimer

Roy Farrar and his wife were among the few who released wolves in Idaho 10 years ago. Roy, who is the president of the Wolf Education and Research Center, is a strong advocate of finding a balance with wolves.

the resource center, said they are more powerful than any dog, with a biting force of 1,005 pounds per square inch. A human's mouth is about 300 pounds.

"We tell school children, to show them what that's like, that it's the same as having a fully

loaded semi-tractor dropped on your hand from a three-story building," Heft said.

Traveling to schools all over the northwest, they also explain the food chain, healthy ecosystems and the wolf's place in that balance. And they bring fun stuff like pelts and tracks — even an ambas-

sador wolf from the Mission Wolf organization out of Colorado.

Yet Farrar said the most important thing they try to teach is acceptance.

"Now its how do we make this work," he said. "How do we educate and adjust thinking?"

Changing the deep-rooted

sentiment against wolves is a hard platform to push in Idaho, but WERC employees say they've swayed a few.

"I've had ranchers walk away crying," Heft said.

Still, they've had plenty of visitors with malicious intent, including death threats and

## Idaho floats plan to ease wolf protections

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Idaho is floating a new proposal that it hopes could speed the removal of federal protection for gray wolves in the northern Rocky Mountains.

The animals have been protected since 1975 under the Endangered Species Act after being hunted to near-extinction.

In early August, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne gave officials with the U.S. Interior Department a plan calling for removing the wolves from protected status in parts of Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, Washington and Oregon.

There are more than 800 of the predators in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, following their reintroduction to the region

around Yellowstone National Park a decade ago. Environmentalists and government officials say the effort has succeeded, and now many people, including ranchers and hunters, want to see the animals delisted because they believe wolves should be more tightly controlled to limit depredations on livestock and game animals.

Recent federal court rulings — and the failure of Wyoming, Idaho's neighbor to the east, to get federal approval for a plan to manage wolves within its borders — have hampered the delisting process. Idaho officials said Kempthorne's proposal could break this bottleneck and move wolves closer to the day when they'll be treated like other wildlife such as elk or black bears.

"We wanted to get the ball rolling," said James Caswell, a former national forest supervisor who heads Idaho's species con-

servation office, of the plan presented with little fanfare Aug. 4.

It calls for wolves to be delisted east of the Cascade Mountains in Oregon and Washington, as well as in northern Nevada, Utah and Colorado. They would be delisted in much of Idaho and Montana, though they would be managed under existing rules south of Interstate 90 and east of Interstate 15 in both states, which includes the Montana and Idaho areas on the Wyoming state line.

Wyoming wolves would continue to be managed by federal officials.

Hugh Vickery, an Interior spokesman in Washington, D.C., said his agency isn't ready to comment on Kempthorne's proposal.

Some environmental groups were skeptical, in part because territory where Kemp-

thorne calls for the wolves to be delisted includes states where the animal hasn't even been reintroduced, such as Nevada, Utah and Colorado. That could hamper efforts to establish wolves there, they said.

Suzanne Stone, a Boise-based spokeswoman for Defenders of Wildlife, also said it makes little sense to separate management of Wyoming wolves from those in Idaho and Montana, because wolves travel freely across state boundaries.

"As you whittle that down, you're weakening the longterm strategy for recovery in the northern Rockies," said Stone, whose group administers a \$200,000 fund to reimburse livestock owners who've lost animals to wolves. "Wyoming and the region around Yellowstone National Park are essential to the longterm population recovery."

## Wolf numbers maxing out in N. Rockies

Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates the number of gray wolves in the Northern Rockies has increased to more than 900 since last year, but a top wolf recovery official says the numbers may be near the maximum the region can sustain.

The agency attributed the increasing numbers primarily to Idaho's growing wolf population. The number in Montana is up from 2004 but below 2003, and it is down in Wyoming, where illness and competition for food and territory in Yellowstone National Park seem to have hit the population hard, according to the agency's mid-year estimate.

Overall, the population is doing well and has grown since last December, when an estimated 835 wolves roamed the region, Ed Bangs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife's wolf recovery coordinator in Helena, Mont., said Tuesday.

"But people who think wolves are just going to keep going, that's not true," Bangs said. "We're probably approaching as many wolves as we can handle in these conditions and times."

According to the mid-year estimates, used by wildlife officials to gauge where monitoring efforts need to be focused, there were 912 wolves in the three-state region — 166 in Montana, 221 in Wyoming and 525 in Idaho.



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# Soccer starts season strong

By AMANDA EGBERT

The BYU women's soccer team was victorious in its first two home games against Utah State and Weber State this past weekend.

"We had a good start and team effort. Chemistry is important especially with nine new players, they were welcomed by the upper classmen," BYU head coach Jennifer Rockwood said. "We are building our confidence level, especially with scoring, which we did not do last season. We have improved our ability to finish."

The lady Cougars beat Utah State 5-0 Monday night and defeated Weber State 5-1 on Friday.

Two of the five Cougar goals were scored in the first half. Carolyn Swenson set the tone, scoring after a fast break down the line by Bobbi Tillotson and a pass from freshman Katie Larkin. Tillotson scored next with assists from Jamie Beck and Annie Zwahlen.

The second half brought three more Cougar goals. Beck headed the ball in off a cross from the corner by Tillotson for goal three. Defender Claire Thomas fired a long one-touch shot straight over Utah State's keeper, assisted by Brooke Bowman and Natalie Nate. Goal five was scored by freshman Jessica Aquino, heading the ball in after a pass from Whitney Feller and a cross from Katie Fellows.

Tillotson really set the momentum and led the offense on Monday night, Rockwood said.

While the offense was busy getting 17 shots off and scoring five goals, BYU defense was stealing the ball, on the ground, picking people off and blocking USU. Led by returning defender, Thomas, BYU defense shutdown the Aggie's offense, only letting them take three shots on goal, continually moving the ball back to the mid-field and setting up opportunities for BYU to score.

"Honestly it is just covering spaces; moving for each other, moving together and being on the same page. You have to see the spaces that you need to be in," Thomas said. "Defense is an attitude, a necessary confidence when playing little or big teams."

In the battle against Weber State, Aquino came off the bench early scoring a hat trick, totaling three goals, to assist the Cougars in their 5-1 win for the first home game.

Aquino, a freshman midfielder from Riverside, Calif., played a strong game, significantly contributing to the Cougar offense. Aquino showed a great team effort, improving and scoring a lot in practice, making her way into the lineup early in the game, Rock-



Photo by Kyle Morgan

BYU defender Nicole Jensen Griffen (10) dribbles past Utah State defenders Monday night. The Cougars beat Utah State 5-0.

wood said.

Aquino scored the first goal of the game, assisted by a throw in from teammate Zwahlen. Aquino's second goal was unassisted, dropping into the top left corner of Weber State's goal, just sneaking past Weber State goalie Kandice Golar's fingertips.

When Weber State's keeper came out from the goal 14 seconds later, Beck turned the ball and dribbled in, scoring an unassisted goal three for the Cougars.

Goal four for BYU was a left-footed shot, fired from 30 yards out by defender Haylee Cuthbert, a returning junior, assisted by Beck. This was Cuthbert's first goal for her BYU career.

"I had been waiting for this chance forever. I was really just excited. ... I had a chance

to go in and capitalized on my opportunity," Cuthbert said.

The start of the second half brought Aquino's third goal, totaling five for BYU. Aquino headed the ball into Weber State's goal after a cross from Tillotson, assisted by Feller.

"We work well together. We play for each other and pass the ball," Aquino said. "I could not have asked for a better cross."

Even with 10 goals and two successful wins, BYU hopes to improve for future games. "So far so good. We are getting lots of shots off, and we can always do better," Rockwood said.

The lady Cougars now stand at 4-0 for the 2005 season. They will play Denver at 7 p.m. Friday in the South Stadium.

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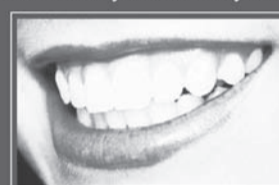
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# Volleyball hits the road to play Idaho State

By MCCALL KNOWLTON

Hoping to continue its undefeated season, the BYU women's volleyball team faces its first road game tonight against Idaho State.

"Idaho State is a big test for us and a great opportunity for some of our athletes to play in front of family and friends," BYU coach Jason Watson said.

The Cougars (3-0) last faced the Bengals in 1998 and lead the series 22-1-0.

The game will be part of Idaho State's two-game home opener week. The Bengals are currently 1-3 on the season.

BYU's Lindsay Hartsock received the Mountain West Conference Volleyball Player of the Week award Tuesday for her performance at the BYU/UVSC Invitational this past weekend.

Hartsock scored a career high of 20 kills in the match against Kansas on Friday. She also had a match high of five service aces.

"It's exciting to get a new career high," Hartsock said. "It is a big goal for me. You always want to get better and better every time you play."

Hartsock leads the Cougars and ranks second in the MWC in hitting percentage and service aces and is sure to be a determining factor as the team faces the Bengals.

Idaho State's Felice Yocopis, a senior outside hitter, had a three-game double-double with highs of 28 kills and 24 digs in the UC Davis Aggie Invitational last week.

Yocopis was named MVP of the tournament and also received the Big Sky Co-Volleyball Player of the Week award on Tuesday.

BYU's Erica Lott leads the Cougars with 49 kills on the season and setter Lauren Richards Evans leads the team with 151 assists.

"As we continue to improve and refine our systems, both matches will serve as indicators of our progress," Watson said.

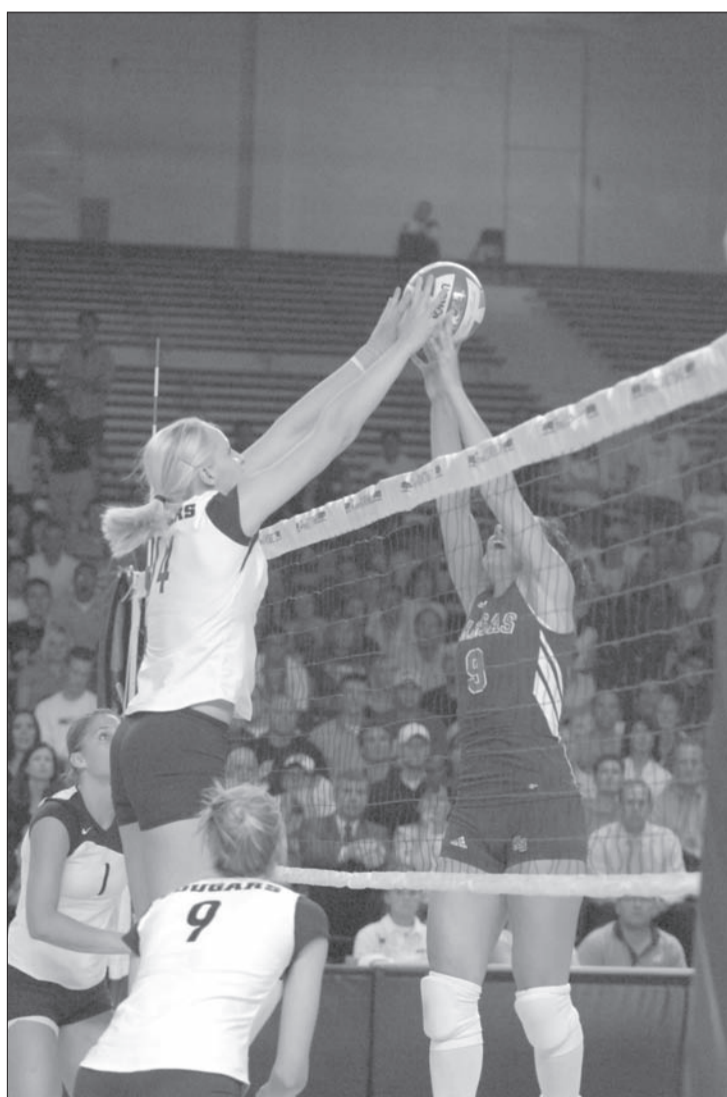


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BYU middle blocker, Lindsay Hartsock (14), stuffs Kansas' Andi Rozum (9) Friday night in the Smith Fieldhouse. Hartsock won Mountain West Conference Volleyball Player of the Week award for her performance, having a career high 20 kills in the match against Kansas.

### Volleyball season at a glance

BYU volleyball has played three matches and are 3-0. Here are the results from each match:

- BYU def. Nevada 3-2
- BYU def. Montana State 3-0
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Disney executives Jay Rasulo, left, Bob Iger, and Don Robinson, far right, join Mickey Mouse in front of Sleeping Beauty Castle at Hong Kong Disneyland Park on July 19, 2005. Hong Kong Disneyland Resort, Disney's first theme park in China, will open Monday.

## Hong Kong Disneyland opens in a week

By ANNIE WONG

When people hear the phrase, "the happiest place on earth," many automatically think of Disneyland in California. But the Walt Disney Company is adding to its "happiest places" on earth by opening its newest theme park in Hong Kong Monday.

It's exciting to have Disneyland in China, said Burkley Jensen, a junior from Mesa, Ariz., who is majoring in Chinese.

"So many Chinese people go to the Disneyland in America," Jensen said. "I think it's really neat that they can have one for their country."

In November 1999, the Walt Disney Company and the Hong Kong government announced plans to build a Disneyland theme park in Hong Kong. According to Hong Kong Disneyland's official Web site, the theme park is estimated to have 5.6 million visitors annually. It has two hotels, and retail and dining facilities.

The park is expected to positively impact Hong Kong's economy by bringing jobs to the city.

"The project is estimated to create 18,000 new jobs at opening — both from Disney and other employment opportunities, rising to 36,000 once the first park reaches build-out," according to Hong Kong Disneyland's Web site.

A government economist estimated the first phase of the project will generate \$19 billion to Hong Kong over a 40-year pe-

riod.

Besides creating more employment opportunities, Hong Kong Disneyland also ushers in a new tourism era for China.

"Hong Kong Disneyland will become the hottest travel destination in Hong Kong and Asia and will bring tremendous business opportunities to the mainland tourism market," stated Roy Tan Hardy, vice president for marketing and sales of Hong

Kong Disneyland, in a news release. "We hope that, through this trade fair, we will cultivate good relationships with Chinese travel agents and begin to cooperate with them to develop the travel industry in China."

Hong Kong Disneyland is modeled after the one in California and highlights features from the Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World, Tokyo Disneyland and Disneyland Paris.

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## International flicks kick off

By CHRIS GRAHAM

In years past, BYU's International Cinema stood as the ultimate dating locale. It was a place that attracted couples because they could share a unique cultural experience for free. The BYU International Cinema has continued in that tradition for more than 30 years now, and will kick off its fall 2005 show schedule this week.

Though the format remains the same, the venue has changed. After showing foreign films in the Varsity Theatre for four years, this semester, the International Cinema will be returning to its home in the Spencer W. Kimball Tower. The program will begin the semester by showing "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, which began Tuesday in Room 250 SWKT.

This movie event, spanning the entire week, will show all three films on separate days. For those people whose attention span is as durable as their bladder, all three films will be shown together on Saturday.

Showing these films fulfills part of International Cinema's mission. The films were shown initially as a study aid for Eng-

lish majors and foreign language students. The program has now gone beyond only helping students in the select majors and is now available to anyone interested in seeing stories told from a different cultural standpoint. In this way, International Cinema has had a significant presence at BYU for more than 30 years, and has been introducing students to unique foreign films that they would otherwise not experience.

International Cinema shows a variety of films each semester that appeal to a variety of tastes. The shows are all in their original languages with subtitles and several films are shown each semester in French, Spanish, German, Italian, Mandarin and occasionally Portuguese and Russian. This semester will showcase several new films in Hebrew, Bhutanese, Korean and Kurdish.

Along with the foreign films, many English adaptations from literature will be shown this year including "The Phantom of the Opera" and "Finding Neverland."

Some of the students have expressed concern that since many foreign films are not rated, there could be a problem with inappropriate content in the movies. Each of the films presented by International Cinema is thoroughly screened for content and will not be shown if it has R-rated content.

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Travis Anderson  
Director, International Cinema

"You can see films here that you wouldn't be able to see unless you lived in New York or L.A., and in some cases you will see films that you would never get to see anywhere else," said Travis Anderson, associate professor of philosophy and director of International Cinema. "A lot of the premieres that we show are not only new to BYU but have never been seen in Utah and in some cases have never been shown anywhere in the western states."

In order to present such a wide variety of foreign films, International Cinema pays close to \$600 per film for a print of the movie as well as for the permission to distribute it. The "Lord of the Rings" series cost \$800 to

Anderson said he is constantly searching for new films to show. He attends film festivals each year and will sometimes watch six to seven films a day to find the exceptional ones worth showing at BYU. He also encourages students to bring their recommendations to him of foreign films they have seen and should be shown at BYU.

"I'm looking for films with artistic quality, a moral message and which adhere to the BYU standards," Anderson said.

Films shown at the International Cinema are not only of great quality, but also provide a unique opportunity for BYU students to see other cultures and better associate with students from other countries.

"I think that the films we show really promote cultural awareness and give BYU students a look into other worlds," Johnson said. "We have a wonderfully diverse population because of all our international students and our returned missionaries, and I think that promoting different cultural experiences is a great idea."

## DVD directors fill niche

Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — Laurent Bouzereau is now one of the top DVD producers, creating special-edition material for 110 titles, including "The Terminal," "Taxi Driver" and the Indiana Jones trilogy. Part documentarian, part archivist, he's one of a handful of under-the-radar A-list directors in the "bonus features" realm.

Most of the top producers have long-term, if not exclusive ongoing relationships with specific directors. Charles

de Lauzirika works primarily with Tony Scott and his brother Ridley, whose "Gladiator Extended Edition" was out last month. Bouzereau has produced 18 titles for Steven Spielberg and six for Brian De Palma.

Shooting films about the making of films, these producers chronicle a movie's journey to the screen.

"I see myself as a historian, working on someone else's movie," said Bouzereau, 43, the author of eight books on cinema. "The goal is to do what the filmmaker would have done, had he or she had the time."

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