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Murray Mayor Dan Snarr, left, stands with "Idol" finalist David Archuleta on May 9.

'Idol' pulls the plug on Archuleta concert

Will David Archuleta have a public homecoming Friday? No.

Plans for a charity concert at the E Center, first reported Tuesday morning, were canceled later in the day by "American Idol" producers.

David's grandfather, Jim Archuleta, said there was a misunderstanding with the contractual obligations with "American Idol."

Apparently, the Archuletas believed they had a verbal agreement authorizing a benefit concert Friday, but 19 Entertainment — the company that produces "American Idol" — pulled the plug.

"Idol" finalists are under contract with 19 Entertainment until the end of the summer tour. After the tour, finalists are free to make appearances when and where they wish. The "American Idol" tour will play two nights at the E Center July 14 and 15. Those concerts are still scheduled but sold out.

Earlier in the day, E Center confirmed the concert but said representatives were still trying to work out the details, which ultimately fell through. E Center officials declined to comment about the negotiations or the cancellation.

Tuesday morning's story posted on the Deseret News' Web site received dozens of comments from fans who were excited to see their "Idol" Friday.

Diversity council seeks new members

Salt Lake County is searching for new members for the mayor's Council on Diversity Affairs.

The volunteer council was created by Mayor Peter Corroon in 2005 as an advisory group tasked with serving as a voice for the county's diverse population. Members serve on subcommittees focusing on community and economic development, health, law enforcement or personnel.

Members of the 19-member board must be able to volunteer up to 10 hours a month. Meetings are held at noon on the third Tuesday of each month.

Those interested in participating must apply by June 14. Interviews will be held June 24.

For more information, contact Rebecca Sanchez, 468-3097 or RLSanchez@slco.org.

Farmers market opens in Park City

The Park City Farmers Market will open at noon today and will run each Wednesday through October.

The market will be open from noon to 7 p.m. and will feature local artists and fresh gourmet food weekly. In addition to local vegetables, fruit and buffalo meat, the market will feature art, jewelry and fresh flowers.

Shoppers can drive to the market in the parking lot of The Canyons Resort or can board the free city shuttle, which stops within walking distance of the booths and displays.

For more information, visit parkcityfarmersmarket.com.

Correction

Kenneth Duckworth died in a Monday motorcycle accident involving a deer. A story Tuesday listed the wrong name.

Salmonella cases affect 9 states

Outbreak is linked to tomatoes; victim reported in Utah

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

ATLANTA — An outbreak of salmonella food poisoning first linked to uncooked tomatoes has now been reported in nine states, U.S. health officials said Tuesday.

Lab tests have confirmed 40 illnesses in Texas and New Mexico as the same type of salmonella, right down to the genetic fingerprint. An

investigation by Texas and New Mexico health authorities and the Indian Health Service tied those cases to raw, large tomatoes.

At least 17 people in Texas and New Mexico have been hospitalized. None have died, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Another 30 people have become sick with the same Salmonella Saintpaul infection in Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Kansas, Idaho, Illinois and Indiana. CDC investigators are looking into whether tomatoes were culprits there. Utah's single case was

laboratory-linked to the outbreak, according to Utah Department of Health spokeswoman Charla Haley. But the individual had a clear travel history of being out of the area, so health officials don't know where that illness originated. Haley said Utah health officials sent the information to New Mexico to help in its investigation.

In Texas and New Mexico, raw large tomatoes — including Roma and red round tomatoes — were found to be a common factor in the 40 illnesses. But no farm, distributor or grocery chain has been identified as the main

source, said Casey Barton Behravesh, a CDC epidemiologist working on the investigation. "The specific type and source of tomatoes is under investigation," she said.

Salmonella is a bacterial infection that lives in the intestinal tracts of humans and other animals. The bacteria are usually transmitted to humans by eating foods contaminated with animal feces.

Most infected people suffer fever, diarrhea and abdominal cramps starting 12 to 72 hours after infection. The illness tends to last four to seven days.

Many people recover without treatment. However, severe infection and even death is possible. Infants, the elderly and people with weakened immune systems are at greatest risk for severe infections.

In Texas and New Mexico, the patients ranged in age from ages 3 to 82. Of the 40, 38 were interviewed. Most said they ate raw tomatoes from either stores or restaurants before becoming ill between April 23 and May 27.

Another 17 cases are under investigation in New Mexico, CDC officials said.

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UVSC's energy-wise library praised

Huntsman says 'green' structure making history

By Amy K. Stewart
Deseret News

OREM — Utah Valley State College's new energy-efficient library is the first building in the state to be constructed under Utah's High Performance Building program, announced Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr. during a ceremony at UVSC on Tuesday.

"We're making a bit of history here," Huntsman said, speaking to a group of about 50 dignitaries on the fourth floor of the school's yet-to-open library, called a Digital Learning Center.

The governor set a goal in May 2006 for the state to increase energy proficiency 20 percent by 2015.

Huntsman said he is "honored and delighted" that UVSC's new library is "consistent in keeping with the theme that we are trying to create for the state in respect to energy efficiency."

The library is 65 percent to 90 percent more energy efficient than buildings constructed to former ordinary building codes. The library will save \$100,000 per year in utility costs, he said.

"This is a major step in the right direction," Huntsman said.

UVSC's \$48 million library is 190,000 square feet and spans five floors. The construction project is on sched-



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Gov. Jon Huntsman speaks Tuesday at UVSC's new library, the Digital Learning Center, in Orem. The school will celebrate the opening of the building July 1, when UVSC will transition to university status.

ule and within budget, according to Michael Freeman, UVSC library director.

The college will celebrate the opening of the building on July 1, when the school officially transitions to university status.

State energy adviser Dianne Nielson said the building sets an example for the rest of Utah — for the public, for commercial entities and for industries in the state. The structure gives them "a template they also can follow."

"Leading by example, we can make a huge difference," Nielson said.

The building includes a

myriad of energy-saving aspects, ranging from simple processes to high-tech devices, including: high-performance glass that lets in light but cuts out heat; motion sensors that shut off lights if the space is unoccupied; a process that uses excess heat to warm other areas of the building; and panels that block light in the summer but allow for warming light in the winter.

UVSC President William A. Sederburg said, "We are truly meeting the needs of the 21st century."

Rep. Stephen D. Clark, R-Provo, said the building is a beginning in realizing energy

is not cheap and that people need to start using energy wisely.

"We have always been green here at UVU. We will continue to be green and we will build our buildings green," Clark said, also alluding to the school's official colors of green and gold.

Gregg Buxton, director of the Division of Facilities Construction and Management, asked those in the audience to raise their hands if they were taxpayers.

"Thank you," he said. "You have made this dream possible."

"This is a great day for the state of Utah," he continued.

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mance Building Design Standards" on 20 new construction projects over the past two years is eventually expected to reap over \$11.7 million in actual savings. Five of the new projects were completed last year and Utah Valley State College's Digital Learning Center, with the new design standard, is supposed to be complete this summer.

"The projects undertaken so far show that significant inroads toward its energy efficiency target will require the state to invest in making its facilities more energy efficient," according to the report, which calls for \$5 million a year to help fund efforts to reach 15 percent

energy efficiency by 2015 in state buildings only.

Nielson didn't make any predictions about getting those funds, but she lauded the Legislature for being focused on making Utah a leader in energy efficiency.

The 142-page report highlights successes of the State Building Energy Efficiency Program, with utility cost savings estimated in the millions and carbon emission reduction expectations in the thousands of tons statewide.

For example, Utah's Department of Corrections is using a geothermal spring to heat 332,000 square feet of building space. About 150 employees for the state's Department of Commerce have pledged to replace 592 light bulbs in their homes with new compact fluorescent bulbs.

The Utah National Guard is using wind energy at Camp Williams to meet 22 percent of the facility's energy requirement and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 2,915 tons. And the state's Department of Natural Resources reduced fuel annual fuel consumption by 11,700 gallons when it switched to using compact trucks instead of the one-ton models.

Last August Huntsman ordered the state's Department of Administrative Services to purchase more high-efficiency vehicles like hybrids or alternative fuel vehicles.

With the state making strides to reach 15 percent efficiency by 2015, Nielson said the public sector is providing a road map for how private industry can make up

the 5 percent to achieve Huntsman's 20/2015 goal.

The nonprofit Utah Clean Energy's Kevin Emerson singled out St. George, South Jordan and Logan as places where Energy Star homes and commercial sites are increasing in popularity. Emerson's group last year helped author "Utah Energy Efficiency Strategy," a set of policy options designed to assist Huntsman in reaching his goal.

"The state is most certainly leading in setting an example of how energy efficiency can be implemented," Emerson said Tuesday. In the private sector, he added, new-home builders are coming around, effectively aiding the state in reducing carbon emissions. "That's a really exciting thing to see."

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FDA approves heart device tested at IMC

MURRAY — The Food and Drug Administration has approved a mechanical device to help patients survive advanced heart failure long enough to receive a transplant.

And Utahns with advanced heart failure are among the first nationally to benefit from the HeartMate II by Thoratec, tested extensively at Intermountain Medical

Center as part of a clinical trial.

IMC is one of 44 centers that participated in the study of a new-generation left-ventricular assist system (LVAS) as a bridge to heart transplant. It's the first continuous-flow cardiac assist system approved by the FDA in the United States.

The Utah Artificial Heart Program, which moved to

IMC from LDS Hospital when the new hospital opened, has successfully implanted 225 ventricular assist devices in recent years, including 33 of the HeartMate IIs.

The device is implanted alongside a patient's own heart and takes over the pumping ability of the weakened heart's left ventricle. It can pump up to 10 liters of blood a minute, the full out-

put of a healthy heart. Unlike earlier versions, it has only one moving part, so it is expected to last longer and operate more quietly. It's also about one-eighth the size of the original device.

Now, IMC is part of a clinical trial of HeartMate II as a destination therapy, meaning transplant is not the goal for the participants, who would be maintained on the LVAS.

Cougar is caught in W. Jordan

By Pat Reavy
Deseret News

WEST JORDAN — A cougar caused some excitement in a neighborhood here Tuesday morning.

An 18-month-old female cougar, described by wildlife officials as being "good sized," went on a trip through some backyards near 8600 South and 5000 West.

Just before 6 a.m. a resident let his dog out into the backyard. When he went to see why his dog was barking, he spotted a cougar lying in the grass, said West Jordan Police Sgt. Greg Butler. A few moments later, a second neighbor spotted the cougar and also called police.

A couple of hours later, a third sighting was called in to police about three blocks from the initial area, Butler said.

Police did a reverse 911 call to the area. A machine automatically called 600 homes in the area and left a recorded message cautioning residents to keep their pets and children indoors. Four schools in that area, three elementary and one middle school, all kept their children inside until the animal was caught.

Officials from the Division of Wildlife Resources were called and found the mountain lion in a backyard near where the original call was made at about 11:15 a.m. A tranquilizer was shot at the animal, which then began to hop fences into other backyards before the dart took effect and wildlife officials were able to capture the cougar with ropes.

The cougar was loaded into a truck and will be released into the wilderness at a location to be determined later, Butler said.

Incidents of cougars attacking humans are rare, he said. But if a person should come across one, Butler says that person should not try to run away or crouch down. Rather, people should make themselves seem as big as possible and make noise.

"With mountain lions, they're more afraid of us than we are of them," he said.

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Web site offers tips on codling moth

The codling moth is believed to be the most serious threat to producing good apples and pears in northern Utah. As a result, the Davis County Extension Office of Utah State University has developed a new Web site with weekly updates on the moth and how to best control it.

This year's cool spring has slowed the moth down, so the public still has time to control this pest.

Spinosad, Carbaryl, Permethrin and Malathion are common chemicals homeowners can use on fruit.

To access the Extension Service's new Web site, go to: extension.usu.edu/ipm or call 801-451-3402.