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County acquires downtown building

Property will consolidate county operations, improve public service

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San Joaquin County has finalized the \$50 million purchase of 400 E. Main St. in downtown Stockton, a move officials say will consolidate county operations and improve public

service efficiency. The 245,551-square-foot office building includes a two-level underground parking garage spanning 2.06 acres and occupies an entire city block bordered by Main, Market, Sutter and California streets. Several county departments will be housed in the building, including the Family Justice Center, Department of Child Support Services, General Services Department, Human Services Agency and the

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The former Chase Bank Building in downtown Stockton, seen here on Oct. 28, has been purchased by San Joaquin County for \$50 million. CLIFFORD OTO/THE STOCKTON RECORD



Family members set up three large letters spelling “Jay,” each with a photo of them, at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton during a candlelight vigil on Oct. 24 marking the one-year anniversary of Jazmine Floris’ death. They were struck by a Tesla while walking their service dog on Oct. 24, 2024. PHOTOS BY VICTORIA FRANCO/THE STOCKTON RECORD

‘Forever 23’

Stockton family marks a year since the death of Jazmine Floris

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Although the San Joaquin Delta College marquee sign is now repaired and displays current events, the family of Jazmine Floris goes there to feel connected to their loved one. Floris, who was walking their service dog, was killed in a hit-and-run Oct. 24, 2024, near Delta College.

Floris used they/them pronouns, according to family members. On the one-year anniversary of Floris’ death, passersby on Pacific Avenue went about their day as usual, but on the grass near the marquee sign, where Floris lost their life, Floris’ family gathered to grieve at a candlelight vigil. “It’s a place to come and feel connected to them cause it’s the last place they were

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Family members set up a large teal banner reading “FOREVER 23,” featuring a photo of Jazmine Floris.

Stockton elementary student dies in car crash

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A kindergartener from Hong Kingston Elementary School in Stockton died following a car crash last week, school district officials said. Bryan Thong, 5, of Stockton, was identified Tuesday by the Sacramento County Coroner’s Office as the child who died in a collision near Pacific Avenue and Northbank Court on Oct. 21. Thong died Sunday, Oct. 26, according to Sacramento County Coroner’s Office records. A statement regarding Thong’s death was sent to the families of the child’s classmates, according to Melinda Meza, Stockton Unified’s director of communications, marketing and media relations. “Dear families, with a heavy heart, we share the news that one of our kindergarten students, Bryan, has passed away. Bryan’s family has asked us to share this information,” the statement said. “Please join us in keeping Bryan’s family and friends in your thoughts and wishing them comfort and peace.” Meza said the school provided counselors and support for students, staff and family members. During the Stockton Unified School District Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday, Area 5 Trustee Donald Donaire, whose area encompasses Hong

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