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University of the Pacific breaks ground on \$11M sports center



Dignitaries perform a groundbreaking during a ceremony for the University of the Pacific's new Student-Athlete and Sports Medicine Center on the university's campus in Stockton. PHOTOS BY CLIFFORD OTO/THE STOCKTON RECORD



Vietnam veteran Joseph Maes salutes during the United Veterans Council's annual Veterans Day observance and the City of Stockton's celebration of the Stockton Memorial Civic Auditorium's 100th anniversary in downtown Stockton on Nov. 11. CLIFFORD OTO/THE STOCKTON RECORD

Stockton celebrates Veterans Day Nov. 11

City also marks 100 years of Memorial Civic Auditorium

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Stockton and San Joaquin County veterans were honored for their courage and service on Veterans Day during an annual ceremony in downtown Stockton.

On Tuesday, Nov. 11, the United Veterans Council of San Joaquin and the city of Stockton honored those who have served the country. This year's event, "A Century of Community," which took place at 525 N. Center St., also celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Stockton Memorial Civic Auditorium.

The celebration included a presentation of colors, Bells of Peace, and performances by the Stockton Portsmen Barbershop Chorus, City of Sacramento Pipe Band, Ballet Folklorico Raices Mexicanas de Maria Valdovinos and the Stockton Symphony Brass Quintet, among others.

"We gather here not to celebrate war but to celebrate courage. The kind of courage that looks like an 18- or 19-year-old young man or young woman leaving home with nothing but a uniform, a prayer, and a promise to come back," said George Retana, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and keynote speaker for the ceremony. "Some of us came back, some of us didn't. For those of us who did return, many left pieces of ourselves scattered on the battlefields, far from home."

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'Take us to that next level'

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University of the Pacific held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new state-of-the-art Student-Athlete and Sports Medicine Center.

The groundbreaking ceremony took place on Thursday, Nov. 6, outside the Janssen-Lagorio Performance Center on Larry Heller Drive at the University of the Pacific Stockton campus. The new facility will take over the former site of the South Campus Gym, which is adjacent to the Alex G. Spanos Center.

According to Pacific, the 15,682-square-foot facility will cost an estimated \$11 million, all funded by donations.

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University of the Pacific President Christopher Callahan speaks at a groundbreaking ceremony for Pacific's new Student-Athlete and Sports Medicine Center on the university's campus in Stockton.

Newsom's former chief of staff charged in fraud case

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A former chief of staff to Gov. Gavin Newsom is alleged to have conspired with others to divert thousands of dollars from a political campaign to an associate's personal use, as well as to create false contracts.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California announced the charges against Dana Williamson, 53, of Carmichael, on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Here's what to know about Wil-

liamson and the charges she faces.

What has Dana Williamson been accused of?

Williamson is alleged to have "conspired with others to divert approximately \$225,000 in funds from a dormant political campaign to an associate's personal use." The 53-year-old was also alleged to have "conspired with a business associate to create false, backdated contracts" after receiving a civil subpoena regarding

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