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Wal-Mart distribution center, County Bank failure top Merced's top news stories of 2009

By SCOTT JASON

The battered economy bled into all of Merced's top stories this year. While the nation was in the midst of a recession, Rep. Dennis Cardoza, D-Merced, proclaimed Merced was in the grip of a depression.

Unemployment rose, spending fell and the economy continued to worsen. Nationally, there have been hints of a recovery under way. The White House anticipates job growth early in 2010.

Merced was among the areas first -- and hardest -- hit. It's unclear whether it will lead any recovery. Some analysts worry it'll be left behind.

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People gather to protest against the proposed Wal-Mart distribution center in Merced, Calif. Monday, Sept. 21, 2009

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Major projects, including the high-speed rail and UC Merced medical school, will surely boost the area, both in wealth and morale. Still, the housing market is vulnerable, and the gains made this year could be short-lived.

The following is a summary of the year's top stories and the impact they've had on Merced.

1. Wal-Mart distribution center OK'd, sued

The Merced City Council voted to approve a proposed Wal-Mart distribution center, a 1.2-million-square-foot complex that company officials said would employ up to 1,200 full-time workers.

The vote was the culmination of four years of debate, six hours of public comment and dozens of studies.

One month later, opponents filed a lawsuit arguing more should be done to lessen the project's impact on the area and environment.'

Tom Grave, Kyle Stockard, Joel Knox and Rod Webster -- all with Merced Alliance for Responsible Growth -- filed the case in Merced County Superior Court.

The lawsuit, which challenges the thoroughness of the environmental impact



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