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Greetings Samantha,

Happy Holidays. This marks our last issue of VT Pulse for 2017. We'll be back in business in January, but the changes continue. As you will read in our lead story by Brad Weissberg, December marks the last issue of *Venues Today*, which will be rebranded as VenuesNow in 2018. These are exciting times and we are thrilled with the potential ahead. Not only that, we want your input. Let us know what you think *VenuesNow* should be. God grant you many years to embrace change.

VENUESNOW

Venues Today will relaunch and rebrand as VenuesNow in Q1, 2018.

Venues Today To Relaunch As VenuesNow

By Brad Weissberg

OVG is re-imagining *Venues Today*. The next chapter for the venue industry trade publication heralder will debut in early 2018 as *VenuesNow*. Joining the *VenuesNow* team are SBJ's Don Muret and Rob Knapp.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We didn't wait for someone to tell us to open up. As soon as people started contacting us, I made the decision to open up Horse Park to whoever needed the shelter."

— *Tim Fennell, president and CEO, Del Mar (Calif.) Fairgrounds on his decision to open the facility to fire-displaced horses and other animals in the wake of California wildfires.*

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

President & CEO of The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion Jerry MacDonald and VP of Operations Jeff Young pose with Jack Hanna during the 22nd Annual Children's Festival, where Hanna taught guests about a variety of animals, including a python, cheetah and sloth, and the importance of wildlife education.



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SMG Sells to Another Private Equity Firm

By Linda Deckard

Venue management giant SMG has been sold to Toronto-based private equity firm Onex Corporation in partnership with its existing management team. Despite the sale, it's expected to be business-as-usual for the 40-year-old firm.

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California Venues Shelter Fire Evacuees

By Brad Weissberg

California venues, particularly fairgrounds, sheltered thousands of people and animals as wildfires ravished the state for the last two weeks. With many homes, farms and facilities destroyed, hundreds of animals still remain on fairground properties.

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Ontario Passes Ticket Cap Bill

By VT Staff

Ontario, Canada, passed a ticket-crackdown law on Dec. 13. The new law outlines specifications for how tickets are sold, distributed and monitored. It also sets price caps on tickets — which concerns ticket executives at Ticketmaster and StubHub.

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Webster Bank Arena And Mohegan Sun Partner

By Tom Gresham

Connecticut venues Webster Bank Arena, Bridgeport, and Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, are partnering on programming. It's expected the partnership will be especially beneficial for building Webster Bank Arena's concert schedule.

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eSports Enters Sacramento Arena

By Tim Newcomb

Golden 1 Center, Sacramento, Calif., is building a dedicated "venue within a venue" for eSports. The new addition will include a training facility, broadcast center and gamer lounge.

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Suit Filed To Stop Nashville MLS Stadium

By Noelle Riley

A lawsuit has been filed to stop Nashville Fairgrounds from allowing a MLS stadium to be built on the fairgrounds property. Nashville is one of four cities vying for two slots for a MLS team.

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15,000 Capacity Venue Proposed In Austin

By Chad Swiatecki

An open-air stadium and 15,000-capacity arena have been proposed for construction in Austin, Texas. Investors are hoping the facilities will attract sports franchises looking to relocate to one of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S.

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Dead & Co. Alive & Kicking

Dead & Company stopped at American Airlines Center, Dallas, to the cheers of 11,000 fans. The band, along with John Mayer, grossed nearly \$1.2 million with ticket prices ranging from \$45-\$145.

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XLIVE; Western Fairs; INTIX Soon

XLIVE Annual Conference, Mandalay Bay Hotel, Dec. 10-13; Western Fairs Association Convention, Anaheim (Calif.) Marriott, Jan. 3-6; INTIX, Baltimore Hilton, Jan. 23-25.

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Peggy Kaltenbach Passes at 93

Peggy Kaltenbach, who with her husband Bob turned Klein Entertainment into a one of the most respected agencies in the business, passed away on Dec. 12.

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SHORT TAKES

Higgins Hotel & Conference Center Breaks Ground

The National WWII Museum and its Board of Trustees, joined by Louisiana Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser, officially broke ground today on The Higgins Hotel & Conference Center. The 230-room venue is scheduled for completion in 2019. The property will support the museum's expanding educational programs.

Mckoy Honored By State Fair of Texas

Errol Mckoy, retired State Fair of Texas, Dallas, CEO, will be honored by the fair with a Lifetime Achievement Award. The award recognizes Mckoy's longtime achievements at the fair, as well as raising funds for scholarships that benefit rural youth from all over the state of Texas.

Renovations Underway At Miller Outdoor Theater

Miller Outdoor Theatre, Houston, is undergoing improvements. Drainage repair, waterproofing to the front of house audio booth, major sod repair, aeration and top dressing, seat wall repair in the East plaza dining bosque and a new electrical power transformer are on the list of renovations.

Intellicheck and Spectrum Partner On Age ID Products

Intellicheck has signed a referral agreement with Spectrum, an outdoor event concessions company to introduce organizations across the country to Age ID and Age ID30-Woodstock. The cutting-edge technology solutions deliver real-time, accurate identification of fake and altered IDs effectively deterring underage access to age-restricted products and fraudulent purchases with or without network connectivity.



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