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more information about this and other events. Coming in January - "Voices of a Never Ending Dawn" - a special guest-documentary screening by Pamela Peak, an award-winning writer, producer and director, whose works have been featured on PBS.

Calendar of Events for City of Oceanside:

Dec 10 OFA Hosts CPR Class, 6:00-10:00pm. Fire Training Center. Register at www.oceansidefirefighters.net.

Dec 12 San Elijo Lagoon Field Trip. 9:00am. Buena Vista Audubon Society (760) 753-1266.

Dec 12 Holiday Tales from Around the World. 11:00am. Civic Center Library (760) 435-5600.

Dec 12 Science Seekers Holiday Special with "Mad Science". Grades 4-8. 2:00pm. Civic Center Library (760) 435-5600.

Dec 12 Boat Parade of Lights. 6:00 - 9:00pm. Harbor & Oceanside Yacht Club (760) 722-5751.

Dec 13 Film Screening & Discussion. 2:00pm. Mission Branch Community Room (760) 435-5600.

Dec 13 Soiree on the Strand - Benefit for Global Communities. 3:00-7:00pm. South side of Pier Plaza (760) 473-1947.

Dec 13 Chanukah in Candyland by Chabad of Oceanside. 3:30 pm. Civic Center Community Rooms (760) 806-7662.

Dec 13 Chanukah Celebration and Menorah Lighting. 4:00 - 5:00 PM. Civic Center Plaza (760) 806-7765.

Dec 14 Anime & Manga Club. Grades 6-12. 3:30pm. Mission Branch Library Community Rooms. (760) 435-5640.

Dec 16 Anime & Manga Club. Grades 6-12. 3:30pm. Civic Center Library Community Rooms (760) 435-5640.

Dec 16 Paws to Read. Grades 2-5. 3:00-4:00pm. Mission Branch Library (760) 435-5590. **And a Merry Christmast to everyone!**

'America' Cont. from Page 10

and through Sutter the Americans had a friend in Governor Micheltorena.

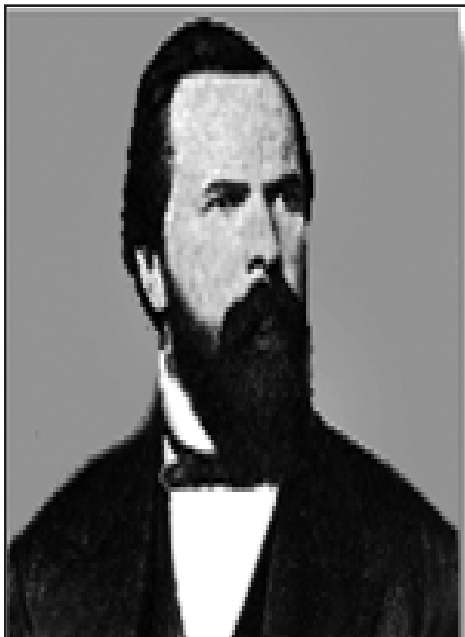
The first employment I had in California was in Sutter's service, about two months after our arrival at Marsh's. He engaged me to go to Bodega and Fort Ross and to stay there until he could finish removing the property which he had bought from the Russians. I remained there fourteen months, until everything was removed; then I came up into the Sacramento Valley and took charge for Sutter of his Hock farm (so named from a large Indian village on the place), remaining there a little more than a year - in 1843 and part of 1844.

Editor's Note: John Bidwell would go on to chronicle more events of California before gold was discovered. He notes:

There was not a hotel in San Francisco, or Monterey, or anywhere in California, till 1846, when the Americans took the country. The priests at the Missions were glad to entertain strangers without charge. They would give you a room in which to sleep, and perhaps a bedstead with a hide stretched across it, and over that you would spread your blankets.

Bidwell would go on to a distinguished career in government, at one time having been elected to Congress, twice a nominee to become California's Governor.

Having been a school teacher, an explorer, an immigrant, a rancher, a farmer, a governmental employee, elected official, and a candidate for both Governor of California and for President of the United States, in 1892, Bidwell had come a long way. At age 81, died in Chico, Butte County, Calif., April 4, 1900; he is buried in Chico Cemetery.



John Bidwell

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drivers did not have a drivers license

49 citations were issued at this checkpoint.

Stop Taxing Us to Support Ballot Initiative to Stop Public Unions from Using Member Dues for Political Contributions.

Stop Taxing Us, Southern California's largest taxpayer advocacy group, will join Tea Party Patriot groups throughout California in support of the Citizen Power Campaign.

The Citizen Power Campaign (see link on home page at www.StopTaxingUs.com) is a ballot initiative to stop public labor unions from collecting union dues and using them to influence California politics. Public labor unions will have to request separate voluntary donations for political activities. In other words, public employees will only make voluntary contributions, just like everybody else in California.

For additional information please call Dana Matas at 760 429-8549 or send an email to mailbox@StopTaxingUs.com

The Jumping Turtle Bar & Grill Loses Business Permit

The city of San Marcos has pulled the business permit for live music at the troubled Jumping Turtle Bar and Grill..

The notice, which City Clerk Susie Vasquez issued Nov. 27, was set to go into effect at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday but has been put on hold pending a hearing set for 9 a.m. Dec. 17 at City Hall.

Attorney Everett DeLano, who represents The Jumping Turtle owners Matthew Hall and Laura Mouradian, requested the hearing. In the meantime, the bar can continue to offer music.

"The city has no further comment on the matter pending the administrative appeal," said city spokeswoman Jenny Peterson. The revocation notice says The Jumping Turtle violated city codes or terms of its entertainment permit numerous times since mid-May. *"We run a very legal establishment,"* said Mouradian. *"I'm proud of my reputation and my bar's reputation.*

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Now, they've ruined that."

The Jumping Turtle, which opened in 2003 on Capalina Road, is a popular venue for local Goth and metal rock bands. In addition to serving alcohol, the menu offers pizza, burgers and burritos.

Until May, its permit allowed minors until 10 p.m., which made The Jumping Turtle one of the few North County venues offering entertainment for the under-21 crowd.

Sheriff's deputies have made frequent stops at the business in the past two years.

On Nov. 2, the bar's owners filed a claim with the city seeking more than \$10,000 in damages. The claim accuses the city and the county Sheriff's Department of conspiracy and abuse of power, harassment, violation of civil rights and other actions the owners say have damaged the business's income and reputation.

The licenses/permits in question had also required a number of restrictions including included prohibition of a cover charge, the owners contending the city had no authority to regulate that issue.

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