Survivor remembers Pearl Harbor attack

Laguna Woods man, 93, attends anniversary ceremony in San Pedro

Seventy-four years ago, Bernard Brandt, 93, was aboard the USS Maryland in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. When he heard the sounds of war, he remembers hearing his fellow man say, “I remember it all.”

Brandt went to the port-hold window of his office and saw the pilots attack. “There was this noise coming around this big ship (the USS Maryland) and I saw a Japanese plane go up and I saw the guys on deck going through the ship and I just thought, ‘Man, this is it!’”

Two hours later, the USS Maryland was attacked. The Japanese attack caught the United States by surprise when 350 aircraft from the Imperial Japanese Navy bombarded, torpedoed and sank 90 percent of ships and planes at Pearl Harbor. The attack sank four battleships and damaged four others and killed about 2,400 people, according to the website of the World War II Museum and Memorial.

As a survivor of the attack, Brandt was greeted by honor at a Pearl Harbor commemoration ceremony at the USS Arizona Memorial on Monday. “We are gathered today to honor those who were lost during the surprise attack,” said Jonathan Williams, president and chief executive of the Pacific America Society.

“This is the 74th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States and the World War II veterans who survived.”

A crowd of a few dozen people watched the ceremony on the ship’s bow.

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A LOOK AT EAGLES BY THE LAKE

Ducks players team up with local students

Athletes go shopping, skating with children from Santa Ana-based nonprofit

By Sarah Han Cleveske

BASKING in a crowd of about 250 people watching video highlights from the first day of school, Rob Roman, principal of Irvine High School, welcomed everyone to the Ducks Foundation’s Project Unify pep rally.

“We are celebrating the first week of school,” Roman said. “We are proud of our students and we are proud of our school.”

Students from Orange County high schools came together to create a video that featured clips from different sports teams, including football, soccer, volleyball and basketball.

“We have different teams and we want to bring them together,” Roman said.

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Cavallari brother accused of making threats days before disappearing

By Legacy A. N. Jr., staff writer

Days before going missing in Utah, Michael Cavallari was arrested on suspicion of violating a restraining order, his brother’s lawyer said.

On Tuesday, the brother of reality TV personality Kristin Cavallari was charged with violating a restraining order that was issued in February. The restraining order was put in place after the actor’s ex-fiancé, Dax Shepard, went to the hospital with injuries.

Shepard’s attorney said that Cavallari had been... (rest of the article continues)

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Anahalem Dukas right wing and alternate captain Corey Perry and his wife Blakely assist Anna Weisman, 9, who is skating at the Skate Spectrum on Monday.

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History

The Wooden Floor started in 1981 as Saint Joseph Rabbit, a former player program for low-income students. Since 1981, the program has graduated hundreds of students and expanded its offerings to include college programs. In 2002, the Wooden Floor was renamed the Wooden Floor Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing musical and cultural opportunities for students. The Wooden Floor is now one of the top 100 programs in the nation. The Wooden Floor has also expanded its offerings to include music education, dance education, and more. The Wooden Floor’s mission is to provide musical and cultural opportunities for students who are economically disadvantaged.