

## WEDNESDAY CALENDAR

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### Holiday performance in Chino

A performance of "Hope of the Caroles" will be held at 7 p.m. at Calvary Chapel of the Chino Valley, 12205 Pipeline Ave., Chino. The play, by Michael Sewell, tells the story of a pastor caring for an ill child, while trying to prepare a message for a Christmas service. Admission is free. Information: 909-464-8255.

### Associated Artists group will meet

The Associated Artists of the Inland Empire will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Goldy S. Lewis Community Center, 11200 Base Line Road, Rancho Cucamonga. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month at the community center. Information: 909-987-2469 or 909-463-6259.

### Hockey night in Ontario

The Ontario Reign will take on the Las Vegas Wranglers at 7 p.m. at the Citizens Business Bank Arena, 4000 E. Ontario Center Parkway. Tickets start at \$5 with a voucher from Buffalo Wild Wings. The first 3,000 fans in attendance will receive a free "Beat Las Vegas" cap. Information: 909-941-7825, [www.ontarioreign.com](http://www.ontarioreign.com).

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# Days of infamy

## Pearl Harbor connects to 9/11

By Neil Nisperos Staff Writer

NORCO — James Lee vividly remembers Dec. 7, 1941.

Lee, then 18 years old, was an Army tech sergeant in the 8th Coast Artillery Regiment stationed at Schofield Barracks near Pearl Harbor.

After a night of hula dancing, friends woke Lee and asked if he would attend church with them.

Then, the Japanese warplanes attacked.

"All of a sudden, here come eight airplanes, and the ground started shaking," Lee said. "We looked toward Pearl Harbor and we could see the flames and the smoke, and the ships were blowing up."

Lee, shared his story on Tuesday with hundreds of people at the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony at the Naval Surface Warfare Center.

Lee told attendees about how survivors of the attack swam into the harbor to retrieve bodies of servicemen who had been killed.

After the 90-minute attack, 2,386 Americans were killed, 1,139 were wounded and 18 ships were sunk or run aground.

Lee was among a handful of



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A Pearl Harbor survivor rings the bell of remembrance during a moment of silence at exactly 10:55 a.m., the time Pearl Harbor was attacked 69 years ago, during a remembrance ceremony at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Norco on Tuesday.

Pearl Harbor survivors who rang a remembrance bell at 10:55 a.m. — the time, in California when the attack started — at Tuesday's ceremony.

Parallels were drawn at the ceremony between Pearl Harbor and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Frank de Boer, battalion chief of the Norco Fire Department, was part of a search and rescue task force from California that searched for survivors at Ground Zero in

New York City.

"I've had 34 years in the fire service, and, by far, it's the proudest moment I've ever had to be able to respond and help," de Boer said. "We did our job and I think we did it well."

The ceremony also featured the Navy band, color guards, Norco High School Air Force ROTC drill team as well as a warplane flyover.

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# Ovitt asks for motto

## 'In God We Trust' proposed

By Joe Nelson Staff Writer

San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gary Ovitt is proposing that the "In God We Trust" motto be displayed behind the dais in board chambers at the County Government Center.

During the board's meeting Tuesday, Ovitt announced that he will present a resolution to the board at its next meeting on Dec. 14.

"Americans are struggling in their lives right now. We have a stagnant economy in California, and people find themselves looking for places to bolster their faith and spirit," Ovitt said during the meeting. "A relatively simple act like posting 'In God We Trust' helps to show citizens that we are acting on the principles that have grounded our nation through good times and bad times."

In the past four years, cities including Chino Hills, Chino and Ontario have chosen to display "In God We Trust" in their council chambers.

Ovitt's spokesman, Burt Southard,

said the display would likely withstand legal challenges that it would violate "separation of church and state."

The establishment clause of the First Amendment precludes government from creating its own church but does not prohibit references to God, Southard said.

"We've used 'In God We Trust' on U.S. currency since 1864, and it was added to the Pledge of Allegiance in 1954, then it became a motto of the U.S. on July 30, 1956," Southard said.

That doesn't necessarily mean that bringing God into government chambers on a mass scale is a good thing, said Robert Boston, a senior policy analyst for the Washington, D.C.-based Americans United for the Separation of Church and State.

"'In God We Trust' may seem very general, but it still puts the county in the position where it is taking a stand on a theological controversy, and that's not really government's job," Boston said.

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