

mission. The station normally runs four-minute messages in a loop, but can be used to broadcast live as well.

Ball is the first school in California to buy School Cast FM, but other schools are considering it, said Tom Sharrit, owner of Partners in Learning Programs of San Diego that distributes the equipment. Between 250 and 300 schools around the country have purchased it since he started selling them six months ago.

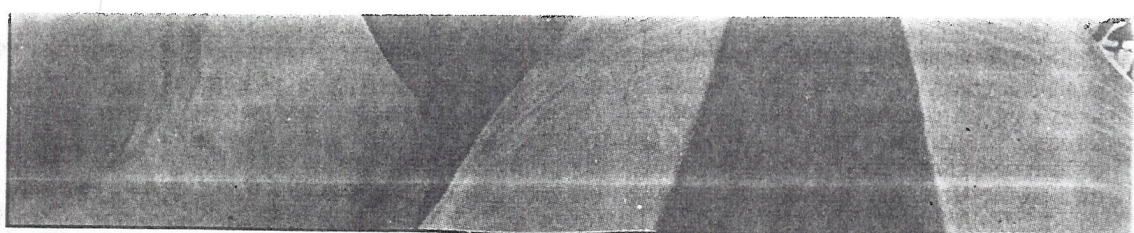
Parents say they love to hear two daily messages straight from the principal.

"No matter how many notes go home, they don't always go home," said parent Cheryl Fasano. "He did it so we parents can feel more informed."

A teacher started a communications club, so students can read haikus and limericks on the air, make announcements about candy sales and create jingles for the station.

"I think it's kind of rare for a school to have a radio station. I think it's kind of cool," said Gabriel Rodriguez, 13.

To hear audio from Blackhawk Radio, call the Register InfoLine at (714) 550-4636, Category 6848.



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Yorba Linda bandits hunted

CRIME: Police close off a neighborhood to search for two men who robbed a bank.

By RACHANEE SRISAVASDI
The Orange County Register

YORBA LINDA — Fifty residents were kept out of their homes for more than 7½ hours Thursday during an extensive police hunt for two armed bank robbers.

As of 10 p.m., the men were still at large, but police let residents return to their homes.

Two men with handguns robbed the California Federal bank on New River Road and

Yorba Linda Boulevard at 2:15 p.m., then ran northwest on Avenida Adobe, said Brea police Sgt. Les Mesa.

A bank employee ran after the suspects for about a block into a residential tract, when a passing patrol officer spotted them and got help.

The suspects disappeared around Avenida Adobe and King Street. Within 10 minutes, police shut off two entrances to the tract, closing off seven streets with about 250 homes.

People who came out of their houses were told to either go inside and lock their doors, or stay outside the perimeter. Residents returning home could not get into the area.

Locals loitered across New

River Road in a nearby shopping center, peering across into their neighborhood. A few also gathered at nearby Travis Ranch Middle School.

Jennifer Cooper, 40, worried about son Liam, 3, left with a baby sitter near her Portage Street home. She called the sitter and told her to lock the doors.

"I'm not just worried about my son, I just don't want anyone to get hurt," she said.

About 25 officers from the city's special response team and several police dogs searched house by house. Police entered homes that were unlocked or looked as if they might have been entered, Mesa said.

Graves in Garden Grove whisper Civil War stories

By BINH HA HONG
The Orange County Register

GARDEN GROVE — More than a century ago, they fought against their own countrymen to keep the nation from splintering.

After the Civil War ended in 1865, the veterans returned to their hometowns to continue farming, or moved out West to Orange County to begin their lives anew.

Paul Gillette, 40, of Garden Grove, a full-time mail carrier and lifetime Civil War enthusiast, doesn't want their stories to be forgotten.

Their battle histories and connection to Orange County will come alive again Sunday at Magnolia Memorial Park in Garden Grove. Gillette, with other Civil War history buffs, will conduct a tour of the 13 veterans buried there.

Underneath majestic pine trees and behind the faceless tombstones, visitors will delve into the lives of soldiers like Thomas Epps, a farmer who was paid about \$200 on Oct. 13, 1864, to join the 16th Iowa Infantry.

At the end of the war, Epps,

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REMEMBRANCE: Paul Gillette holds a Civil War sword near the grave of veteran Thomas Epps at Magnolia Memorial Park in Garden Grove. Gillette will lead a graveyard tour and lecture Sunday.

► **ROLL CALL:** 13 Civil War vets buried at cemetery. **Local News 2**

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GRAVES: Truth is marching on, thanks to Civil War enthusiasts

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whose ancestry was half American Indian, bought his uniform, rifle and bayonet for \$27.38.

In 1866, Epps married. He had four children. He moved to Los Angeles in 1911 and to Garden Grove in 1916. He was illiterate and marked an "X" as his signature on pension forms to get less than \$12 a month for his service. He died of tuberculosis in 1920.

Hollis Rutter served in the 2nd Iowa Cavalry. He was declared "deranged and insane" May 13, 1863, and admitted to a military hospital in Memphis for three months. He moved to San Francisco in 1905 and lost everything in the 1906 earthquake. In 1907, he moved to Westminster. He died in 1914.

Darius Sprague, of the 11th Michigan Infantry, died alone in 1899 at the "Old Soldier's Home" in Los Angeles. Because he did not have any family, he was brought to Garden Grove to be buried with other Civil War soldiers.

"It's just not part of the daily routine of life that people think about, so they neglect their own history," said Anna Howland, vice president of the Civil War Roundtable of Orange County.

Gillette's interest in the Civil War began more than three decades ago when his great-aunt Roxy Warren visited. In exchange for his sneaking her some of his mother's cigarettes, she told him fascinating stories about his great-great-grandfather. Thomas Hill, who was in the 2nd Illinois Cavalry during the Civil War. He was shot twice during the battle of Vicksburg, and died at 81 with two bullets still lodged inside.

After she died in the late 1980s, he wrote to the National Archives to obtain information about Hill. There it was in detail, giving credence to what he thought were his great-aunt's tall tales.

His other great-great-grandfather, Jacob Gillette, also fought for the Union. Other ancestors fought for the

CIVIL WAR VETERANS IN LOCAL CEMETERY

The following 13 Civil War veterans are buried at Magnolia Memorial Park, 12241 Magnolia St., Garden Grove. Their histories will be told at a tour and lecture at 1 p.m. Sunday. Information: Paul Gillette (714) 638-2024.

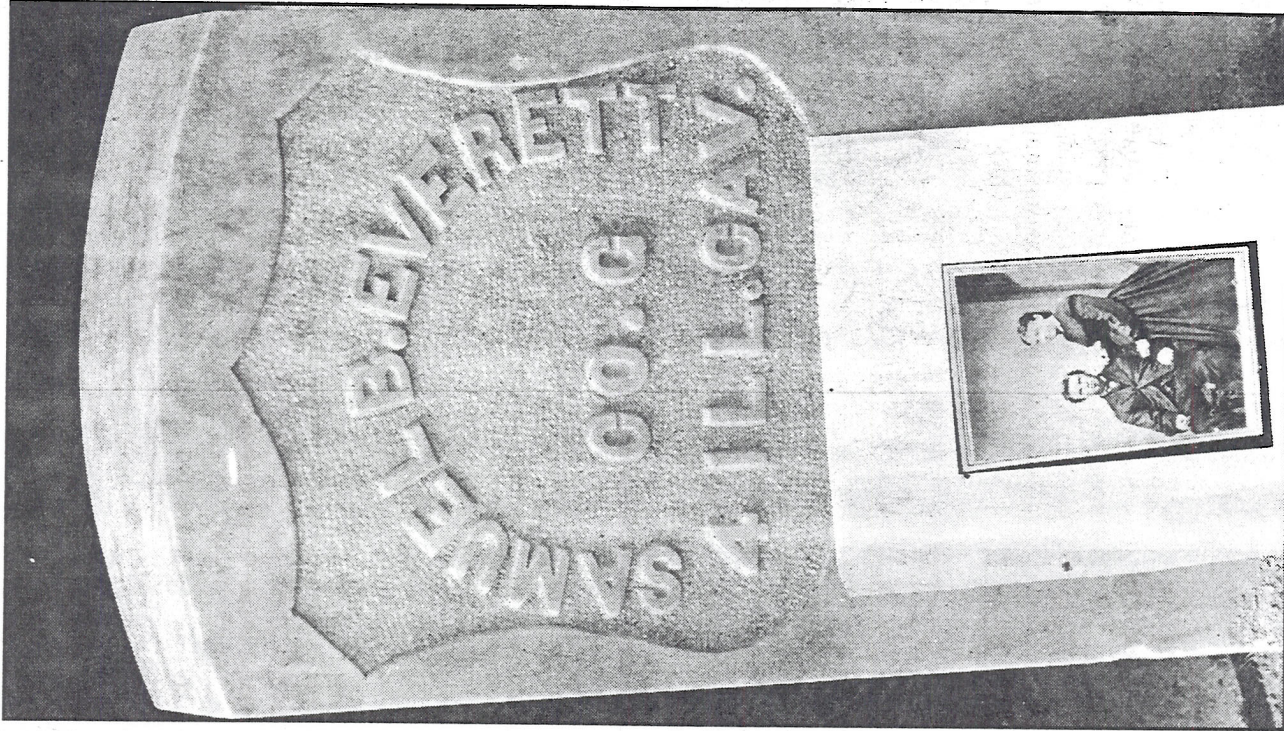
- ▶ **William Adams** (1844-1914)
42nd Missouri Infantry
- ▶ **Thomas Epps** (1843-1920)
16th Iowa Infantry
- ▶ **Hollis Rutter** (1842-1914)
2nd Iowa Cavalry
- ▶ **David Nichols** (1847-1935)
29th Ohio Infantry
- ▶ **Cpl. Charles Hudson** (1825-1906)
33rd Wisconsin Infantry
- ▶ **Nathan Mills** (1844-1905)
38th Indiana Infantry
- ▶ **Samuel Everett** (1840-1929)
4th Illinois Cavalry
- ▶ **Andrew Nixon** (1844-1877)
15th Indiana Infantry
- ▶ **Cpl. Darius Sprague** (1822-1899)
11th Michigan Infantry
- ▶ **2nd Lt. Daniel Sanford** (1842-1920)
49th Wisconsin Infantry
- ▶ **David Shaffer** (1837-1925)
141st Ohio Infantry
- ▶ **Ludian Allen** (1837-1914)
3rd Minnesota Infantry
- ▶ **Joseph Trefethen** (1824-1887)
Trefethen was a merchant sea captain who lent his services and ship to blockading the South.

Confederacy.

But it doesn't matter which side these men fought for, Gillette said. What is important, he said, is that they are a part of history, and they shouldn't be forgotten.

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RESTING IN PEACE: A tombstone marks the grave of Samuel B. Everett, who served in the 4th Illinois Cavalry and died in 1929. The portrait in front shows Everett with his first wife, Clara Spees. Everett and 12 other Civil War veterans are buried in Magnolia Memorial Park in Garden Grove.

TOPICS OF INTEREST

ENVIRONMENTAL
Water, sludge projects

Orange County nearly \$40 million shoreline protection under an approved that cleared on Congress on Thursday. The bill, the leading Rep. Rick R-Oceanside, in action for the San flood control project for the Surfside Newport Beach project, \$3 million for Ana River bridge \$2 million for County Water project and \$2 million for Science Center. "This legislation that we continue that needs and provide water-related projects," Packard said, "is a major pipeline runner in the south." The \$24 billion measure is expected to be signed by President Bush.

POPULATION

2,760,948 in O.C. in 1990

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that the Orange County population in 1990 was 2,760,948.