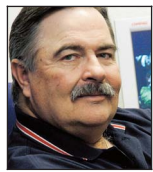


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### Kindness day offered

The city and Simple Acts of Care and Kindness Foundation will hold a World Kindness Youth Conference on Saturday at Thomas Lasorda Jr. Field House. Seminars on bullying, building self-esteem and increasing listening skills are designed for families and teachers. Bring a picnic lunch.

Information: (714) 961-7192.

### Saluting our veterans

Drop by the Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace today for Veterans Day programs honoring those who have served in our armed forces. Admission is free. Events include a speech by Camp Pendleton's top general and a patriotic concert.

Information: (714) 993-5075.

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**YORBA LINDA** researcher Charles Beal is on a mission to place a monument on the Anaheim Cemetery gravesite of Burton William Crandall, who died in 1945 and was the last Union Army veteran to live in Orange County.



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## Righting an oversight

Yorba Linda man aims to honor Union soldier buried in unmarked grave in Anaheim.

By **ELISABETH DEFFNER**  
FOR THE YORBA LINDA STAR

Burton William Crandall was about 12 years old when he joined the Union Army in 1862. He met President Lincoln when he was hospitalized in Washington, D.C., after be-

ing injured. And he's buried in an unmarked grave in Anaheim Cemetery.

But Yorba Linda resident Charles Beal intends to change that.

"This guy deserves something to show his final resting spot to the world," said Beal, a land surveyor for Orange County.

Beal, 48, learned about Crandall through his research into Civil War veterans buried in Orange County - and that research was sparked by his own genealogy.



A member of the Mayflower Society, the Sons of the American Revolution and Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Beal's roots go back to the start of American

## Thieves silence young musicians

By **AMANDA BECK**  
FOR THE YORBA LINDA STAR

The Music Mobile is a jingling minivan that zooms around Orange County and carries the instruments of an orchestra to third-graders who have sometimes never heard their sounds.

Imagine the surprise, then, of the mobile's happy volunteers, when they ventured out Friday morning to discover their van had been burglarized.

While it was parked in a Yorba Linda neighborhood, the traveling classroom was looted by of roughly \$6,000 in equipment and 15 instruments - including an entire section of child-size strings.

"They even took the tablecloth that said 'Music Mobile' on it," said Pat Nelson, a 16-year program volunteer, who lamented that the thieves would probably not form their own travelling quartet.

All the thieves left was a lone clarinet, perhaps camouflaged by its dark color.

The incident forced the group to cancel several days of classes in the Placentia-Yorba Linda school district, where the mobile was making its annual rounds.

In the meantime, executives from the Southern California division of Time Warner Cable have volunteered to reim-

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# RIGHT: Researching Union vet information

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history. Two of his ancestors fought in the Grand Army of the Republic in the Civil War.

And his wife has the other side covered: she has Rebels in her family tree.

Though Beal has traced his family tree back many years, it has been a challenge. After all, despite the resources available on the Internet, most of the sources he must consult for genealogical research are back East.

"You can't get there all the time," he explains.

"At least here in Orange County, I can go through the records and visit cemeteries. It's easier to do than long distance."

He remembers his surprise at discovering there was any Orange County connection to the Civil War, and enjoys educating people about that link.

"It's part of history that's been glossed over," he says.

Beal works with a handful of other amateur historians who delve into cemetery records, old newspapers and local histories. Together, they have compiled a list of 756 Civil War veterans buried in Orange County.

Crandall, one of their most recent discoveries, was the last Union veteran alive in Orange County. He died in an Orange rest home in 1945, though many of his years in the county he lived with a Yorba Linda family, the John Woodwards.

According to a story in the Dec. 7, 1945, Yorba Linda Star about Crandall's death, the boy soldier had been wounded at battles at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania Courthouse. After Lincoln commented on Crandall's extreme youth during a visit to hospitalized soldiers, Crandall received an honorable discharge commanded by presidential order.

Little is known of his life following the Civil War. Members of the Sons of the Union Veterans have undertaken a project to honor the grave of the last Union veteran to die in every county or parish in the country.

The Department of Veterans Affairs provides the grave markers at no cost; Beal and his cronies need only to provide a copy of Crandall's pension papers, necessary documentation proving he served



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**NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPH** of Burton William Crandall, a Union Army veteran of the Civil War who lived in Yorba Linda for many years, until shortly before his death in 1945. He is buried in an unmarked grave in Anaheim.

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YORBA LINDA RESEARCHER OF CIVIL WAR VETERANS WHO LIVED IN ORANGE COUNTY

in the Civil War.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans has a similar grave-marker project.

These markers are an honor to the veterans - and necessary for the rest of us, said George E. Hicks, chief executive officer of the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pa.

"We do not have enough reminders of the blood shed by

700,000 soldiers that created America's defining moment. The men that fought and died—or survived—that era literally defined freedom as we know it today," said Hicks. "We need to be reminded of what it took to get here."

Gordon Bricken, a former mayor of Santa Ana who has worked with Beal and others to document the Orange County gravesites of Civil War

If you have information about Burton W. Crandall, the John Woodward family of Yorba Linda or other Civil War veterans buried in Orange County, call Charles Beal at (714) 777-1013.

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