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OWNER PENNY LAMBRIGHT stands next to the "Leave Your Burden Behind" wall, a white picket fence where veterans leave messages, at Patriots and Paws in Anaheim. Lambright spent her \$125,000 inheritance on starting a nonprofit to help veterans.

Nonprofit founder chooses joy and speaks life to the veterans in Orange County

BY LORI BASHEDA

When Penny Lambright was a kid, the youngest of five siblings, her family called her Sarge because she was a take-action kind of girl.

Also when she was a kid, her U.S. Marine dad who had fought in WWII and Korea had a raging case of post-traumatic stress disorder, often trying to bayonet her mom when he was in the throes of nightmares.

Put that together and it's perhaps not surprising then that when she later inherited \$125,000, about the time her Army nephew came to her asking for help for his unit, she put every penny into founding an organization for vets in need — Patriots and Paws.



See **Veterans**, page R4 **A VARIETY** of home furnishings in the showroom at Patriots and Paws in Anaheim.

THE "LEAVE Your Burdens Behind" wall, a white picket fence where veterans leave messages of memories that have held them back.



Chapman and local nonprofit provide course to the formerly incarcerated

BY BEN BRAZIL

Chapman University and a local nonprofit are teaming up to provide courses to the formerly incarcerated to reduce the likelihood of their returning to jail.

The course is part of Underground GRIT's re-entry program. The Orange-based nonprofit seeks to help formerly incarcerated people reenter the community through providing education, vocational training, mental health support services and advocacy.

The eight-week certificate course could be an important piece of the nonprofit's mission as correctional education programs have been shown to reduce recidivism by 43%.

"The reality is that when you are released and you are on terms like probation or parole then there's a lot of restriction on the things you can do, and violating any of those terms, even if it's like violating an 8 p.m. curfew, can lead you back in jail," said Sharon Tang, Underground GRIT program manager. "It's like tip-toeing through a landmine field."

The class is taught by Dr. Victoria Carty, an associate professor of sociology at Chapman. Her

research has generally focused on social movements, community engagement and immigration and criminal justice reform.

The first eight-week course Carty has been teaching will end early next month.

All of the 13 students in the class have served time in either jail, prison or juvenile hall.

The program focuses on young adults in their early 20s, many of whom had a difficult time going through the education system.

"A lot of them say things like, 'You know, growing up I always thought college was for other kids not me,'" Carty said. "Not for poor people, not for brown people, not for Black people ... that's for somebody else, not me."

"... So let's reimagine how we can do education in a different way. And they're young enough to be receptive to that."

The class focuses on social stratification, largely centering on class and race issues.

Carty teaches the students to apply sociological theories and concepts to their own experiences with the justice system.

The class also provides students with some of the

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Courtesy of Underground GRIT

FORMERLY INCARCERATED students participate in a class taught by Chapman professor Victoria Carty.

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO HIRES 'VERY NEEDED' SECURITY FOR LOS RIOS DISTRICT, BUT GUARDS' FIREARMS RAISE EYEBROWS

BY MEGHANN M. CUNIFF

As a longtime resident of the San Juan Capistrano neighborhood that bears his family's name, Stephen Rios has grown accustomed to tawdry tourists and pushy photographers.

But over the last few weeks, he's welcomed a new element that he believes is a much-needed response to an unwelcome influx of loitering, vandalism and trespassing: private security, patrolling in golf carts, armed with guns and funded by a private-public partnership.

"I appreciate the private security and the cost that comes with that," Rios said. "And I am pleased that they are armed. I would not want them to be in a dangerous environment without any sidearm to protect themselves."

Rios' home, which includes a 226-year-old adobe, is in the midst of what's now a patrol area for the private security firm Citi-

guard, Inc. Armed guards from Citiguard have been walking the Los Rios District and adjacent downtown area from 4 p.m. to midnight each day since Dec. 10, funded by a \$50,000 contract the City Council unanimously approved Dec. 7, with 25% to be reimbursed by the owners of the downtown Franciscan Plaza parking garage.

Citiguard, based in the San Fernando Valley's West Hills, with an office in Irvine, is to work in San Juan Capistrano through next June in a trial run that City Manager Ben Siegel said is part of a broader effort to encourage downtown business employees to park in newly designated lots away from the garage, which is aimed at customers and diners.

"As you know, it can be very dark in certain areas along the pathway from the parking lot to the downtown, so the security guard will patrol the area and the parking lots to foster a safe

environment," Siegel said in an email. "We also received some reports of car burglaries and vandalism in the structure, so we are hopeful that the guard will reduce those types of property crimes as well."

Under the city contract, two guards in a golf cart will patrol the area Thursday through Sunday and one will patrol Monday through Wednesday for the first two weeks. One has been patrolling each night since Dec. 24.

The contract approved by the council last month allows Siegel three year-long renewals "based on performance and budget availability."

Residents and business owners said the issue is, at its core, about the area's growing population of homeless people. On the National Register of Historic Places since 1983, Los Rios Street has never been immune to crime: Mayor John Taylor was as-



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ATTORNEY STEPHEN RIOS outside his family's adobe in San Juan Capistrano's Los Rios District, where armed security has recently been hired.

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LANA NGUYEN, 12, of Garden Grove shows volunteer Doug McKay how to assemble a COVID-19 testing kit.

Meet the 12-year-old behind 360 Clinic's COVID-19 graphic design

BY VERA CASTANEDA

It's been all hands on deck on multiple levels when it comes to responding to the coronavirus pandemic, including the marketing behind some of Orange County's testing sites.

Linda Nguyen is a healthcare and food business consultant. Although she works in the food industry, healthcare organizations are her main project.

When she was hired on as 360 Clinic's consultant earlier in the summer and had to launch their first testing site within two weeks, she also hired Lana, her 12-year-old daughter, as a graphic designer.

"The reason why Lana came on board so quickly was because we didn't have time to hire a graphic artist. We had to put on an overnight website," Linda said.

Lana was used to helping her mother run a now-defunct brick-and-mortar business, the Renewed Co., in the past.

Since many school campuses have also shut down, Lana tends to finish her online schoolwork early and has had more time on her hands.

"She just had that natural talent, and I continue to try to foster that," Linda said. "I would give her projects, not knowing whether she can complete it or not. But I gave her the freedom to be creative and see if she can execute it. There are days where she lands it really well, and there are days where I have to give her a little bit of guidance."

Lana said she started learning graphic design by playing around with apps for fun and later on took an online class.

"It got me more into graphic designing and

gave me the idea to actually use my ability to make money out of it," Lana said.

Linda pointed out business owners can hire and pay their children up to \$12,000 per year tax-free.

Although it took an attorney and certified public accountant to set it up, Lana has been earning her own spending money for a couple of years.

Linda handles the marketing portion of the work while Lana works with visuals. She designed 360 Clinic's fliers, banners, social media posts, a website, kiosks and mobile van visuals.

"We work in partnership with the county and Orange County Health Care Agency ... The marketing behind it has to ensure that the at-risk population knows that these testing sites are available to them at no cost," Linda said.

Linda added that part of

the marketing strategy was to run a lot of Facebook ads promoting their free drive-through clinic sites located in Anaheim, Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, Orange and Westminster as well as the clinic's mobile testing vans which go to smaller at-risk neighborhoods.

"What we often hear is COVID testing is very hard to come by," Linda said. "In our super sites, we test over 4,000 a day."

The two have a knack for volunteering too, particularly for Operation Be Kind and OC Drive.

Keeping in line with that tradition, Linda and Lana recently volunteered in the Anaheim Convention Center to assemble COVID-19 testing kits for the clinic.

For more information about 360 Clinic testing, visit 360clinic.md.

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Courtesy of Wu Ching

"MUNDANE AFFINITY," 1995, by Wu Ching on display and available through virtual tour through the Bowers Museum.

Bowers Museum exhibits gold and jade masterworks

An exhibit showcasing jade and gold sculptures that began Dec. 12 at the Bowers Museum continues through May 30, with virtual tours planned for early in 2021.

"Treasures in Gold & Jade: Masterworks from Taiwan," features the sculptures of two artists based in Taiwan, Wu Ching and Huang Fu-shou. The exhibit is described as "two mediums, two artists and a series of cycles endlessly alternating between binaries like death and rebirth."

Ching is displaying 17 gold sculptures. One piece, "Reminiscences of Rustic Pleasures" showing over 500 gold ants and various insects took three years to complete. There are also 27 jade carvings by Fu-Shou of fish and insects in nature. Poems written by the artist accompany each artwork.

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Courtesy of Huang Fu-shou

"JUMP," by Taiwan artist Huang Fu-shou is featured by the Bowers Museum.

wan traveled to install the delicate exhibit pieces, some of which can be seen in the digital exhibit guide. Virtual prerecorded tours are scheduled throughout January.

— From staff reports

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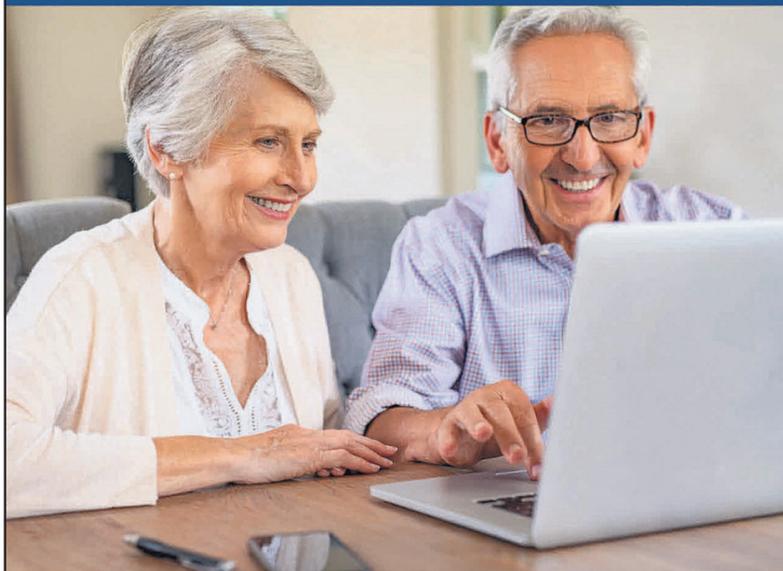
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basic skills needed to be a college student.

The assignments and discussions are of the same rigor as any other Chapman course.

The course currently offers a certificate upon completion, but Tang said they are aiming to offer course credit once the nonprofit can attain adequate funding.

"Education is a right, not a privilege," Tang said. "Fair treatment within the education system is not something that only some people get as a treat, it's something that all people should have."

Carty said she is hoping to offer a new course each semester and for the 13 current students to continue with the classes each semester. Carty said Chapman has agreed to pay for the students to receive college credit once the school is out of the financial slump caused by the pandemic.

"The certificate course is not the plan at all," Carty said. "It's for them to have a legitimate transcript saying I completed a college course. We just can't do that right now."

There will be a chance for other students to join the classes. Underground GRIT, which was founded in 2019, has a waiting list of interested applicants who must take part in an interview and application process before getting into the program.

"A big part to the ultimate goal, and this is how it all started, is Chapman students would be learning side-by-side with the Underground GRIT students," Carty said.

She continued: "Chapman, I'm sure you're aware, has a reputation ... as kind of a country club and we cater to kind of rich white kids.

"That's no secret, for them to be learning from people that come from very different backgrounds, and you know the stereotypes about Chapman students that can be broken down when they enter into these classrooms with the Underground GRID students."

The reentry program will be needed as more inmates are released from Orange County jails due to COVID-19.

Hundreds have been released since the beginning of the pandemic, and a judge recently ordered the Sheriff's Department to reduce the county jail population by a half.

While Sheriff Don Barnes is fighting the order, the state appellate court denied his request this week for an immediate stay of the Dec. 11 order. The appeal remains under consideration.

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OWNER PENNY LAMBRIGHT stands with Angel Vargas, left, a veteran with the Army National Guard, at Patriots and Paws in Anaheim.

VETERANS

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The charity operates out of a giant warehouse in Anaheim. Basically, Lambright collects donated household items, like gently used sofas and sheets and silverware, and invites vets in to "shop."

"It's like a thrift store on steroids," she said. A thrift store where everything is free.

If you want to see for yourself the lives she has changed, visit the Patriots and Paws Youtube channel where a few hundred vets give thanks.

It all started in 2010 after Lambright's nephew Sam returned home from his second deployment to the Middle East.

He told his aunt that his unit compatriots were coming home broke and needed help.

"I said 'OK,'" said Lambright, now 58. "I had no idea what that meant."

At the time she was running a professional organizer company called Clutter Cleaners out of Huntington Beach.

Her mother had recently died, and Lambright was left \$125,000.

Using the inheritance, she rented a storage unit in Fountain Valley. It quickly filled up with donated items so she rented another. And then another.

Six stuffed units later she moved the whole operation to a warehouse in Orange. Two years ago she upgraded to the current 7,700-square-foot warehouse in Anaheim.

It's a beehive of activity, and a sight to see. A chopper the Vietnam Vets of American Chapter 1024 takes to parades is parked in the yard.

Trucks pull up to be loaded and unloaded. Vets wander the aisles of furniture and coffee makers.

Lambright said she has helped more than 8,000 vets since starting the nonprofit. And she takes pride that the pandemic has not slowed her down.

"We've done over 1,000 pickups this year," she said. "We have not stopped seeing families or closed one day due to COVID."

Some of the vets she helped have returned to volunteer, like Marine Frank Contreras.

"My wife and I were homeless in 2017 and we had nothing; no silverware, no plates," said Contreras, 59. When they finally got into an apartment, "Penny hooked us up with everything we needed. Without her, we'd still be sleeping on the floor."

Lambright said spending her inheritance on others "wasn't even a thought."

She was, however, surprised the money ran out so soon. A few years into the adventure she gave up her rental house in Orange and moved to the warehouse (with her three rescue dogs and her Harley) — just so she could keep the nonprofit running.

"This is my everything," she explained, although she still owns Clutter

Cleaners and also teaches an extension class on getting organized at Cal State Fullerton.

She has since moved out of the warehouse and today rents a place in Tustin where she lives with a couple of roommates and her pit bull Jake.

This is where the "paws" in Patriots and Paws comes in. Lambright believes dogs rescue us as much as we rescue them. So part of her mission is to work with animal rescue groups to pair vets with dogs.

"You can tell your dog anything a hundred times and there's no judgment," she said. "They'll just lick your face and say, 'OK, it's all good.'"

No judgment is a way to describe Lambright herself, friends and volunteers say.

A Navy vet who doesn't want her name printed for domestic safety issues decorated her entire low-income housing unit at Patriots and Paws. There she found a dryer, beds for her kids, dressers, quilts — and a friend.

"Penny shows more kindness than most people out there do," the woman said.

Lambright said she was simply taught to be of service from a young age.

"Every day I get up and I think how can I take care of my veterans?" she said. "Every day is a good day that I'm serving them."

Tattooed onto the inside of her left wrist are the words "Choose Joy," a reminder to herself to stay positive. On the outside of



LAMBRIGHT STANDS with Cory Vigil, left, a veteran post officer with American Legion Post 291, and volunteer Michael Bertrand at Patriots and Paws in Anaheim.

her wrist is "Speak Life."

"I try to speak life into people, say things to build them up," she said. "Some of the vets, when they come in here they're angry and they're mad. I tell them, 'We're going to make lemonade out of your lemons.'"

Negativity is not permitted.

"We don't let drama in here," she said. "It's a drama-free zone."

Outside, next to the chopper, Lambright has built a fence out of pallets that she calls the "Leave Your Burden Behind" wall. Vets are invited to pick up a sharpie and write a message.

"Whatever it is you're carrying, go ahead and write it on that wall and leave it behind," she tells them.

"It's pretty amazing to read. There's a lot of forgiveness; forgiving other people and forgiving themselves. I am completely humbled by what

people are dealing with."

Pam Mehl has been friends with Lambright since Edison High School in Huntington Beach (class of '80) and although she lives in Santa Maria now, she drives down at least several weekends a year to volunteer.

"Penny's about as real as it gets," she said. "She was always the friend who was gonna help somebody with something. That person you could count on."

If you have a heart for vets, Lambright said you're needed. Since the pandemic shutdowns, people have been emptying out their closets, so she is backed up for weeks with requests for donation pickups. But money always works.

You can find her at patriotsandpaws.org or [patriotsandpaws](https://www.facebook.com/patriotsandpaws) on Facebook and Instagram.

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SECURITY

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saulted while walking near his home in 2012, and no was ever arrested. But Rios said the neighborhood is seeing more transients and drifters who drunkenly loiter, fight and vandalize.

The city recently placed a fence around the Montanez Adobe — built in 1794 and on the national register since 1975 — after months of damage, and Siegel told a resident in an October email that he and council members "are also concerned with homelessness in the Los Rios area and the impacts on residents and visitors to our community."

Three weeks ago, Mission San Juan Capistrano's front door was spray-painted with graffiti.

Some agree with Rios that private security is badly needed; others are leery of more conflict and are questioning the necessity of firearms.

"I do think it's necessary, but I'm just hoping that they definitely have mediation skills," said Dina Meeks, owner of the Nest specialty shop.

Business owner Rob Quest said security "is very needed" and is part of a business parking plan that includes increased garage prices, aimed at deterring employees and pushing them to the new, more distant lots.

"You have to give them a reason to park there," said



Photo by Meghann Cuniff

BUILT BY Native Americans in 1794, the Montanez Adobe in San Juan Capistrano's Los Rios Park has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1975. The city recently placed a fence around it after months of damage from loiterers and campers.

Quest, whose businesses include the Sundried Tomato and Bueno Bueno restaurants.

Michelle Hure, a physician who owns OC Skin-Lab on the south end of Los Rios, said she'd love to see a deterrent to crime, which she said a security guard "may start addressing ... but is not the full answer we need."

"This comes down to accountability and oversight over an armed individual given free rein to wield power and a deadly weap-

on as he/she sees fit," Hure said. "I am not comfortable with that, and my fellow residents shouldn't be either."

Orange County sheriff Sgt. Dennis Breckner said the security guards who scope retail centers, office complexes and other private property usually aren't armed. Still, "we deal with armed security quite often, and they're fully aware of the law related to their limitations," Breckner said.

Included with the con-

tract approved last month, Citiguard's proposal to the city lists "power to arrest," "active shooting" and "fire/life safety" under its scope of services, along with incident reporting, security alarm response, vehicle patrol, special event services and security assessments. Citiguard employee training includes ethics, risk assessment, deescalation, interpersonal skills and "predictive profiling," according to the proposal.

San Juan Capistrano is

one of 13 Orange County cities that doesn't have its own police department and instead contracts with the Sheriff's Department. The 2020-21 contract pays \$10.7 million for law enforcement services that include patrol deputies and a substation next to City Hall dubbed San Juan Capistrano Police Services.

Citiguard's proposal touted its employees' experience, stating that "more than 90%" of its security personnel are experienced in military and/or law enforcement.

"We are in a new era in which public safety and public relations coexist to serve the community, and where robust, progressive security guard services and security strategies for the 21st century reduce risks and protect the bottom line," according to a letter to the city from Steven Barragan, Citiguard's director of business operations.

Breckner, who worked in private security before joining the Sheriff's Department, said the city is "doing right by the taxpayers when it comes to this, because to appeal to deputies to do that same thing would cost certainly a lot more, and frankly that would be a waste of a deputy."

Breckner said security's job "is to observe activity and report it to us."

"It's not unusual for retail centers to have offsite parking for employees and have security oversee

that," Breckner said. "And that's not something taxpayers are going to want to pay deputies to do, frankly. That's not our role."

Though the pandemic has again shuttered businesses, the Los Rios District and surrounding area have experienced heightened activity in the last few years amid new restaurant openings, renovated buildings and a newly renovated Verdugo Street, which leads into Los Rios. More homeless people began loitering, Rios said, though fewer have been seen in recent weeks since the Montanez Adobe was fenced. Private security will help end those problems for good, he said.

"When the sheriff decided not to do any enforcement because of the 9th Circuit case, they just felt immune and they could do whatever they wanted. The city wasn't doing anything," Rios said, referring to Martin v. Boise, the 2018 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals ruling that prohibits the enforcement of anti-camping ordinances if shelter isn't available.

The Sheriff's Department has cited that case as the reason deputies won't enforce anti-camping ordinances in the South County cities, which do not have shelters.

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Winging its way into winter



A BROWN PELICAN flies overhead as visitors watch a great egret hunt down below with the snowy San Gabriel Mountains in the distance at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve in Huntington Beach on Tuesday. The region's first significant winter storm the day before brought colder temperatures, rain and snow.

Raul Roa
Staff
Photographer

Anaheim hospital worker among honorees on Rose Parade special

BY BEN BRAZIL

Maria Guzman watched for years as healthcare workers took care of her sister as she battled with leukemia.

Then again as her young nephew struggled with cancer and chemotherapy.

She was captivated by the way they brought comfort to her loved ones despite the difficult circumstances.

Guzman decided to dedicate herself to working in healthcare to provide that same care to others in need. "They were there for me and I decided I really want to be a part of this," Guzman said.

While working on becoming a nurse, Guzman

has been employed as an environmental services aide at Kaiser Permanente's Anaheim Medical Center for the last five years. She's responsible for keeping rooms sterile to prevent disease transmission.

Along with other hospital workers, Guzman was featured in the Rose Parade celebration this year during a television segment for her work at Kaiser Permanente's Anaheim Medical Center. The Rose Parade special aired at 8 a.m. Friday on ABC, NBC, KTLA, Univision and other outlets.

Guzman was also the winner of the "Los Nuevos Héroes" campaign, a recent community campaign by Univision and Hyundai to

honor heroes in healthcare.

"It's a blessing," Guzman said. "I still can't believe it."

Guzman said it's been difficult working short-staffed in the hospital since the beginning of the pandemic and witnessing the suffering of those afflicted with the virus and their families.

"Maybe four weeks ago, I was covering ER, I was cleaning a room, a terminal clean, the doctor said we can only allow two minutes for the family to say goodbye to the patient," Guzman described. "It was so hard to see that."

Guzman was torn after seeing a COVID-positive woman giving birth without the presence of her



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ANAHEIM MEDICAL Center healthcare worker Maria Guzman was featured on the Rose Parade TV special.

husband. "Unfortunately, the mother had to give birth

by herself," Guzman said. "No one was allowed to come inside to visit or to

be with her.

"If it was a positive COVID patient back then, not even the daddy will be allowed to be in with her. So I see the dad, you know like, 'I want to be with my wife, I want to be with my child,' especially when it was a first child ... Those situations are so hard."

Working in a hospital during a pandemic has only emboldened Guzman.

She hopes to bring comfort and compassion to patients as they battle with the deadly virus.

"They need us right now," Guzman said. "And I'm right there for them."

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