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Students tend to a vegetable garden at Shorecliffs Middle School, one of 20 Orange County and San Diego schools taking part in the Grow Your Own! program headed by The Ecology Center of San Juan Capistrano. Photo: Allison Jarrell

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NCL Raises Over \$58,000 in Annual Fashion Show

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The Capistrano Coast Chapter of the National Charity League held its 15th annual fashion show fundraiser on March 8 at the Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa in Dana Point. The luncheon raised \$58,000—the most funds raised in the history of the chapter's event—through community donations and sales of silent auction and raffle drawing tickets. The proceeds from the fundraiser help provide funds for the 30 philanthropies the chapter supports, such as after-school programs, U.S. military support, food banks and senior citizen activities. Funds raised from the event are also earmarked for college scholarships, given each spring to graduating seniors in need from the community.

The NCL Class of 2018 hosted the event led by co-chairs Lana Erlanson, Wendy Siu and Kelly Swartzbaugh. Attendees at the sold-out event included over 400 NCL members, families and friends, in addition to representatives from several of the philanthropies supported by the NCL chapter. The fashion show theme was "The World Is My Oyster and I Am the Pearl."

Seventeen NCL "Ticktockers" from the class of 2016, all from local surrounding high schools, were featured as they modeled spring fashions from Blue Eyed Girl in San Juan Capistrano, Camellia Boutique in Dana Point, Daisy Shoppe in Mission Viejo, LF Laguna in Laguna Beach, Macy's in Mission Viejo, Friar Tux in Laguna Niguel and Elizabeth Dane Jewelry in San Juan Capistrano. Eight male students from various high schools also modeled during the show. The NCL models spent hours of rehearsal time with professional Fashion Show Producer, Pat Perkowski of Fashion Forward Produc-



Model Skye Monroe walks in the 15th annual fashion show fundraiser. Photo: courtesy of the Capistrano Coast Chapter of the National Charity League.

tions, to deliver a flawless fashion show. Countless hours were dedicated by NCL Capistrano Coast Chapter members including securing sponsorships, soliciting donations and offering behind-the-scenes support for the fundraiser.

National Charity League, Inc. is a mother/daughter organization dedicated to serving local philanthropies while fostering the mother/daughter relationship. Members participate in philanthropic work, educational activities, leadership development, and cultural enrichment. The Capistrano Coast Chapter of NCL represents the areas of San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Dana Point, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Ladera Ranch and Mission Viejo.

For more information, visit www.nlccapistranocoast.org. **CD**



Flashback Friday

This photo of Capitan Stanislado Morales and Lucrecia Yorba dates back to 1905 and was used in the book, "For the Soul of Rafael." Morales was born in Los Angeles on Oct. 18, 1866. He began working at the Santa Margarita ranch in 1886, and was married to Morena Garcia. He was a vaquero of the old type and could rope, brand, break a bronco, shoe a horse or skin a beef.

Photo: Courtesy of the San Juan Capistrano Historical Society

Oliva 40-home Project Opens in San Juan

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Oliva, a new collection of 40 estate-style homes built by The New Home Company, is now open with model homes available for viewing and sales underway. The development is located on 17 acres at 32281 Del Obispo Street.

Last year, the San Juan Capistrano Planning Commission unanimously approved changes to the project, including the addition of nine homes on an adjacent 4.5-acre lot, that combined create a 40-home community. The original project was approved by the City Council in 2005.

Oliva's three floorplan options range from approximately 3,900 to more than 5,300 square feet of living space with up to six bedrooms and six and a half baths. The homes are priced in the low to mid \$2 million range. The gated community includes views of rural hillsides, foothills and working ranches, as well as Pacific Ocean vistas.

The company's offices are located



The exterior of a model home in San Juan's new Oliva development. Photo by Allison Jarrell

within the development and visitors are also welcome to walk in and tour the model homes on their own. Joan Marcus-Colvin, senior vice president of sales, marketing and design for the New Home Company, said the three floorplans embrace a one-story living lifestyle, with the option to add a second story in some homes.

"We did a tremendous amount of consumer research before designing these homes," Marcus-Colvin said. "When we bought this piece of land, we took a lot of time doing focus groups with neighbors and people in the area and brokers, along with studying the neighborhood, to understand what we could do to become a fabric of the neighborhood. We want to honor architecturally and culturally where we build."

For more information on the community, visit www.olivanwhm.com. **CD**

PET OF THE WEEK: CLIFFORD

Clifford is an 18-month-old Jack Russell Chihuahua mix, although his spectacular brindle coat suggests there may be another breed or breeds in his lineage.

Clifford is a very easygoing and cuddly pup being fostered by Camp Bow Wow doggy daycare for the Ark of San Juan Companion Animal Rescue while he awaits adoption. He was found stray but is a quick learner, and in the short time he's been in foster care he has already learned to sit.

Clifford enjoys group playtime at Camp Bow Wow but his caregivers feel he may prefer to be the only dog in a family with children over the age of 5 in a home setting. He can get a bit jealous when one



other dog, or a small child, competes with him for the attention of a favorite adult person.

To find out more about Clifford or to schedule a visit with him, call Camp Bow Wow, 220 Calle Pintoresco in San Clemente, at 949.218.7387.