



MARCH 2010 HOA NEWSLETTER

Association Meeting: The next community association meeting will be 6:30PM April 13th, at the East Valley Community Center.

March in Escondido: News about events in our larger community:

- **The Irish Sopranos:** March 17th – Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido.
- **Families on Foot:** March 20th – Gather up the family and head out to Kit Carson Park for an exciting new event! Welcoming folks of all ages and abilities to run and walk, improving your health, having fun, and supporting Escondido's youth along the way.
- **Night Moves:** March 27th – Add some spice to your love life with a Night Moves adventure, where the hot topic is the erotic life of animals at San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park.

Dead Horse Canyon: We think of environment and pollution today in terms of CO2 emissions and smog, but in earlier days there were different problems. What did you do with a horse when its time was up? Unlike cars today, you couldn't recycle it and it didn't qualify for the recent Cash for Clunkers program. In Escondido, carcasses carted into a southerly canyon of Rancho Rincon del Diablo were dumped for buzzards and coyotes to fight over. Settlers dubbed it Dead Horse Canyon. During World War I, the bones were collected to use for bi-products for the war effort. The canyon is off of Bear Valley Parkway, south highway 78.



Source: <http://www.ci.escondido.ca.us/library/pioneer/>

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Cliff Swallows – Welcome Back: The swallow is a migratory songbird found in most of California, spending the winter from around October through February in South America. This species typically nests on bridges and are especially attracted to stucco buildings. Stucco and eaves provide excellent surface areas for the nests to cling to. Colonies may contain several hundred nests. The Cliff Swallow builds a mud nest so they need a nest location close to a wet area like an avocado orchard. Cliff swallows are protected under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. Thus, it is illegal to remove completed nests during the breeding season without a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Cliff Swallows prefer swarming insects such as mosquitoes and eat hundreds of them. Their diet varies greatly, and also includes flying ants, spiders, flies, midges, and leafhoppers. Cliff Swallows glide in circles high in the air to forage for these insects.



Escondido's Heritage: Escondido often suffered from flooding before the Escondido Creek was channelized in the 1960s. It was a big project and has served our city well for decades. But I bet you never call it the Escondido Creek or even think of it that way. To most people today it's the "flood control channel" which, admit it, doesn't sound very appealing. You can learn more about a project to develop the creek into a nicer amenity that is used by more people as a walkway and bike path <http://www.revealthecreek.com/>.

Source: <http://www.escondidohistory.org>



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