



Healing Hearts with Horses: WHY Ranch Reaches Out To Hurting Children

By Laura Chapel
The Answer Staff Writer

"Hey, look at that spotted horse; his skin looks just like mine!" exclaimed Julian Olivares, a child participating in the Diamonds in the Rough program offered through the White Horse Youth Ranch (WHY Ranch). Julian suffers from vitiligo, a condition causing white spots of depigmentation to affect areas of his skin. Julian's delight in being selected as one of the Diamonds in the Rough participants and being able to find a horse that brought dignity to his skin condition was palpable. His mother, Charlie Olivares, added, "It really means a lot to have Julian in this program. He never gets picked for things; his various health issues, including an enlarged lung, eliminate him from many sports activities."

"Like the horses they work with, the children just want to be loved; and horses will not judge," said WHY Ranch founder, Amy Meyer. "They don't care about your skin color, the way you dress or the style of your hair; they love you unconditionally, just like God," she said. "There aren't words to describe the healing connection that takes place between a horse and a child; it simply has to be seen," Meyer explained.

There are countless stories like Julian's, and testimonies such as these make it all worthwhile for



Julian Olivares spends time with his favorite horse at WHY Ranch as part of the Diamonds in the Rough program.

Meyer. "We have seen families totally rebuilt as a result of the healing and growth they experienced on the ranch," Meyer said. "One of the goals of the Diamonds in the Rough program is to bring families together; and we encourage the parents to get involved," she added.

Meyer recalled how it all began in 2005: "I was prayerfully seek-

ing a new direction for my life after the loss of my grandmother, whom I had been dedicated to caring for; and I was questioning, 'God, where do you want me to be after this?'"

While listening to a Christian program featuring Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch, A Ranch of Rescued Dreams, Meyer said she felt a stirring in her heart. "I decided to

travel to Bend, OR to spend time at the ranch with the founders, Kim and Troy Meeder," Meyer said. "After seeing the way they worked with both children and horses that had known abuse and neglect, I was inspired to develop a similar program here in Las Vegas," she explained.

Following the lead of the Holy Spirit, Meyer developed the vision

God had given her for the Diamonds in the Rough program, which was launched a year ago. "We focus on children that are hurting, as well as youth that don't fit into other extracurricular activities," said Meyer. "Many come to the stables feeling uneasy, shy and introverted. However, they soon develop new friendships and have opportunities to work through their insecurities," she explained.

WHY Ranch currently partners with an English riding stable, High Point Farm with trainer, BJ Schafer; and a Western style stable, Cowboy Trail Rides, with trainer, "Big Jim" Sage. The horses being paired with the children come from various backgrounds, many have been rescued or retired; and every horse has a story.

"As a child becomes responsible for another life, their focus begins to shift from some of the negative stuff they may be dealing with at home or school, to the positive and empowering relationship they have with their horse. It becomes a true partnership," Meyer said. In learning how to interact with their horses, the children are inadvertently learning how problem solve and make good life decisions.

"In order to correct a horse, you have to think the situation through, seek solutions, and make decisions, verses reacting quickly from (See WHY Ranch, Page 30)



Women of Faith

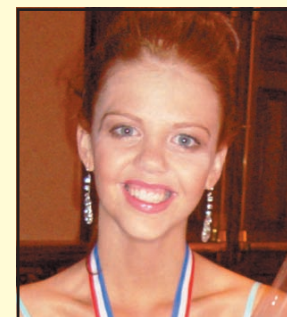
See page 5

INSIDE

- Churches To Help Feed Children .. Page 6
- Community Interfaith Council Page 17
- Best In Reading This Month Page 24
- Church Giving Rebounding Page 25

Nevada Teens Fight Disease

See page 10





Praise Invasion Promotions
Publishers of The Answer Newspaper

Executive Directors

Toni Terrell
Tonilives4christ@aol.com
theanswerphase2@cox.net
(702) 809-1702

Rochelle Schoener
roschoener@cox.net
theanswerphase2@cox.net
(702) 561-3937

Val Rice
(702) 809-1702



STAFF

Briana Mackey, Managing Editor
mackey.briana@gmail.com

Antrese Dickens, Executive Administrator
antrese_dickens@yahoo.com

Katie Feldman, Advertising Graphics / Calendar of Events
kefeldman@gmail.com

Tamika Harris, Advertising Graphics

Jessie Graham, Photographer
jessiejgraham@gmail.com

Gary McDorman, Photographer
gcephoto@gmail.com

Don Snook, Publication Layout

Contributing Writers

Art Fahy
Erika Washington

Laura Chapel
Victoria Hawkins

The Answer Newspaper is a publication about faith in Jesus Christ and a ministry in print. The mission of the publication is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through print.

6512 N. Decatur Boulevard Suite 130-131
Las Vegas, NV 89131
www.lvanews.com www.theanswernewspaper2.com

Table of contents

Why Is Easter So Late This Year?	Page 3
Speak Lord, Your Servant Is Listening	Page 3
Being Good Steward Of The Planet On Earth Day	Page 4
April Women Of Faith Event To Go "Over The Top"	Page 5
City Asks Churches To Help Feed Children This Summer	Page 6
Defining The Line Between Discipline And Abuse	Page 7
What If Jesus Asked You To Pick Up Your Cross And Follow Him?	Page 7
Nevada Teens Fight Digestive Diseases	Page 10
Worship Section	Pages 12-16
Council Brings Government And Churches Together For The Good Of Las Vegas	Page 17
Victor Chaltiel Wants To Be Your Mayor	Page 17
Strutin' It Kicks Off Spring	Page 18
Do You Have A Road Map For Your Financial Future?	Page 19
Homeless Census Reveals Growth Amongst "Least Of These"	Page 20
Tips To Save Money On The Medicine You Need	Page 22
Calendar of Events	Page 23
To Market, To Market With Jesus	Page 24
The Thrill Of The Chase	Page 24
Real Entertaining For Real People	Page 24
Study: Church Giving Begins To Rebound, But Charitable Deduction Issue Looms Large	Page 25
Church Of The Month — Bethesda COGIC	Page 26
Denure Wearers! How Do You Care For Your Complete Dentures?	Page 27
Concert Draws Hope For Local Charity	Page 28
The Original Dream Girl, Jennifer Holliday, And Her Pastor, Dr. Raphael G. Warnock, Sign Distribution Deal With New Day Christian Distribution	Page 29

HUE DENTAL

Luiz dos Santos, DMD
Clínico Geral & Estética

\$40.00

X-Rays, Exam, and Regular Cleaning*
*in the absence of Periodontal disease

Se Habla
Español y
Portugues

702-870-6161

www.huedental.com

1350 South Jones Boulevard Suite# 140 • Las Vegas, NV 89102

Jonathan MacArthur

CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY

Got a Ticket? WE CAN
FIX IT!

★ No Points ★ No Traffic School

For as little as... **\$70⁰⁰!**

QUALITY LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR
MISDEMEANORS • FELONIES • CRIMINAL LAW

Traffic Tickets • Warrants • Sealing Records • Bail Reductions • O.R. Release

201 S. Las Vegas Blvd • Ste 240
Las Vegas, NV 89101

702.868.2724 • fax 702.385.2734

Elite Realty

1ST TIME HOME BUYERS
PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Down Payment Assistance Programs
Pre - Foreclosure Sales / Short Sales

Call for more info:

Cell: **(702) 349-0162**

email: gregdeville1@cox.net

www.GregDeville.com



DIVINELY SPEAKING

Why Is Easter So Late this Year?

By Art Fahy

Answer Staff Columnist

Why is Easter so late this year and so early next year? Why does it change every year? Mary Fairchild, in her article found on About.com, explains that Easter can fall any time between March 22 and April 25. In Western Christianity, we celebrate Easter on the Sunday immediately following the Paschal Full Moon. Historic tables determine the date of the Paschal Full Moon, and there is no correlation with lunar events. A variation of as much as two days can occur with the date of the actual full moon, which can fall between March 21 and April 18. Therefore, Easter can fall between March 22 and April 25.

Astronomers long ago approximated the dates of all the full moons in future years. The Western Christian Church employed these calculations and established a table of Ecclesiastical Full Moon dates. These dates would deter-



ART FAHY

mine the Holy Days on the Ecclesiastical calendar.

In 1583 AD, after slight modifications, the table for determining the Ecclesiastical Full Moon dates was put in place. Since that time, it is the determining factor for when Easter Sunday is celebrated.

The Paschal Full Moon this year is April 18. Easter, or Resurrection Sunday as it is called in some countries and even some churches in the United States, is

April 24.

Whether we call it Easter or Resurrection Sunday, or whether the Paschal Full Moon and actual full moon correspond or not, is not as important as the event and purpose of what Jesus did. With Jesus dying on the cross and raising from the dead three days later, our sins are paid for. We are forgiven. We have the opportunity for a new life through Jesus. This is the most important event in the New Testament. It appears in all four Gospels.

The Christian faith is more than beliefs. Christianity is based on actual historical facts. The followers of Jesus knew Him personally. They were eyewitnesses of what Jesus did. Eleven of the apostles were tortured to death. Peter was crucified upside down because he felt he was not worthy to die the same way as Jesus. These early Christians died for what they knew. They knew Jesus, they saw
(See Art Fahy, Page 21)

Speak Lord, Your Servant Is Listening

By Co-Pastor Lavona Lewis
Lion of Judah

I was sitting in my office one day and as I was seeking God on the behalf of some of my members, the Lord began to give me a revelation regarding his people and the various issues that are evident within the church. He began to draw a correlation between the two fields that I have been called to work in: the Church and Special Education. The Lord, in all of his infinite wisdom, thoroughly explained to me that just as there are people



LAVONA LEWIS

who have special needs in the world, there are people who
(See Lavona Lewis, Page 17)

For those non-profit organizations that give so much to our community, it's time to give back to you.



At Bank of Nevada, we provide:

- Non-Profit Organization NOW checking account* with no monthly maintenance fee, unlimited check writing and the ability for your non-profit organization to earn interest on funds in your checking account.
- A "single point of contact" — a dedicated, experienced relationship banker to handle all your banking needs.
- And best of all - we'll come to you.



For more information, please contact:

Jerrie E. Merritt
EVP/Regional President

6915 Aliante Parkway
North Las Vegas, NV 89084
jmerritt@bankofnevada.com
702.252.6122

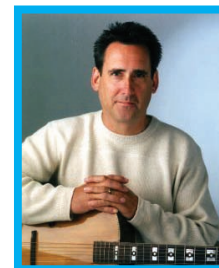


Strong. Secure.
Committed to Southern Nevada.

Easter at Abundant Grace

Sunday, April 10th - 6pm

Easter Concert with Dove Award winning Singer-songwriter Dallas Holm.



Friday, April 22nd - 7pm

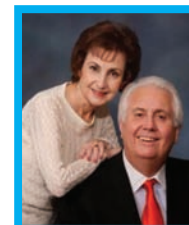
Good Friday Communion Service.

Sunday, April 24th - 6:30am

Community Easter Sunrise Service, Bunker's Memory Gardens, Corner of Lone Mountain & Tenaya.

Sunday, April 24th - 10:30am

Resurrection Celebration in the church sanctuary, with the Abundant Grace Choir.



Abundant Grace Church
Origin Business Park
7391 Prairie Falcon Rd.
Las Vegas, NV. 89128
702-655-3619

www.graceinlasvegas.com

FAMILY

Being Good Stewards of the Planet on Earth Day

By Erika F. Washington
The Answer Staff Writer

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Earth Day was created 41 years ago by U.S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson. As an environmental activist, he took a leading role in organizing the celebration to inspire awareness and appreciation for the earth and its resources. It's now an international celebration recognized in over 114 countries. April 22-designated as Earth Day 2011 in the United States- is right around the corner. What better time to begin evaluating how we as Christians can practice good stewardship over our earthly home.

Living in a desert makes Las Vegans highly aware of how precious water is and how important it is for the entire community to preserve it. Simple choices such as not running the water while brushing your teeth or taking 20 minute showers can really make a big difference. The Las Vegas Water District gives special rebates to homeowners who remove their grass and option for a desert landscaping lawn that doesn't require watering.



The Answer photo by Gary McDorman

And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

Environmental issues have been viewed in the past as political issues instead of Christian issues, however scripture tells us God created every man and every woman in His image. We are uniquely shaped to rule creation and have a responsibility to uphold and protect the earth God created for us

Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that

bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

By definition, global warming is the increase in the average temperature of Earth's near-surface air and oceans since the mid 20th century and its projected continuation. Most of the observed temperature increases since the middle of the 20th century have been caused by increasing concentrations of greenhouse gases which result

from human activities such as the burning of fossil fuels and deforestation. It's a somewhat controversial subject that many churches feel is not a theological issue suitable for the pulpit. Nonetheless, many churches have begun embracing what it means to be green.

Central Christian church in Henderson recently began using recycling bins and Palm Canyon in Moreno Valley, CA is striving to go paperless, said one member. Reducing the amount of handouts and paper products given to an average sized congregation every Sunday could save thousands of dollars in office supplies and thousands upon thousands of trees.

And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

You may have heard the term "carbon footprint" a lot recently. It's basically the amount of carbon dioxide each person or company emits into the air; mostly caused

by vehicle emissions and household electricity consumption. Changing out the light bulbs in your home and church and keeping your vehicle well maintained with proper oil changes and tire inflation will lower your carbon footprint and can reduce the amount of smog that hangs over Las Vegas.

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis states: Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food."

(See Earth Day, Page 6)

ADAMS ESQ

A Professional Corporation

Your legal advocate for children with special needs.
Su defensor legal para niños con necesidades especiales.

- ❖ ADHD
- ❖ Autism
- ❖ Blindness
- ❖ Cerebral Palsy
- ❖ Deafness
- ❖ Dyslexia
- ❖ Learning Disabilities
- ❖ Mental Retardation

We are pleased to announce our new
Las Vegas, Nevada location!

¡Estamos contentos anunciar nuestra nueva
oficina de Las Vegas, Nevada!

500 N. Rainbow Blvd.
Suite 300
Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

Tel (702) 289-4143
Fax (702) 924-7200
www.AdamsEsq.com



Other Locations in:
Los Angeles ♦ Oakland
Riverside ♦ Sacramento
(800) 785-6713

"Making a difference
one child at a time"

"Realización de una diferencia...
de un niño a la vez"