

VEGAS VALLEY ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Friday, April 12, 2024

CALENDAR

April 18
VVAA SCI. FAIR
April 19
VVAA Vespers
April 20
7-10 Choir
Performance Location
TBD
April 21
NUC STEAM Fair
April 27
7-10 Choir
Performance at
Mountain View SDA
SA Gym Night
(Volleyball, ages 13+)

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE VVAA SCIENCE FAIR!
-MARIÉ ENTERINA

Attention students and families, We are excited to announce the upcoming VVAA Science Fair, which is scheduled for April 18th at 3:30 PM. Families are welcome to join in the fun! All projects for students from Kindergarten to 6th grade are due the morning of April 18th. If you have any questions about the event or your child's project, please don't hesitate to contact your student's teacher. We look forward to seeing everyone's creative and innovative projects at the Science Fair!

NUC STEAM FAIR WEEKEND!
-JAMES W. GILLEY

The community is welcomed to join us the weekend of April 19-21 to participate and enjoy these following events. Starting with a vespers on Friday at 7 PM, then on the following day, Sabbath morning, the 7th -10th grade choir will be singing at Mountain View Church and later that day there will be lunch, activities and a game night. Finally to close off the weekend at 10 AM on Sunday April 21 the NUC Science Fair, where students from the Nevada-Utah Conference will participate and present their projects for judges to evaluate.



ECLIPSE ABOVE THE CLOUDS
-JOSHUA M. SILVER

As many of us know, the total solar eclipse happened just a few days ago. There was a large area along the central and eastern areas of the United States, and partial visibility in other areas, including Las Vegas. Since it is spring, many have worried that clouds would block the visibility of the eclipse in certain areas of the US. However, engineering and undergraduate science students have taken it upon themselves to solve this issue. More than 70 balloons have been released with cameras to be used on livestream. Most of these balloons have been released along the path of totality, which is the area where the sun will be fully covered by the moon. This way, everyone can experience the full eclipse (in different angles too), no matter where they are.



GLOWING FLOWERS

-CALLIE SAMANIEGO

Scientists have found a way to make flowers glow! The Firefly Petunia is a flower that has been crossed with four genes from a bioluminescent mushroom and a fifth from a fungi. It took about ten years for approval from the US Department of Agriculture from the time it was developed. Even though this bit of science did not contribute to medical advances, it is still pretty incredible that there are so many opportunities out there for something new and exciting. Maybe one day you will have a flower sitting on your porch that glows in the dark.

THE PATH OF TOTALITY

-MCRYLEIGH PIERRE-LOUIS

The eclipse that occurred on Monday began in Mexico's Pacific Coast going straight through Texas all the way to Maine. A solar eclipse is when the moon moves in between the sun and the earth preventing any sunlight from reaching the earth. There is a myth that if you are pregnant during an eclipse it can harm your baby. This myth is not true and solar eclipses do not harm you or the baby. During a total eclipse, looking directly at the sun will not harm your eyes. That is because the sun's brightness is fully covered by the moon and its corona is visible. When you look at the sun when it is not in total eclipse it can damage your retina. That is why special solar glasses were made to protect your eyes from eclipses. Even wearing the special glasses can harm your eyes. As the space agency says, the sun's infrared radiation can make you uncomfortable, "as it literally warms the eye." Some cultures and religions think that solar eclipses are related to energy, renewal, promise, and energy being drained away. An example is the Ojibwe tribe who had a story about a boy and his sister who trapped the sun after it burned him. Solar Eclipses are a historical event that happens once in every twenty years. So, every time you get a chance to witness something like this you should be sure



THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

-ROBERT CASTRO

March Madness has finally come to an end. As both the women's and men's tournaments ended this week. On Sunday the #1 Iowa Hawkeyes led by Caitlin Clark faced the #1 undefeated South Carolina Gamecocks. This game was a bit of a revenge game for South Carolina as they had lost to Iowa last year in the Final Four while remaining undefeated all season. This game was very competitive at the start but in the second half South Carolina completely took over. South Carolina won the game with a score of 87-75. Although Iowa's senior Caitlin Clark played her last collegiate game she will be the projected #1 pick in the WNBA draft.

On Monday the #1 reigning National Champions UConn Huskies faced the #1 Purdue led by 7'4 AP Player of the Year Zach Edey. At the start of the game Zach Edey was carrying the team by scoring almost all of their points. But in the second half the Huskies took control of the game and they defeated Purdue to become back to back National Champions. The last team to go back to back in the National Championship were the 2006-2007 Florida Gators. This March Madness was a success like many but it would have been good to see a bit more upsets compared to other years.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It is the small things, everyday deeds of ordinary folk, that keeps the darkness at bay."

-Gandalf the Gray

SILLY GILLEY

Why did the robber jump in the shower?
He wanted to make a clean getaway.

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