

# OAK TREE TIMES

All The News That's Fit For Camp

## Jackson Pate VS Tony Tucker: The Dance Battle of the Century

By Lilah Simpson



Everyone who watched the Red Cohort's Noontime Show on 7/8/21 is aware of the dance battle between Tony Tucker (dance counselor from the Yellow Cohort) and Jackson Pate (camper from the Red Cohort). But did you know you can VOTE on a POLL IN THE LOBBY to see who is favored: Jackson or Tony? Write ONE tally under the name of the one you think will be victorious!

### WHO WILL WIN?

Find out on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at the Yellow Cohort's Noontime Show!

Noontime Show Thursday, July 8, 2021.

## Noontime Show Review

by Lilah Simpson

Thursday's Noontime Show (that was supposed to be on Friday) was hosted by the Red Cohort and counselors Grace, David Flick, and Evan with their CITs Yael, Ben R. and Carson. Their Noontime Show was amazingly good and got so much applause that my ears hurt for the rest of the day. The show kicked off with the rock band playing the song "Still Into You" by Paramore. Then the Songwriting class performed a parody of "good 4 u" by Olivia Rodrigo that they rewrote about vegetables called, "They're Good for You." Then there was a slideshow from Imagination Vacation and a Video Comedy lip sync challenge video. After that, Eve Park and Lyra Dvorin from the Orange Cohort presented a monologue from "A Midsummer's Night Dream" and "How Far I'll Go" from Moana. Then Tim Hollister announced a dance battle between Jackson Pate (the camper from the Red Cohort) and Tony Tucker (the counselor from the Yellow Cohort) that will take place on Wednesday, July 14 in the Yellow Cohort's noontime show with counselors Suzanne, Jenna, and Tony and their CIT Ben S. I also just wanted to let everybody know that I will not be writing that Noontime Show review because my friend Penny wanted to write it (so she can brag about how awesome our Yellow Cohort is.) Anyways, after the dance battle announcement, Tony's Afro-Caribbean dance class with campers Shyla Ballal and Sasha Grande-Kacanek performed a dance. Next, Emily Boyd presented the poem "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" by Robert Frost. Then Lucca Olivet and Eli Traub performed a ukulele duet of "I'm Yours" by Jason Mraz. They did a good job even though their sheet music flew away at the beginning. After that, the Green Cohort's musical theater dance class danced to "Candy Store" from *Heathers* the musical and there was another Noontime Show installment of The Completely Normal CAAP News Column. Lastly, Grace's Jazz class did a jazz dance to the song "Wings" by Little Mix.



## One Country, Two Systems

By Henry Goldstein

"One Country, Two Systems." This is the founding principle of Hong Kong and China's relationship, established to allow the two nations to have different governments and systems while coexisting in a single nation. As China swoops in to transform Hong Kong into a censored, anti-democratic part of China, this agreement is being gradually broken.

It all began last year in June, when China imposed a strict national security law on Hong Kong, even after massive protests against the bill took place. This set in motion a series of unfortunate events that seem to be leading to China's complete control over Hong Kong. The following month, leaders in Hong Kong banned twelve people from running for office, saying that candidates may not promote independence, attempt to get other countries to intervene in affairs, oppose the national security law, or intend to vote against all government legislation, claiming that this abides by their Basic Law.

On July 30, Joshua Wong, a major Hong Kong activist and politician, tweeted, "I was just disqualified from running in the upcoming LegCo election in #Hongkong, even though I got the highest vote share in the primary. [with] 30000+ votes obtained." He is currently in jail. Only a month ago, approximately 500 police officers raided Hong Kong's biggest pro-democracy newspaper and magazine, *Apple Daily*, and imprisoned several of their journalists and executives. Now, the news outlet's website only gives information on how to cancel subscriptions and says, "We would like to thank all of our readers, subscribers, advertisers, and Hongkongers for your loyal support. Good luck, and goodbye." This is not a good trajectory for Hong Kong's democracy. Now that the media is beginning to be censored, it will be much more difficult to organize dissent and rebellion.

Over and over again in the history of humanity, we've seen that suppression of democracy and free speech consistently leads to the destruction of freedom. It's too clear what will happen to Hong Kong, and it's sad to see the Hongkongers' powerlessness to fight for democracy and the rest of the world unable to impact the tragic situation. As Joshua Wong said, "We stand with all the free people of the world and hope you stand with us in our quest for justice and freedom."

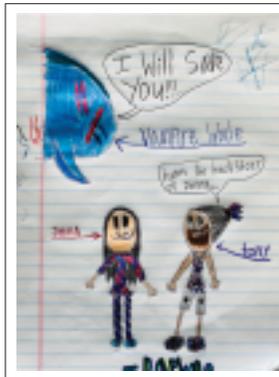
## Got Legos?

Please donate used Legos to CAAP. Donations will be accepted at the front desk.



## Jenna's Backstory Part 1

By Daphne Marquis



Have you ever wondered what Jenna's backstory is and why she is afraid of swimming in the ocean? Well, I heard from Tony that Jenna's backstory is that once she was swimming in the ocean and she knew how to swim but then there was a terrible storm, and her foot got stuck in some coral reef and there started to be huge, huge waves, and she was about to drown. Then a vampire whale swam up to

her and said that Hades was playing pranks on her and that she deserved to live, so the vampire whale bit her and her arm started to glow blue, purple, and green. 1-2 days later, Jenna woke up on top of a palm tree in Hawaii with a rope ladder and a ticket to Boston on her belly. Smartly she used the rope ladder to get down. Suddenly, she saw a plane fly up. She had forgotten all about the ticket. She ran as fast as she could on the sand then tripped on the car keys. She was so angry she kicked them, but when she did, her pinky toe pressed the on/start button. Just then, a blue convertible with white flames on the side started the engine, and then smartly, she ran to the car and started it up. She was at the airport in no time. She ran as fast as she could, but...

**To Be Continued**



## The Completely Normal CAAP News Column

By Probably a Human... Right??

Hello again, Readers! Welcome back to TCNCNC! You have been doing well. I can say this with certainty because I saw it. I saw you doing well. You were having a nice day, weren't you? You'd better have been! For your own sake, have a good day. You'll thank me later.

We have some juicy news today, readers! Some CaapGoers™ have reported that the confusing stairways that go to the top floor have been becoming more confusing. Here's a helpful guide: Stairway A leads to the top of the same stairway. Don't get it confused with Stairway BX2F46MK870F5J26S9VG03, because that one leads to the parallel universe where the only difference is that the stairways are less confusing. Maybe that would be for the best, but the most important thing to know is that the way to get to the clay room is simply to become hopelessly lost.

In other news, one CaapGoer™ accidentally went into one of the science labs that is off-limits for CaapGoers™. They accidentally knocked over a tightly closed vial, or rather, warehouse-sized thick metal vault of Corium in its Gas form, also known as Murder Mist, which has been released into the entire building. Do not worry, because as long as you don't breathe, you'll be okay. If you are a mammal, however, you might want to just evolve so that breathing is no longer a necessity.

One thing I have noticed is that the vending machines seem to be gone this year. Well, at least, they seemed to be. I thought I saw a vending machine on the street, watching me at night. At the end of one of the stairways, there was a vending machine, but in the blink of an eye, it was gone. I saw one for a second even as I write this. So I think that the vending machines are simply going to other places.

This marks the end of this edition of TCNCNC. Next time, readers, more general words. Even I don't know what will happen next! Hmm, actually, that might be worrying...

This column is inspired by the podcast *Welcome to Night Vale*. Check it out on Spotify or other places you listen to podcasts!

## Magical Animal Advice Column Number Five

Interviewers: Roselia Sparklenose, unicorn. Sizzles Os more, dragon  
NON - (Magical animal seeking advice: Beastrice Fangstein, beast

Hello! Good news! Today Rosie is out sick and she left me in charge! Which means I'm THE BOSS! And also, today's show features a beast mother named Beastrice who just wants some peace and quiet! Here she is!

Hello, Sizzles! I'm just SO happy to be here! This studio is so... QUIET!

Well, it is when Rosie isn't here, anyway. Oh god, don't tell her I said that.

Don't worry, I won't tell her. She'll just watch this and find out later.

SORRY ROSIE! IF YOU CAN HEAR THIS I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I AM VERY VERY SORRY!

SIZZLES! Aren't we supposed to be talking about my problem?

Oh! Yes! So, what's your problem?

Well, it's just that I need some quiet! I have 200 kids and they all need attention! I don't know what to do!

Do they have names?

Of course they do! There's James (the oldest), Maria, Robert, Patricia, John, Jennifer, Micheal, Linda, William, Elizabeth, David, Barbara, Richard, Susan, Joseph, Jessica, Thomas, Sarah, Charles, Karen, Christopher, Nancy, Daniel, Lisa, Matthew, Betty, Anthony, Margaret, Mark (Margaret and Mark are twins), Sandra, Donald, Ashley, Steven, Kimberley. Paul, Emily, Andrew, Donna, Joshua, Michelle, Kenneth, Dorothy, Kevin, Carol, Brian, Amanda, George, Melissa, Edward, Deborah, Ronald, Stephanie, Timothy, Rebecca, Jason, Sharon, Jeffery, Laura, Ryan, Cynthia, Jacob, Kathleen, Gary, Amy, Nicholas, Shirley, Eric, Angela, Jonathan, Helen, Stephen, Anna, Larry, Brenda, Justin, Pamela, Scott, Nicole, Brandon, Emma, Samuel, Mary, Jack, Katherine, Gregory, Chrissa, Frank, Debbie, Alexander, Rachel, Raymond, Kate, Patrick, Carolyn, Isaac, Janet, Dennis, Ruth, Jerry, Marie, Tyler, Heather, Aaron, Diane, Jose, Virginia, Adam, Julie, Henry, Joyce, Nathan, Victoria, Douglas, Olivia, Zachary, Kelly, Peter, Christina, Kyle, Lauren, Walter, Joan, Ethan, Evelyn, Jeremy, Judith, Harold, Megan, Keith, Cheryl, Christian, Andrea, Roger, Hannah, Noah, Martha (Hannah, Noah, and Martha are identical triplet girls), Gerald, Jaqueline, Carl, Frances, Terry, Gloria, Sean, Ann, Austin, Teresa, Arthur, Cassie, Lawrence, Sarafina, Jesse, Janice, Dylan, Jean, Bryan, Alice, Joe, Madison, Jordan, Doris, Billy, Abigail, Bruce, Julia, Albert, Judy, Willie, Grace, Gabriel, Denise, Logan, Amber, Alan, Marylin, Juan, Beverly, Wayne, Danielle, Roy, Juliet, Ralph, Sophia, Randy, Bella, Eugene, Diana, Vincent, Stella, Russel, Natalie, Elijah, Isabella, Louis, Charlotte, Bobby, Rose, Phillip, Alexis, Johnny, and Kaylah, who is the youngest.

Wow... Ooh! Ooh! I have an idea! What if you used a buddy system? Like, you'd pair everyone up, and each person would be responsible for their buddy! No one would go missing, and it would be fun!

A buddy system... hmm... that's not a bad idea... thanks, Sizzles! I'll be sure to rate this show five stars! Bye! Tell Rosie to feel better!

I will! And that's the end, everyone! Tune in next time to hear what the security fairies think of work after they went on strike last Tuesday!

## CAAP Libs

By Penny Judd

### INSTRUCTIONS:

One person reads the story to themselves and if the word under the line is "adjective" (for example), then the person who reads the story just says "adjective" without telling the other person what the story says. When you have an answer for every line you read the filled in story out loud.

EXAMPLE: I like to swim in the bowl .  
(noun)

CAAP is a \_\_\_\_\_ camp. you can have all sorts of great classes at different times. I have  
(adjective)

Oak Tree \_\_\_\_\_ first and then Swim! My favorite part of CAAP is Festival Period and the  
(noun)

Noontime Show! My favorite period of the day is period \_\_\_\_\_, it is a lot of fun!  
(number)

## POP ITs

By Nora Thompson



Sorry there! I may have been playing with my Pop It, but I don't have to tell you that. Anyway, you may have spotted the title of my article while I was in the middle of playing with my Pop It! If you didn't know by now, you probably know my article is about Pop Its. Anyway, let's get back to the topic before I get too tired to write anymore. Pop Its—you probably know what they are by now—are tiny or big fidget toys that you can Pop back and forth. Pretty simple, but I want to see and tell you who made them and what you can do with them.

So, let's get started. So my first question is:

**Who invented the Pop It?** So, I just looked it up, and it was Summer Pierce and their husband, Bill Pierce. So now that I have finished one question let's get on with another.

**What can you do with a Pop It?** Well, a lot of things well one of them is use it as a fidget toy, but I am not talking about that. I am talking about other things: like you can make mini ice cubes, you can make bouncy balls (at the end, I will show you how to make some of this stuff : D). I can't think of anything else so now I will show you how to make a bouncy ball and a mini ice cube with a Pop It.

**So first, let's make a bouncy ball.**

1. Get glue and put it inside two holes, and wait for it to dry
2. Pop them out and glue them together (use Elmer's glue because it is wasnaDIE )



**And now let's make mini ice cubes!!!**

1. Fill as many holes as you want with water and put it in a cold place like a fridge or a freezer
2. Wait overnight for it to freeze
3. Once they are frozen, pop them out, and there you go!!!

So that's all I have to say so bye!

## Interview with a Journalist

By Lilah Simpson

LS= Lilah Simpson JC= Julie Cohen

LS: Hi! I'm here with my aunt who is a journalist. I'm going to interview her. So, what is your name?

JC: Julie Cohen. You know that.

LS: Yes, but I want the people reading this to know who you are. Anyways, what paper do you work for?

JC: The Newton TAB.

LS: Did you ever work at CAAP?

JC: Yes. I worked in the writing department.

LS: What is the most recent article you wrote?

JC: An article about the six-month anniversary of a fatal police shooting.

LS: What is your favorite topic to write about?

JC: I really like writing about restaurants, human interests, and crime.

LS: Have you worked for any other papers?

JC: Many papers in many towns. Daily, weekly and online. I would tell you about them but I can't remember some.

LS: Did you always want to be a journalist?

JC: No, I thought I wanted to be an artist for a while. I actually came into journalism by accident. I had been working in children's book publishing and had moved to Israel. The only option for English language-based editing or writing were newspapers or magazines.

LS: Do you like being a journalist?

JC: Most of the time. Sometimes people are reluctant to talk to you or you have to fight for information that you should have.

LS: What's your favorite part of being a journalist?

JC: It's different every day. But there are some stories that you tell every year in a new way. For example, the Boston Marathon.

LS: This concludes our interview! Thanks for reading!



My least favorite part is when I need to go home at \_\_\_\_\_ . CAAP is a great place to do a lot.  
(time of day)

If you are in an art class you can make clay \_\_\_\_\_ and drawings.  
(noun)

You can do writing classes in Multi Arts camp and do a lot of theatre in the Theatre camp.

CAAP is a great place to run around in \_\_\_\_\_ or sit and eat \_\_\_\_\_ at lunch.  
(CAAP class) (food)

CAAP is a great camp and I want to go there every \_\_\_\_\_!  
(season)