

OAK TREE TIMES

All The News That's Fit For Camp

The Squishiest Stuff

By Myra

Have you heard of Squishmallows? If you haven't - no wonder you can't sleep at night! Squishmallows are so amazing! Mine are named Queenie and Dearie and I love them. Watch out for Fakes! By the way, look out for Maia's article to learn more about spotting fake Squishmallows.



Highlights from CAAP Noontime Show Thursday, July 21, 2021.

Noontime Show Review

by Penny Judd

Thursday's fabulous Noontime Show (and yes I said Thursday, if you remember the "pouring rain" canceled Wednesday's show) was hosted by the Green Cohort! It was also the celebration of CAAP's birthday, so in honor of CAAP let us all say CAAP-y birthday! The first act of this unforgettable Noontime Show was the Advanced One Act. They performed scene two from their show, and the rest will be performed on July 27. The next act was a ukulele performance from John Torpey. Next was a hilarious improv show about ways to die that ended in a tie. Next was an original song by Hallie and Maya. After that there was a speech about donating clothes to help the world. The next thing was a performance by That's So Sketchy about the CITs for CIT appreciation day! Next was a song by Arnav and Ingrid and then a monologue by Ben Bolzan about how important it is to make someone laugh every day. Finally an amazing song from the Musical was an amazing end to an amazing show! The Green Cohort had a great Noontime Show!

Bunnies

By Abby Lindsey



Bunnies: cute, aren't they? This will help you learn about these cute mammals. Most bunny owners own Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Dutch and Polish bunnies.

All four are known for being gentle, but all types of rabbits can be good pets. A Mini Rex weighs 3.5-4.5 lbs. They are calm and quiet. A Dutch Lop weighs 4-5.5 lbs and is calm, gentle, and very social. A Polish rabbit weighs 2.5-3.5 pounds, and is calm but energetic. Wild rabbits can be found almost everywhere: in woods, forests, meadows, deserts, and the tundra! Wild rabbits create their own homes by tunneling into the ground. These tunnel systems are called warrens and include rooms for nesting and sleeping.

My Dog's Birthday!

by Penny Judd



Wednesday, July 21st, was my dog Milo's birthday! He is a small, amazing goldendoodle and loves any food, especially pasta. If any one has ever had a dog, they should know how amazing it is when your dog has a birthday! My dog has just had his third birthday and is no longer a puppy. So if you have a dog, celebrate their birthday!

MIDNIGHT POEMS

No. 1

By: Maia Sullivan

Blue sky,
Turns an orange glow.
A setting circle of flame,
Burning across the
Tired sky.
Splashes of purple,
Pink,
Yellow,
And red,
Misty seas
Of floating clouds,
Part to show the fullest moon,
Of pure silver gray.

The glow,
A striking line above the window frame,
Descends into nothing,
Gone for today.

A small glow remains,
Fading,
In the peaceful sky,
The only remains of the sun's departure.

I sigh at the new darkness,
The color slowly dissolves away into the open space full of blackness.
Stars begin to shine through,
Their blazing light a peaceful sign to those below,
All light is not lost in the darkness of night.

Moon rising,
A great sphere in the sky,
A once seemingly unreachable place,
Seeming closer tonight.

I do not close my eyes,
Wishing the sleep away.
Telling myself,
I cannot miss,
The beautiful midnight peace.

20 MILLION DOLLAR ENGAGEMENT CAKE!

By Anonymous

The record-holding cake was valued at 20 million dollars and was baked in Beverly Hi California.



The cake was created for the Luxury Bridal Show. The lowest layer is covered in tiny gold flakes, and the diamond at the top of the cake makes the price higher.

FAKE SQUISHMALLOWS BUSTED

By: Maia Sullivan

Research from: <https://www.familyminded.com/s/fake-squishmallows-924a7a58219c47d3>

You would think a fake of the stuffy you love would be obvious, but it turns out that many people would easily be fooled by this tricky imposter. Even some of the Squishmallow pros are fooled. Someone ordered this Cow named Jenny the Cow. She may have looked like all other Squishmallow cows, but she was a total fake. When she came to their doorstep, they realized she wasn't a Squishmallow at all. She was a hard, uncomfortable rip-off. These fake Squishmallows have spread like wildfire. Some advertisers post pictures of original Squishmallows, but when the Squishmallow is delivered, it's an obvious fake. The problem with these is that they are annoyingly hard to return, and you don't get your money back! The real Squishmallows are made in LA (Los Angeles), but the fakes are imported from China - and return shipping is hefty.

You may be wondering: "How do I know if it's real or not?" or "What if I want to get a Squishmallow? How do I trust that it's real?" It's impossible to tell if it's real at first glance. Fortunately, there are some signs to tell you if the adorable plush is fake.

Squishmallows are sold across the world in many countries. In the US, they're sold in 31 different stores including: Aahs! The Ultimate Gift Store (California only), AC Moore, Albertsons, Amazon, Boscov's, Books A Million, Claire's, Costco, CVS, Five Below, Fred Meyer, GameStop, Hallmark, Harris Teeter, Justice, Kroger, Learning Express, Marshall's, Meijer, Party City, Roundy, Santa Monica Pier (California), Shop TBS, Sea World, Smith's, Target, TJ Maxx, The Paper Store, Toy City, Walgreens, and Walmart.

If you get a Squishmallow from any of the above, you're probably safe. It's not suspicious to find a Squishmallow that isn't on the Squishmallow website. They only release new Squishmallows on the web, so you're all set to take that Squishmallow. It's not a fake. It's mostly online sellers that you should be wary of. Back in 2018, Squishmallows posted on Facebook offering to help customers who were prey to scammers. More recently, they asked people to send them a message on Instagram to report imposters. But beware: The fake Squishmallows are still on the loose!

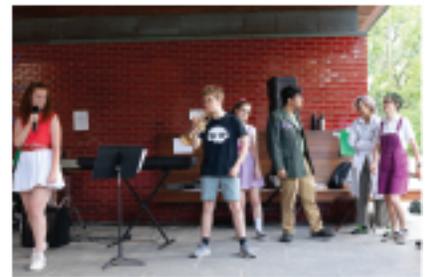
Why Ice Cream Cake is Better than Regular Cake

By an anonymous food critic

Two reasons are that ice cream cake is cold and comes in better flavors. There's also this delicious frosting that looks like jello, used to write letters. My family loves ice cream cake because it's a perfect way to celebrate birthdays. Also, regular cake doesn't taste good and is less appetizing. My favorite flavor of ice cream cake is Oreo.

CIT Show Review

This summer's CIT Show was one for the history books! It was *Phineas and Ferb* themed, with Jack and Charlotte playing the titular characters. The other roles included: Abby as Candace, Yael as Perry, Ben R as Major Monogram, Nate as Mrs. Flynn-Fletcher, Gabby as Isabella, Ben S as Buford, Sahara as Dr. Doofenshmirtz, and Carson as Jeremy. The main storyline focused on Phineas and Ferb trying to plan the best Noontime Show ever during a Festival period, with a side plot of Dr. Doofenshmirtz trying to disrupt carpool and Perry being sent to stop him. The first act was 2 rounds of improv games led by Jack. The first group played 3 Headed Expert, where they portrayed a cat food expert named Dog Food and answered questions. The next group played Timebomb, where they played a family who got trapped inside of a Chuck E Cheese and the time they got to do the skit got increasingly shorter until they were able to complete it in under 4 seconds! The next act was a video. The CITs made a camp themed Tik Tok compilation that included Tik Tok trends, dances, and some light roasting of each other. This was followed by the Rock Band portion of the show, which almost all of the CITs participated in. They played "Gitchee Gitchee Goo" from *Phineas and Ferb*, "Stacy's Mom" by Fountains of Wayne, and "Feeling Good" by Nina Simone. All the songs succeeded in getting the crowd hyped and ended with a standing ovation. The fourth and final act was a dance to a medley of songs: "S.I.M.P. (Squirrels in my Pants)" and "Busted" from *Phineas and Ferb* along with "Best Song Ever" by One Direction. The last two acts featured almost all of the CITs and were so fun to watch! It was awesome to see CITs that aren't known for being performers be involved with the music and dance acts. The show concluded with a cameo from Ezra on his ladder and the annual bow sequence turned all-camp dance party.



This show was incredible! It's always so fun to see what the CITs create together no matter what, but I thought this show was very well put together and organized. The transitions were clean, the costumes looked great together, and there were very few technical difficulties. I can tell that the CITs put a lot of time, effort, and hard work into this production and it really paid off. Congrats on a great show CITs, we appreciate you!

The Completely Normal CAAP News Column

By ...

Hello readers! Welcome back to the Completely Normal CAAP News Column, and our first column of session two! I'm quite enjoying session two, but I'm excited for session -93 as well! Without (or with) further ado, let's start with the news!

The schedule got very messed up this week, and the two Noontime Show days are next to each other along with the Festival Period days. A constant festival may result in too much choice of activity, resulting in the incorrect notion that you have free choice. However, the Noontime Show is not problematic in any way. Nope, no subliminal messaging about Big Phil's Car Rentals here!

In other news, it seems that in session two, CAAP no longer offers Sacrificial Ritual Chanting as a class. This has been widely debated and has offended many owners of Home Depot-brand Onyx Ritual Runes, along with buyers of Old Navy brand Crimson Robes. On the other side of the argument, the secret government agencies have been trying to suppress these kinds of things for a while, and a lot of CaapGoers think they deserve support.

That's it for the news today, but now for a new segment: Life Hacks, Tips, and Tricks! Our first life hack today is to use empty glass bottles as a cute vintage vase! This will add a nice look to your cave-dwelling. Our next tip is to make sure you are always being monitored by our secret government agency friends! They care about you and want to make sure there are no citizen revolts happening. Another life hack, which is a bit of a Hot Take, is to cook meat before you eat it! I know, I know, many people prefer raw meat, but studies have shown that raw meat can block the effects of government-issued vital signs-monitoring devices!

Now, readers, this may be the end of today's column, but until next time! This column is inspired by the podcast Welcome to Night Vale. Check it out on whatever place you hear things!

CIT Appreciation Day

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Candy	Gabby	Ben R	CIT Show
Jack	Ben S	Nate	Abby
Yael	Gratitude	Love	CIT

Tigers

By Abby Lindsey



Tigers: do you know about them? This document will help you find out. Tigers come in two colors: white and orange with gorgeous black stripes. Here are some facts about them: they are the largest wild cats, a punch from a tiger can kill you, and tigers eat a variety of prey ranging from termites to baby elephants. However, an important part of their diets: large prey weighing about 45 lbs or larger such as moose, pigs, cows, horses, buffalo and goats. But, water buffalo can sometimes kill a tiger! Tigers are found in diverse habitats: rainforests, grasslands, savannas and swamps. Sadly, 93% of historical tiger lands have disappeared because of humans. Saving tigers means saving forests that are very important to the health of the planet.

BYOT - Bring Your Own T-Shirt!!!

Tomorrow: Tie-Dye Tuesdays with Liza!

