

hoops & yoyo

newsletter 7

howdy, howdy, everybody!

glad you're back. this is our seventh big issue of our newsletter. and as you know (because we have the smartest fans), the number seven is chock-full of ancient symbolism. it stands for fullness, among other things. and boy are we full. we're always celebrating something around here, and someone's always bringing cookies and cakes and doughnuts and if we seem a little hyper maybe that's because we're just a little sugared up and feeling pretty full but we think we're going to be able to write this newsletter without too much of a problem but if we start to ramble please don't hesitate to tell us and we'll try to grab a handrail or something and get it under control. okay?

sugar is good. long live the sugar-makers. we hope you like our seventh newsletter. bob and mike are all unpacked from their trip to england, and they've been cranking out new stuff for you to watch and download. check out the new audio file with the administrative assistants' pledge. it's for administrative assistants' day. (duh.) plus, don't miss the new mini-mini-movie. we hear that the colors do weird things if you watch it while wearing a hoops&yoyo t-shirt. especially if you're all sugared up. you can order t-shirts on the stuff-to-buy page, but you don't have to buy anything to make us happy. you already make us happy, just for being our friends. awww. well, time for another cookie! there's lots more* in the newsletter, so dive in.

** that's "more news", not "more cookies", in case you were wondering. we haven't figured out how to put cookies into the newsletter yet. don't worry, though - bob's working on it.*

fan of the month-lauren:

if you're looking to make the pink-and-green scene in louisiana, lauren can show you how it's done. we love lauren. she's printed out all the coloring book pages, checkers and memory game and decorated her room. her little sister even painted hoops&yoyo paintings for her - with ice cream cones! (yoyo says to tell your sister "thanks," lauren.) and of course, our heroes get the place of honor on the big cushy pillow right in the middle of her bed. she sent us lots of pictures, and hoops especially liked the one of him on lauren's pink fuzzy rug. thanks, lauren. we're proud to be part of the cajun scene! who dat gonna take our place? nobody, dats who. hee hee.

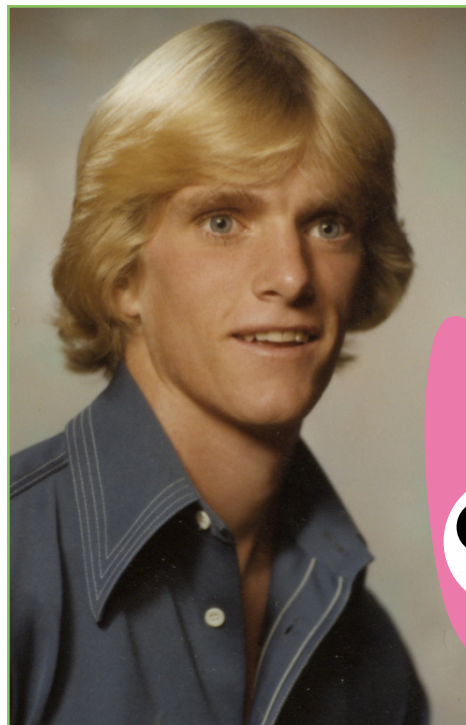
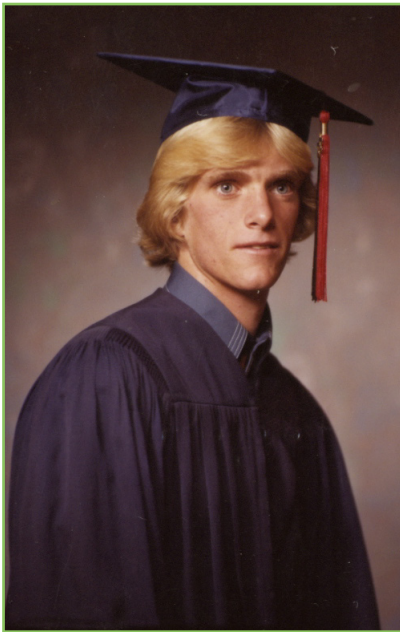


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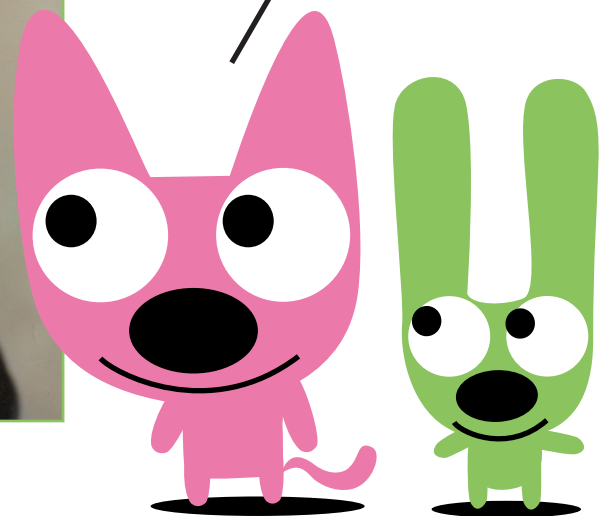
bob's high-school yearbook photo—the farrah years

are cameras a good thing? usually. but cameras and high school can be a dangerous combination. bob will testify to this. you can end up making a permanent record of fashions that should maybe be allowed to drift quietly into the forgotten past. silky rayon shirts with big collars. platform shoes (for guys!) big feathered hair. extra wide ties. bell bottoms. gold chains. goodness, it's a long list. we do perhaps hope just a little that disco will come back. we like to dance.

bob went to mason city high school in mason city, iowa. the mohawks. go-mo-hawks. he ran track, did cross-country, and wrestled for a short time. iowa is the wrestling capital of the country, as everyone in iowa knows. mason city, had a great cruising loop, and bob drove his buddies around in his parents "dirty green" ford galaxy 500. stylin', iowa style. bob's funniest car story: he was taking a girl out on a first date, and wanted the car to look good, so he washed it at the car wash. it was 20 degrees below zero (they use fahrenheit in iowa). when bob picked his date up, her passenger door was frozen shut. then they went to see a movie. it was "carwash." bob only had one more date with her. surprise, surprise.



deceptively normal looking.



our a-mazing e-mail friends

all this awesome e-mail is making us dizzy, but we like being dizzy, so that's okay. we love you guys. keep keeping us up to date on what's going on with you. we hear from fans everywhere – since our last newsletter, we've got new pals from honduras, peru, sweden, finland, chile, monaco, and abu dhabi, which has one of the planet's funnest names to say. we're looking for more places we haven't heard from yet. anybody out there in pago pago? madagascar? we've heard from every continent except antarctica. (will one of you people or penguins please write to us? it's not like there's that much OTHER STUFF you could be doing, except maybe checking your scientific instruments AGAIN. man!) just have some lookums at these fine tidbits:

- **babs** is knitting a "hoops&yoyo" muffler so hubby won't hear her snort-laughing all the way out in the garage
- **amber** sent us a bill for tissues because she said it's our fault she laughs too hard and gets tears in her eyes
- **sandi&glen** are training for their annual leukemia ride and our plush buddies will be going along for the ride – weeeeeeeee!!!
- **jen-jen** is officially "dr. jen-jen" now – we're so proud of you, jen-jen!!!
- **hey, jude!** warren-the-techie is working on his tofu dissertation for you (think he's getting pointers on dissertation writing from dr. jen-jen?) hey, everyone else! we have no idea what a "tofu dissertation" is!
- **krischirstmoss** works in a law-brary and likes to liven things up for the lawyers by sitting in a quiet corner and cranking up our site on the computer. (krischirstmoss is ornery but funny.)
- **jeff** cannot get any work done because he keeps playing our e-cards over and over ... luckily - he's the boss
- **lesli** sends big hugs&kisses to walter the artist and lover of laughter!!!!
- **rachel** thinks we're good luck charms because she's won concert tickets, a cd and a new camera phone since her plushies arrived!!!
- **krista-bob&donna-bob** love to sing and dance to the 'nickels' song and are so glad it's in the audio files ... now they can practice dancing to the accordion songs, too!
- **kyley** got 1st place in a horse show and thinks rubbing the heads of the pink&green plushies may have brought her more confidence to win!
- **daisy** said she saw one of our biggest fans ever walking down the street in a hoops&yoyo t-shirt, pink pants with green stripes, holding two cages with a pink cat&green bunny in them, and half of her hair was dyed pink ...you guessed it, the other half was yoyo green! keeeeeew!!!!
- **ali** is so relieved christy is graduating from college ... she thought she might have to throw christy a pink&green retirement party before she could throw her a graduation party
- **sharon** told us a funny story about getting her mom to send her "mean sister kay" out to the mr. frosty truck to get her a chocolate cone – in her curlers. (the driver is usually a boy from school she knows. tee hee!)
- **tammy** is staging a pajama sit-in until all our stuff is mac compatible. there's a disagreement around the office now about whether that means we're supposed to hurry things up or slow them down. (some of us LIKE to sit around in our pj's, and don't want to deprive tammy of that pleasure.)
- **christine** the creative has a lifetime supply of taffy she's willing to share with us if we just mention her name. (tada!!!! bob likes banana and we like all the rest - bring it on, christy!!!!)
- **steve&yvonne** are learning to share things in their marriage thanks to the plushies ... you two did work that out, right????

hoops&yoyo favorites

excuse

h: i wasn't even there.

y: i'm not that kind of rabbit.

reality show

h: amazing race

y: sponge bob squarepants (don't tell him it's not real)

arm

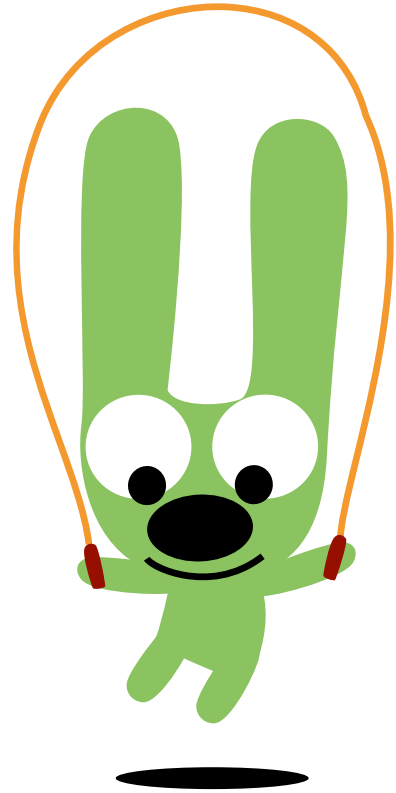
h: left

y: the one holding the chocolate bar

screw driver

h: phillips head

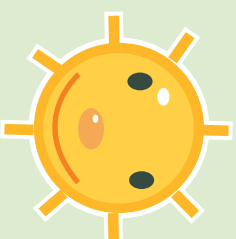
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things to looky looky for:

bob and mike and gabe and the gang have been slaving over their easy-bake-oven, cooking up new fun for everyone. check out the new mother's day e-card... the new baby e-card (is it an extra-tiny e-card? we're not gonna tell. go look.)... new click-through wallpapers (no messy glues, pastes, or chemicals required!)... new audio files, like the administrative assistants' pledge... a new episode in the animated series... downloadable hoops&yoyo buttons and banners for your blogs and websites, and of course, the ever-popular stuff to buy like t-shirts and plushies. go get 'em!!

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