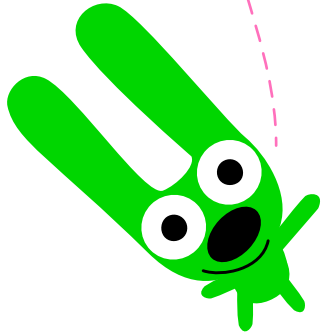




hoops&yoyo newsletter

no. 17

do the **springtime** hippity-hop!



HOP ON YOUR LEFT LEG ONCE, your right leg twice, eat a jellybean and you'll be feeling niiiiice! **happy easter, happy passover, happy spring, everybody!** the flowers are blooming, the windows are all open and bob's backyard ice sculptures have turned into great big puddles! we're breaking out our swim trunks, inflating our inner tubes and getting ready for summer! how about you? *...now, let's get this newsletter started!*

(But first, a little announcement.)

we are very excited to tell you that our **very first easter e-card** ever is on the way! it's almost ready, but a certain easter bunny (we'll call him "bob") needs to hippity-hop back to his desk to finish it. so grab another marshmallow chick and check back often – it'll be soooo worth it!

another short thing. our brand new, shiny animated short has premiered! check out yoyo's incredible star power in "thinking of you" on our animated series page! (bring popcorn!)



FANS OF THE MONTH



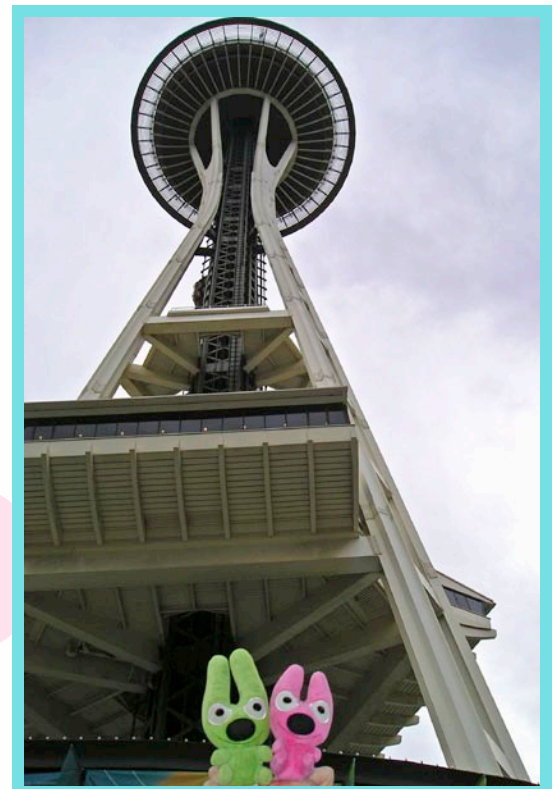
amy&jaime live in portland, oregon and their hoops&yoyo fan-status goes **waaaaaay back** to the days of “nickels” on our homepage. between them, they’ve taken their hoops&yoyo plushies on a lot of trips to a lot of places! thanks to amy&jamie, hoops&yoyo have seen the space needle and the fish market in seattle,



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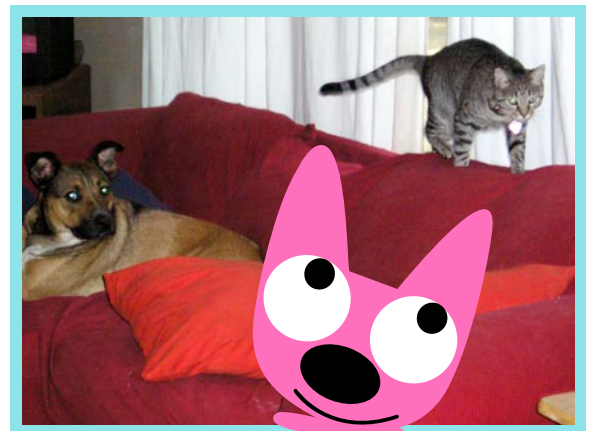
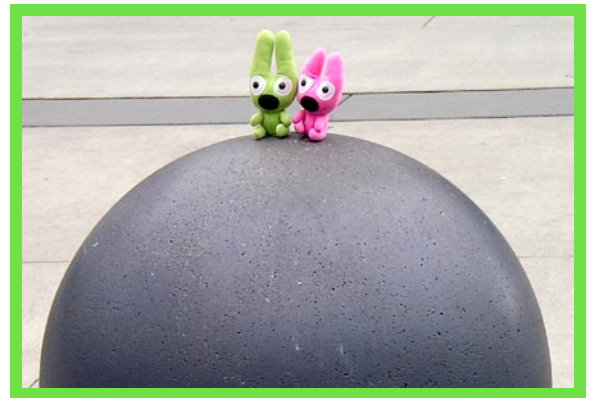
and they’ve visited las vegas twice! they also braved the wilderness and all the scary giant marshmallows on a camping trip, and when they rode the matterhorn at disneyland, hoops&yoyo got so excited about seeing mickey mouse, they forgot to jump in the suitcases to go home! (our guess is they’re having fun ordering room service under your names.)



hoops&yoyo FANS OF THE MONTH (PART 2)



the best trip of all was when amy helped jaime move *alllllllll the way* to portland from sunny arizona in a gigantic, massive moving truck. (they let hoops&yoyo toot the horn a few times but told them to “keep your paws off the wheel!”) it was also fun meeting **SPECKLE MONTGOMERY** (cool cat, cool name!) and puppy **HENRY**, who we hear are best pals. (maybe you should rename them hoops&yoyo!) thanks for being our friends, amy&jaime. *we love, love, love you too!*



(this is speckle montgomery and henry) →



THIS AND THAT



HOOPS&YOYO favorites

springtime flower

- h.* pink ones
- y.* wild flowers (of course)

easter candy

- h.* strawberry cream chocolate eggs
- y.* anything except chocolate bunnies (eek)!

spring break hangout

- h.* the couch
- y.* next to bob's fridge

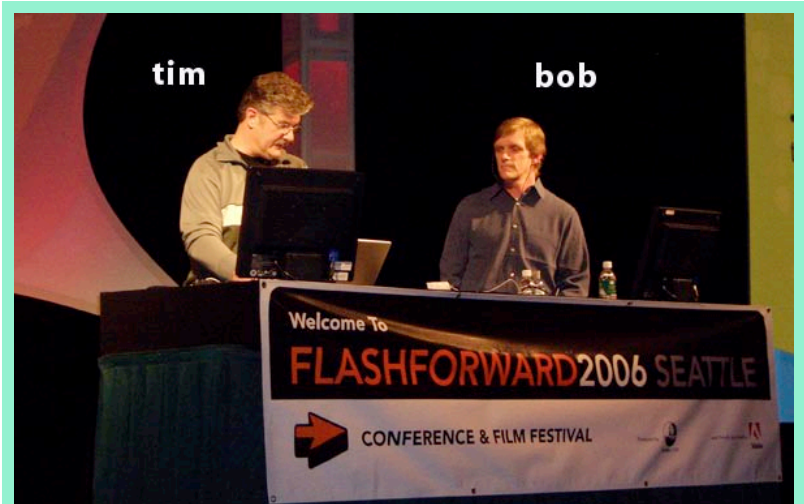
baby animals

- h.* lambies
- y.* baby squid



you can never have too much coffee.

we just got back from the coffee capital of the world... seattle! bob took us with him for a really cool conference called flash forward, and we even got to go up on stage and talk to a roomful of people! we were a little jittery from all of the starbucks, seattle's best, and tully's coffee we'd inhaled, but we got through our presentation ok. we chilled out in the fish market, ordered lots of room service while bob was away, and rode the space needle elevator 10 times before they kicked us out. take a look at our nifty pictures from the emerald city. we love seattle!



hoops&yoyo FAN (TASTIC) GIFTS



more super-cool fan mail!

just had to share some of the new stuff that's landed in our mailbox...thanks, guys!

julie k. from florida just keeps on spoiling us. first there was the gigantuous tin of popcorn. three flavors. count 'em. **cheese. caramel. butter.** it's the kind of stuff dreams are made of. and maybe a few cavities, too. bob had to buy extra floss but it was totally worth it.

then came the cookies. just look at those sprinkles! is it any wonder our **irish eyes are smilin'?** we had bob run out for an extra-large **pot o' coffee** for dunking. it was such a treat we had to pinch ourselves to believe it. (bob was not amused when we tried it on him.)



as if that weren't enough to celebrate **st. patty's day,** **julie** also sent us some green carnations. yoyo had the best time hiding in the bouquet and jumping out to surprise bob and his friends. we never knew bob could jump that high. we laughed and laughed. (bob did not.)
thanks, julie k!



our friend **lauren b.** from baton rouge sent us a super-yummy **king cake for mardi gras.** bob and hoops&yoyo were all out of town when it came, so lily and marissa started the snackfest. can you believe lily found the baby in the very first piece? that's it in her hand. *thanks lauren* — we think you really take the cake!



puck's CRAFTY CRAFTS

* This activity involves the use of scissors.
Kids, ask an adult to help you! Suitable for ages 5 and up.

easy easter egg stands and stickers

here's what you'll need:

- * empty cardboard toilet tissue rolls
- * glue or 1/2 inch wide double-sided tape
- * ruler
- * printer paper
- * printable, self-adhesive sticker paper (optional for sticker decorations)

Step 1:

get an adult to help you cut the toilet tissue rolls to create cardboard rings that are about 3/4 inch tall.

Step 2:

print the artwork below on your color printer and have an adult help you cut out the shapes.

Step 3:

apply glue or double-sided tape to the cardboard rings and cover each ring with one of the wraps.

Step 4:

have an adult help you dye or decorate an egg. if you like the sticker decorations below, stick them on there, too!

Step 5:

set your decorated eggs on the stands you've created, and put them somewhere that everybody can see them!



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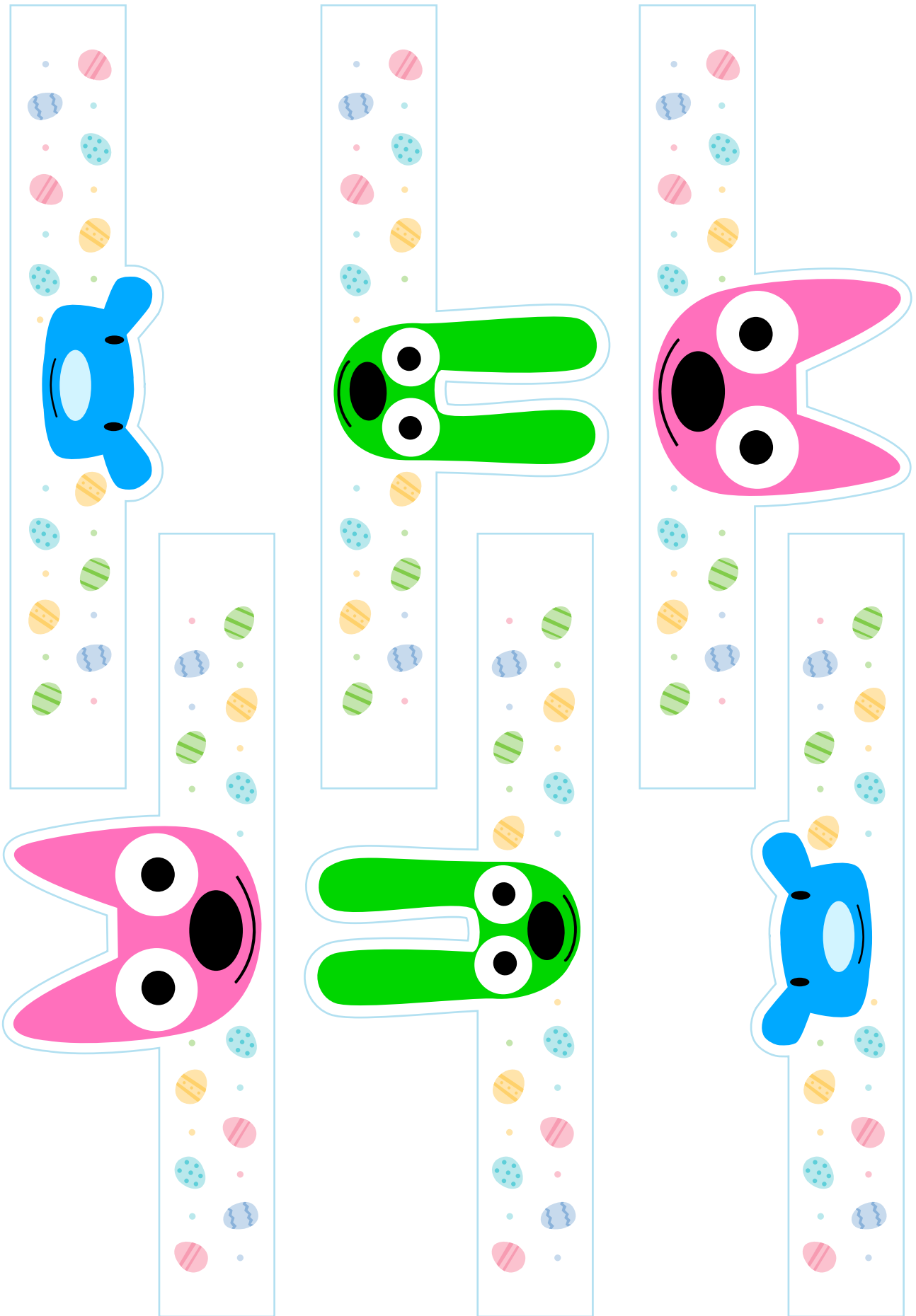


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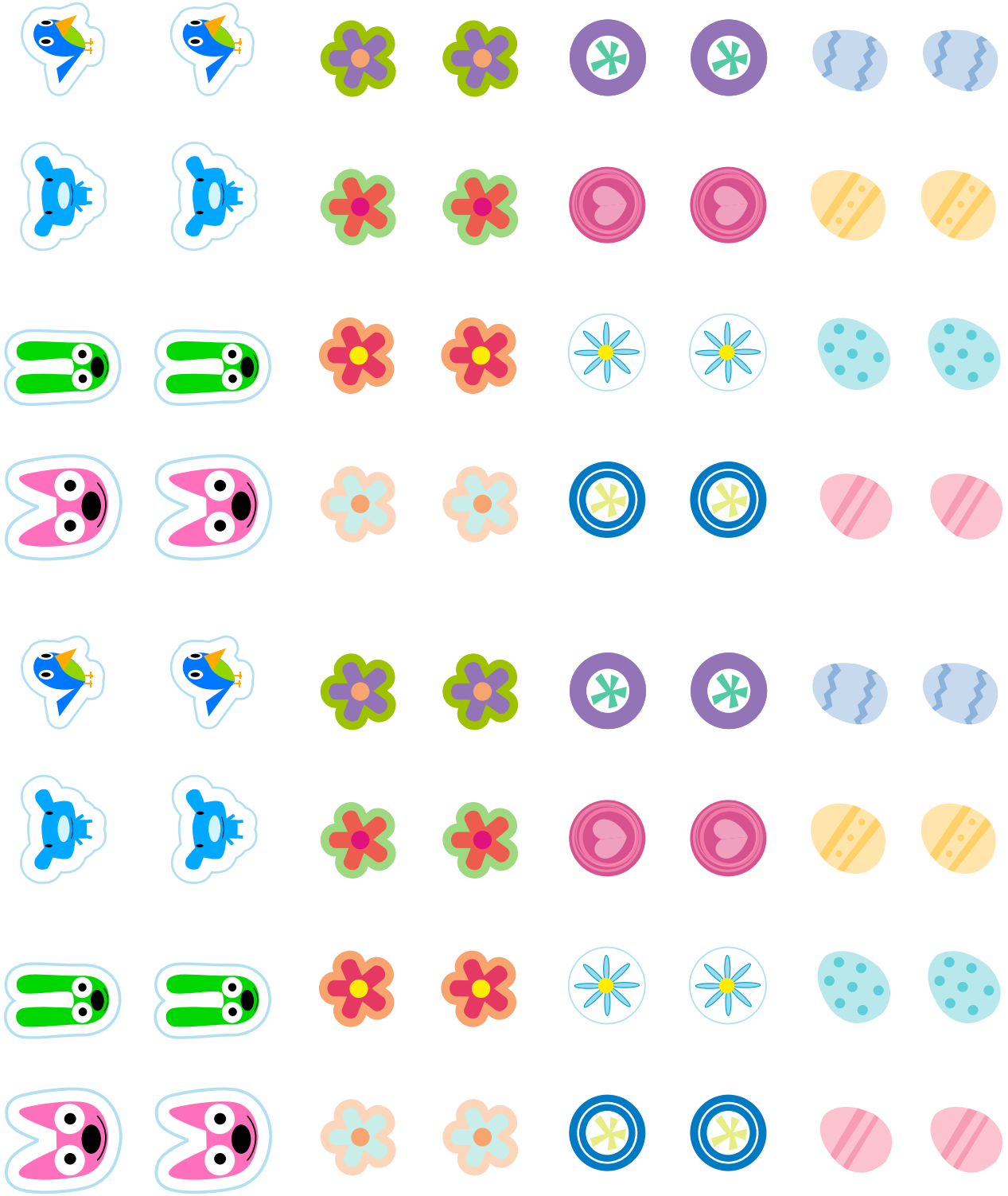


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a big hug-o-mongous <<hug>> to **linda** and **karen** and **terri** and the **trrs reading crowd** – read on!!!

hey, **rache**!!! how did you place in the snowman triathalon???

aj's butterfly kisses are as sweet as her sugar cookies and we'll take them any time!

jeffrey (aka **tony**) ... get those lines down – april 24th is just around the corner!!!

jacqueline's handmade versions of us made us do a double take – we weren't sure who was the real us because they were so good!!!

mary,mary,mary ... we were just kidding about the flying toad ... but NOT about the tutu!!!! no way ... not happening!

hola, **natalie**!!! you can help us with our spanish lessons anyday – we love learning new stuff!

kevin ... have you proposed yet? let us know if you need more advice, dude. we're here to help.

karin, we are happy to distract you and while away those boring office hours – hey – isn't it doughnut break time again – get to it!

g.i. jane — which office note did you decide on 'leave me alone' or 'shhh i'm thinking'?

ashley ... how was that 23rd celebration on the 27th? or was it 27th on the 23rd? **jenny** – help us out here!!!!

hey, **al** how's that dessert island idea coming – we'll taste test for you anytime you're ready!

hannah — the 1/2 birthday idea was brilliant, but the 1/8 and 3/16 celebrations were even brillianter!!! you rock!!!

big hiya to **evita&gracie** and a big 'hewo' to **sunny**, too!

<<mmmwwwaaaaah>> that's a big old **aunt velma** kiss for all of you, **andrea**!!!

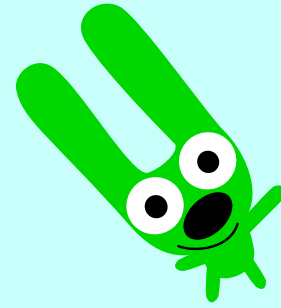
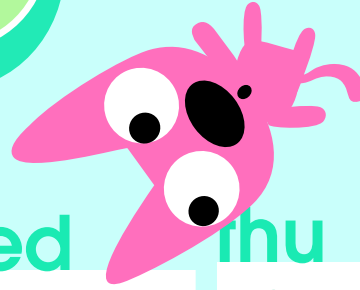
bridgette ... did you decide to bake pecan and/or peach pies for **bubba, junior, cootie, trixie, dixie, junebug, tater & root**?

lisa — did you do the have a hawaii 5-0 on the 18th? or just a regular luau???



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