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**COLOR APRIL** Hawaii, kids' stay with us, Odyssey of the Mind, Easter, Brooklyn turning one, & special pancakes.

Yes, it's true, as of April 11th, Brooklyn is now a year old!

Kathy and Tim flew to Hawaii on April 12th to attend a longtime friend's wedding and to enjoy tropic beauty. While they were snorkeling, attending a wedding, going to luaus, helicoptering, and jumping off waterfalls, Rylan, Aubrey, and Sierra were staying at our house.

With five mornings at Grandma and Grandpa's, the grandkids scored special shaped pancakes—something they haven't had in months! Rylan decided on checkers, the girls loved having pancakes shaped like stuffed toys they brought.

On March 25, Aubrey went to Odyssey of the Mind state finals in Sacramento with her team to show off months of problem-solving work. They performed using a script they wrote, scenes & props they made and a functioning robot they all designed & built!

Representing over 750 teams who competed across the state, Aubrey and her team placed third in spontaneity and seventh in overall score!

This year we organized an Easter egg hunt in our field and woods. Chris even showed up! He brought giant baskets for the kids along with ribbon to decorate them before they ran off to collect eggs. Gary, Briana & her two friends, joined us too. With nice, warm weather, we ended the day enjoying barbecued burgers & hot dogs outside on our picnic tables.

