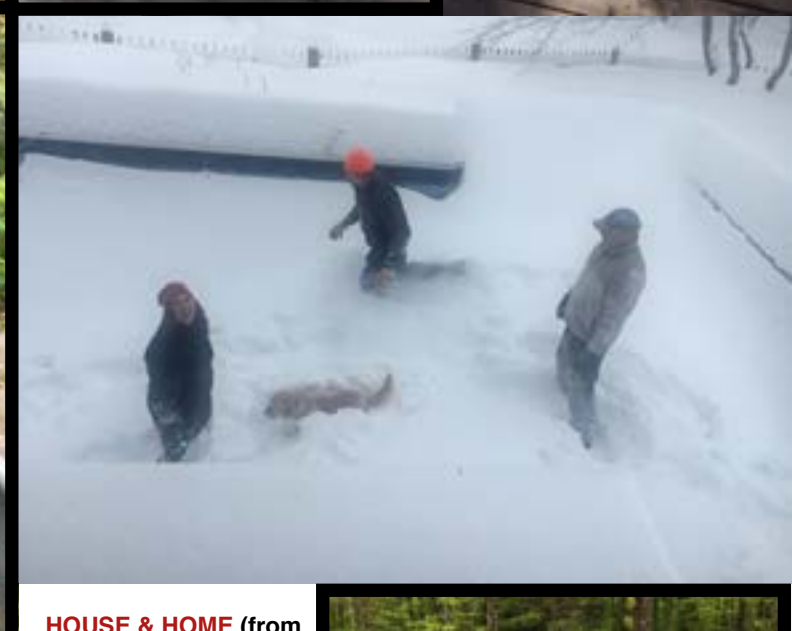




Image Conscious: Best Pictorial Wishes From The Vanderlips

PORTRAITS: There's a difference between self-portraiture and the mere selfie. We explore that nuance herein, along with other shades of whimsy, historical documentation and outright humble-bragging, as we look back on 2017 and contemplate 2018... No text this year. Just captions. As such, the shot top left — Silas in his element at Higgins Beach (portrait) — is credited to Kevin Fowler. Clara, the fam's Selfie Queen, didn't self-regard here, while Hal & Sharon (generally selfie averse) did. Go figure.





HOUSE & HOME (from top left): Junked long-disabled hot tub in July (note ancient tub toys found in process); pool liner died in Aug. & will not be replaced; empty pools are fun following big snow; after driving my old Impreza out to Montana, for Silas, we swapped out stalwart '03 Odyssey (205,965 miles) for sleek new CRV; new landscaping now accouters entry way; huge Concord grape yield in '17 (note arbor in distance). No one knows why.





TRAVEL LOG (clockwise from top):
 Appomattox Courthouse, Va.; Silas
 hams it up with inanimate immigrant
 Irish (in Philly); Valley of the Buddhas,
 north of Missoula; Black Friday
 snorkel on the reef off Hollywood
 Beach, Fla.; Cape Kidnappers GC,
 Napier, N.Z.; cool monument on the
 road to Napier, marking path of NZ's
 WWI volunteers; Mt. Rushmore, S.D.;
 Sharon reunites with Chicago peeps...
 Check out further travel loggery [here](#).





MISCELLANY: Sharon dolls up cool Nov. gallery party in Brunswick (all art derived from giant nails); big year for Clara's lower extremities (tattoo and successful ACL surgery; she'll be back at the rugby this spring); soccer quilt, by Sharon, deploying Hal's now-faded glory; study anxiety in Philly; family Stage Ho takes Missoula; perhaps the best burger of 2017, in Dania Beach, Fla.



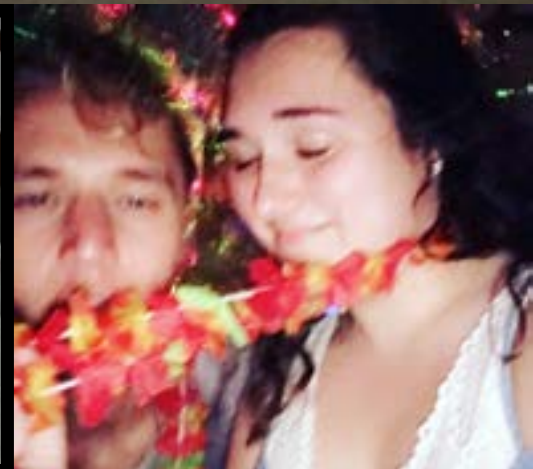


COUPLES: Mother & daughter in NYC; Rene Sanchez & Silas, both 21 now, near Glacier National Park; father & son on disc golf break in Mizzou; Hal & Ted McHugh rock the annual Oktoberfest bash in SoPo; Silas & Clara near Flathead, MT, overlooking National Bison Range; Brodie & Stripes, who love quilts. Do you? Check out Sharon's work [here](#).





BOOLA BOOLA: New Penn Rugby kits (SO fierce); cast of 'Spring Awakening', the musical Clara stage-managed this fall; Snowflake truly pines for Clara when she's away; siblings rage during Philly foray in August; another of the boy's killer, time-lapse night shots (see his vid/image collection [here](#)) ... Silas graduates in May. Inset informs his senior Honors College project, an ethnography of stoner bike & ski culture in western MT.





RANDOMALIA (from left): Lyle Lovett & his LARGE Band, at a vineyard in Union, ME, of all places; Sharon started 2017 in D.C. — 12 months down, 36 to go; when Brodie makes clear his after-work plans for you; Happy Holidays, dammit; December ice storm arrived post decoration; a study in the abject, on-camera silliness of our children. Silas still the king, but Clara's no slouch.

