

HAPPY

NY/NY, from the Vanderlips

Hey, folks. Warmest greetings from all the Vanderlips. We have news: The Core Four will soon expand by 20 percent! Silas & Rene Isabelle Sanchez are engaged to be married in Missoula on June 15, 2024. We celebrated by coaxing the happy couple to Maine for 3 weeks over the recent holidays — a rare bit of long-term exposure, as they co-habitate in The MT.

Elsewhere, Clara continues to teach in Brooklyn but has applied to several MFA programs (creative writing) for the fall... Just in time for responsible husbanding, Silas has secured a permanent, year-round position with the Forest Service, working out of the Ninemile Ranger District. As has become custom, further updating herein comes via pictures & captions. Have at them.

We did enjoy a full house over the holidays: 14 guests in all, and only 5 got Covid! Most of those assembled were Phillips, so don't be fooled by all the smiling faces and seeming bonhomie in these pages. They mask decades of grievance and petty jealousies. Everyone sends hugs!



L-A is home to the Great Falls Balloon Festival. This sort of thing happens most every day ... As Silas & Rene Sanchez are ENGAGED, she must ride bikes... Middle image arrived from Clara fully captioned: *"She's had enough!"* ... At right, Percy takes Dragon for a ride.



Clockwise from top: Phillips Cousins at Xmas (Silas & Clara, Matthew's boys Brendan & Jason and Janet's kids, Valerie & Nathan Kahla); Phillips Matriarch, all dolled up; selfie taken at Icelandic Premier League match; two-table Thursday Night Poker in the basement; Clara as Glinda; and British golf boys on parade at Fortrose & Rosemarkie GC north of Inverness.





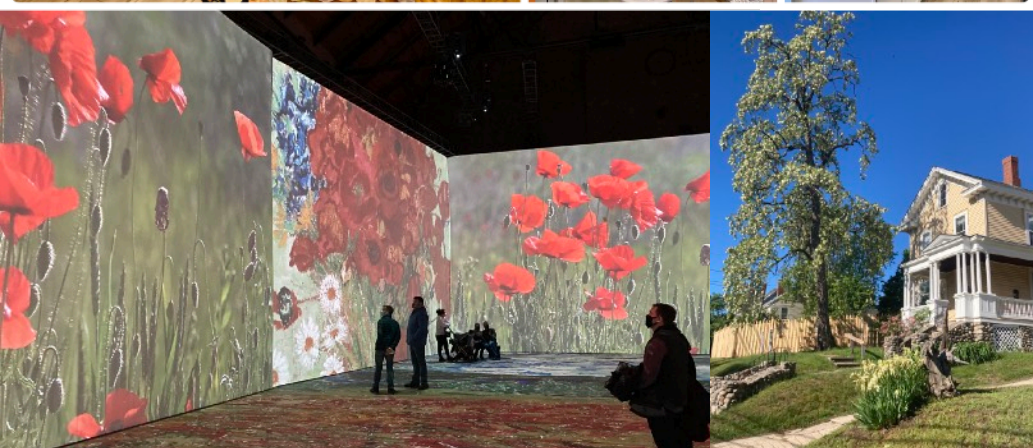
Top: An homage to the Vandermay Florida condo, sold last April after 25 great years. Already missing the beach, company & lifestyle... Bottom right: Penn finally gave Clara, roomie Sophie Fraga & the Class of 2020 a proper send-off. Bottom left, Silas & Rene on the very day of engagement — in Oaxaca, MX. Save the date: June 15, 2024... Meantime, after a lull, weddings are back! From left, S&H thru a barn door in The NG; Silas The Jolly Green Groomsman on Bainbridge Island, WA; and Clara working a friend's nuptials in Skowhegan, ME.



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Top: New AirBnB space is live. Also note new side-yard fencing beside Hasty House proper; Sharon broke her ankle in April — now she's The Bionic Woman (!); started '22 showering at bottom right, in basement; today we do so bottom left, in one of 3 new bathrooms; above, a great Van Gogh exhibit we experienced in Boston last spring.





From top left: Clara presides over Magic Mixie Sacrament; Iceland in July with Carole & Ben DeTroy; Tracy, Anne & Joyce Vandermay with Uncle Chauncey in Ellsworth; a legit bestseller thru Xmas, GZ remains the ideal gift — for pretty much everyone; Bald Hill during April's "All Dead Revue"; Three Princesses on the Andro; Buddha marks the spot where Mr. Stripes, a.k.a. Danger Cat, was laid to rest after 19 years on this Earth.

