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THE CLARK CHRONICLE

The THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER!! Edition

I guess all the free-market politicians simultaneously forgot that tariffs inhibit trade.

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In streaming TV this year, *Severance*, *Silo*, *Peacemaker*, *The Last of Us*, *Andor*, *Poker Face*, and *GenV* all had terrific season 2s.

But in real life? *This* sequel is turning out even worse than the 2017-2021 original.

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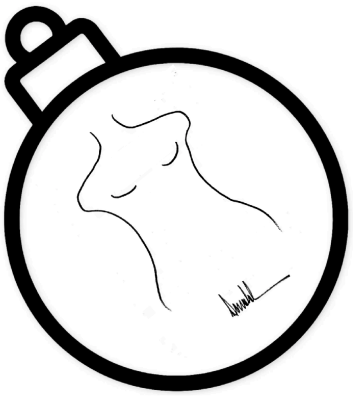
"Donnie & Jeffie: BFFs 4ever!"



Remember their undying friendship with the purchase of your commemorative ornament today!

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The Clarks Visit Arizona

When the harsh winter of (... checks notes ...) San Jose, California became too much to bear, 🙄 Lisa & Bob took a week to go to Spring Training in Arizona.

We attended a bunch of Ms games and took a side trip to Sedona. Mid-March was the perfect time to visit Arizona, get some sunshine, and figure out who to root for on the 2025 Mariners.



And a pro-tip: if the Spring Forward Daylight Saving Time switch always drives you nuts, try to synchronize your Arizona trip with the DST switch: no DST in Arizona means that traveling back to California has no biorhythm glitches at all!

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I guess all the "we only hate the ILLEGAL immigrants" politicians simultaneously lost their spines when it comes to supporting immigrants who follow the rules.

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Did those plans to re-open Alcatraz ever work out?

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1. The sky is blue.
2. Two plus two is four.
3. You shouldn't obey illegal orders.

These are three uncontroversial and obvious facts, but only the third will attract death threats from *the President of the United States* if you say it out loud.

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Who betrayed Anne Frank and her family? That's been a matter of some dispute, and partly because it was eighty years ago we may never know for sure.

But if you ever wished *you* coulda snitched on Anne Frank, we've got great news! You've got your chance to do something similar, whether it's the busboy at your favorite restaurant or some stranger working in agriculture across the country.

ICE hotline: 1-866-DHS-2-ICE

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Amy: Our SoCal Girl

Amy continues her studies in ASL Linguistics and Deaf Cultures at California State University Long Beach.



One of her summer adventures was the SF Pride Parade. She's watched, in previous years, but this year she talked her dad into marching in the parade with her.

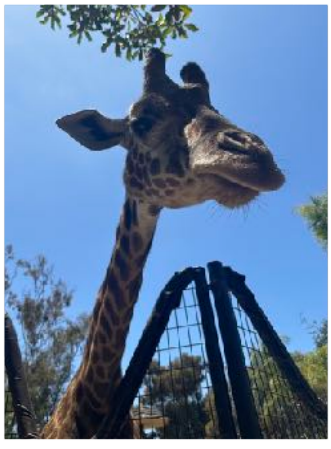
Amy also had an internship helping an arts-focused day camp program in several Bay Area communities.





Amy had a chance to meet one of her favorite linguists, Adam Aleksic, during his book tour in the Bay Area.

During a quick vacation in San Diego, Amy was able to visit the zoo and make a new long-necked friend!



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I guess all the family values politicians simultaneously forgot that abusing children isn't very "family friendly."

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We are still looking through the Schoolhouse Rock back catalog for the episode that describes how the executive branch slaps arbitrary tariffs on goods from arbitrary countries.

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Even for people who love the thing, isn't it super cringey to say out loud "The One Big Beautiful Bill"? 😬😬

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Good news for Robert Matthew Van Winkle: Vanilla Ice is no longer the most terrible ICE.

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Like murdering people?

Hate accountability?

The Department Of 🙌WAR🙌 has open reqs for people who want to sink some motorboats.

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We would like to extend our sympathies to anyone who lost loved ones during September's Rapture.

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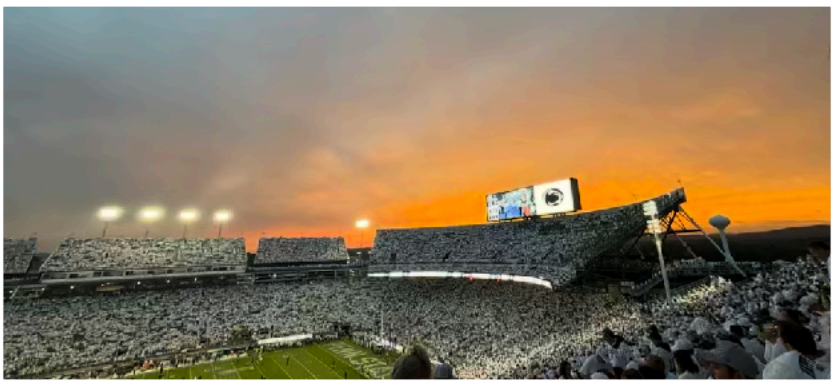
Caleb: Pennsylvania & Copenhagen & Portland

As part of Caleb's Architecture major at Penn State, he was *required* to spend a semester studying abroad. He chose Copenhagen as his study destination. Central Pennsylvania winters gave him some good practice for the early-year climate of Denmark, and it kept getting nicer throughout the months he was there.





Over the summer Caleb's internship was a very Portland project: "Stay On The Grass," an initiative to increase natural turf in urban environments, providing residents with installations of transportable grass and trees.



Happy Valley and Beaver Stadium put on a beautiful show for the Penn State White Out game this year! (The product on the field? We can safely say that our hearts weren't broken until the *second* overtime.)

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I guess all the law-n-order politicians simultaneously started revering crooks and frauds.

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Participation trophies available now! Hurry! *FIFA Peace Prize* already claimed so act fast!

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If you thought "Freedom Fries" in 2003 was the stupidest rename in American history, then I have the sad duty to inform you about 2025 and the "Gulf of America."

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Will this make you happy, Carol Sturka? We just want you to be happy.

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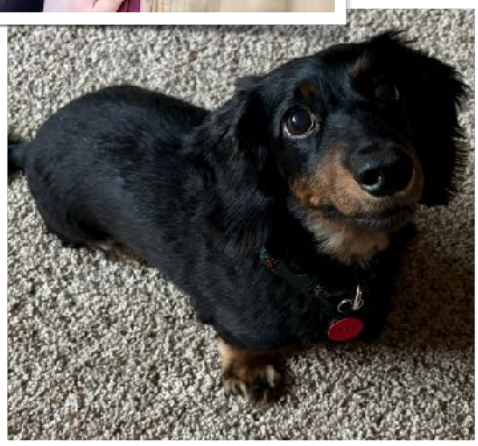
The Clark-Douglasses: Still In Washington!

Sara and Clayton are still in the Seattle area. Both of them continue to work for the State of Washington.





Gatsby remains an important — and adorable! — part of the Clark-Douglass family!

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And now we get to look forward to 2026!

2025 reminds us that "peace on earth" and "good will toward all" aren't the default, and don't just happen.

Today it can be an act of rebellion to show kindness.

Our desire for peace and inclusivity, even in 2026, can happen! It will just take effort. Courage. Determination. Grit.



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