# THE CLARK CHRONICLE

## Festivus Traditions: Airing of Grievances



*We got a lot of problems with you people, and now you're gonna hear about it!*

### Grievances

It's been a year of suffering and anguish, and a holiday season newsletter is the perfect time to reflect on our pain through 2022 and to share that pain with you.

From twisted ankles and hangnails to sunburns and jet lag, in this year's Clark Chronicle you'll read, in tedious detail, all about our aches and pains. Some are unique to our family, and others impact all of us in this country and on this planet.

Ecclesiastes reminds us that everything is meaningless. Our 2022 family holiday newsletter will honor those teachings and reflect that ennui.

That angst.

That despair.

*Enjoy!*



### Grievance

The agony we endured getting a minor sunburn in Jordan was indescribable. You can clearly see the distress on our faces.



### Grievance

On June 25, Bob suffered a very irritating hangnail. Here in Jordan's Petra National Park, on the other side of the world, during an amazing family trip, is where he suffered this affliction.



### Grievance

Amy smiles in Jerusalem. Indeed, all of us were smiling on the outside, but those smiles masked a very deep befuddlement about seeing a million umbrellas without a drop of rain. This debilitating cognitive dissonance threw a cloud over our entire trip.



### Grievance

Some of the people on our trip clearly didn't take the scenery seriously enough. It must have been terrible for anyone forced to travel with these ne'er-do-wells.

### Grievance

It's just not fair. I've been skeptical about cryptocurrency for years now, suspicious that it's just another haven for charlatans and bamboozlers, and in 2022 it seems that everyone agrees with me. The uniqueness is gone. It hardly seems worth it to avoid cryptocurrencies now that everybody is.

### Grievance

I was gonna make some jokes about Elon Musk and Twitter — the walk-backs! the flip-flops! the back-tracks! — but by the time this newsletter hit the presses the punchlines would be out of date.

### Grievance

Why did someone else get to the *sell NFT playing cards of politicians shooting laser beams out of their eyes* grift before I did? I could have been the one swindling vulnerable hillbillies but noooooo.



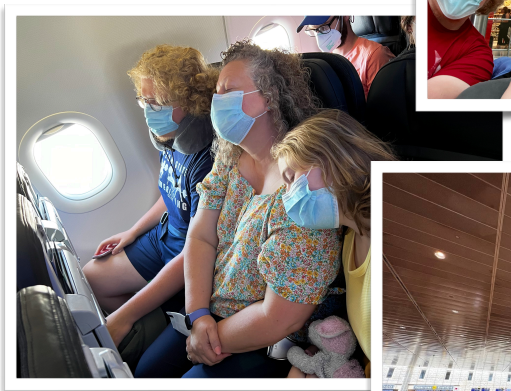
### Grievance

Our family was tormented by jet lag, as you can tell by our tortured visages.

The majesty of Amman's Citadel only highlights our misery.









### Grievance

Airports are stressful places and not fun to be at. What self-loathing group would voluntarily undergo the punishment of Sea-Tac, Heathrow, Amman's Queen Alia International, Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International, Heathrow again, and Sea-Tac again? This fam that's who.



### Grievance

Saying good-bye is tough, even when a pet has had a long and happy life. RIP Westie.

### Grievance

Unexpectedly running out of printer toner can make certain annual newsletters embarrassingly late.

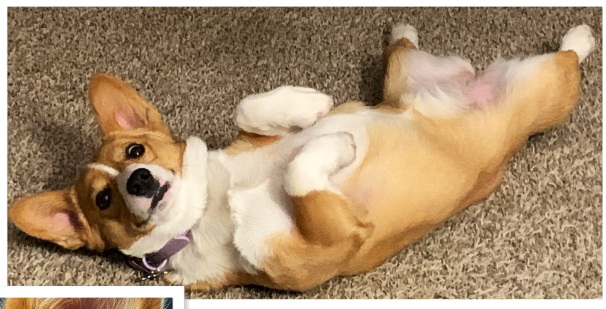
### Grievance

I got my "bivalve" vaccine shot and now I feel ... *clammy*.



### Grievance

Sara and Clayton have a new place in Richland, which, as awesome as it may be for *them*, is still a long ways away from *us*.



### Grievance

It's a good thing God made puppies so dang adorable or we'd wring their little necks.

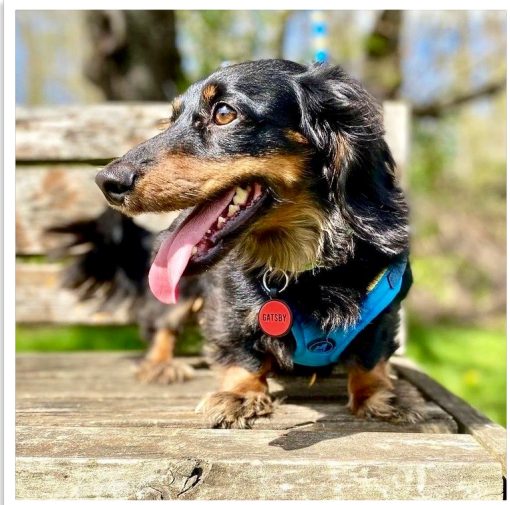






### Grievance

OK, our new Corgi (Tiabeanie or "Beanie" for short) has energy, feistiness, intelligence, friendliness, and is a net producer of slobber and dog hair. Sure wish this little stinker would come when we call her tho.



### Grievance

Actually no grievance here. Sara's dog Gatsby is a sweetie.

## Festivus Traditions: Feats of Strength

*Until you pin me, Festivus is not over!*



**Feat of Strength**

Amy played Aretha Franklin's "Respect" at her drum recital.



**Feat of Strength**

Sara is exploring new hideouts and locales in Eastern Washington.




**Feat of Strength**

Caleb is into his second year as a member of the powerlifting club at Penn State University.



**Feat of Strength**

We were inspired by Amy to use the "I'm lichen the view" caption for *way* too many social media posts, irritating dozens of family members, friends, connections, and followers. Expect more of the same in 2023!