

What's in YOUR purse?

A woman's handbag is her castle – and her catchall. 24 hours asked four local personalities for a peek inside their purse.

Christy Clark

FORMER MINISTER OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT, PRESENTLY OVERSEEING HER OWN CHILD AND FAMILY.

"My son wants to marry me," says Clark, and in her purse is the blue, gizzard-carat toy store ring to prove it. "I never carried Kleenex before I had a baby." We're willing to bet you wouldn't have found a Spider-Man action figure in there a few years back either – which incidentally is on its way back to the drycleaner where three-year-old Hamish lifted it from.

So, what's in there ...?

- A bus transfer.
- A shopping list: shiitake mushrooms, chili, green beans.
- Williams Lake and Ucluelet lapel pins.
- Collar stays from her husband's shirt saved from demise at the drycleaner.
- A Japanese punk rock CD.
- Laura Mercier terra cotta lip liner and tea rose lipstick.
- A Taiwanese good luck charm.
- A Blackberry and cell phone.





Tamara Taggart
CTV
WEATHER DIVA



Bif Naked
PUNK ROCK
PRINCESS



Andrea Neil
WHITECAPS WOMEN
TEAM CAPTAIN

"It looks like a designer threw up in here," says Taggart of the Luis Vuitton wallet and Fendi makeup bag that tumble out of her Gucci tote.

It may look like chaos, but Taggart has a system – file everything under M: "Money, music, makeup – and medication."

So, what's in there ...?

- A copy of fiancé and 54-40 guitarist Dave Genn's new CD *Yes To Everything*.
- Advil and migraine pills – forecasting rain is headache-inducing.
- Principessa hand cream.
- A wedding photographer's portfolio for her February nuptials.
- A poo bag for picking up after her Airedale terrier.
- Boarding pass from a recent trip to Toronto.
- Palm pilot – "can't live without it," – an iPod and cell phone.
- Thank-you cards and extra cell batteries – polite and prepared.

"My dad's a dentist ... I can't handle the guilt," says Bif, explaining the arsenal of dental supplies in her Dior handbag. A photo of her Bichon frises, Anastasia and Nicholas, gets prime real estate in her wallet, while the cash roams free. And while one assumes she calls her bus ads the "moustache campaign" in jest, we did catch sight of a suspicious-looking black felt pen.

So, what's in there ...?

- Watermelon-flavoured Bubblicious to support her five-pack-a-day habit.
- Toothbrush, toothpaste and floss to combat sweater teeth.
- A Chinese fortune from an L.A. dinner predicting, "Now is a lucky time for you to take a chance."
- Marketplace IGA Groceries-for-Gas Saver Stamps
- A ticket for parking her Jag illegally.
- Prada makeup bag.
- Sally Hansen moisturizing cuticle pen – "It's saved my cuticle health."

"It's not very exciting," apologizes the midfielder about the contents of her au natural satchel. Everywhere Neil goes her water bottle follows which is why teammates nicknamed her, "the water sow." Other than that it's just the necessities of life: lip balm, sunscreen – oh, and a trashy novel.

So, what's in there ...?

- Lubriderm lotion with SPF 15, essential for an outdoorsy girl.
- Two cell phones – one for each ear.
- A light read: *Goddess for Hire* by Sonia Singh.
- Adidas sunglasses
- Antibacterial hand cream when handy when coaching grimy kids.
- Lavender-scented moisturizer. Just because she's sporty doesn't mean she can't smell good.

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