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Chic Talk

Posh duds, celeb Choos bless hip boutique

This has to be a first: A pair of Cher-worn denim Jimmy Choo shoes on sale in Vancouver. Priced at \$500 when Cher stepped into them new and wore them once, they now cost \$295 at From the Hip, 108 E. Evergreen Blvd.

At Shanya Giese's off-price designer duds boutique, fashion hounds might be lucky enough to fit into that \$250 Oscar de la Renta peach voile skirt for a fifth of that amount, or find a pair of size 7 medium \$300 Richard Tyler heels for \$38.

Giese, 30, doesn't have a huge inventory at her 2-month-old store, and many of her clothes are small, small, small. The "medium" rack is full of size-6 pants and postage-stamp tops. If you wear close to a size 10, walk over to the "large" rack. If you're larger than a 12, walk out.

"That's designers for you," Giese says, who opened with the plan of buying wholesale from suppliers aiming to unload very expensive merchandise at the end of production run, often at big discounts. She does acquire some pieces from women who bought costly one-of-a-kind dresses and wore them once, maybe twice. Giese promises everything is either "current styling," no older than Fall 2000 at this moment or with the blessing of celebrity fame (consider those Cher Choos).

As with any shop like this, luck plays a part. You have to drop in often to make a find; clothes come and go unpredictably. Pleasantly, the store doesn't resemble Goodwill for dress-up. As Giese says: "I modeled it after a Chanel boutique. You can see what you're looking for."

From the Hip is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, or by appointment by calling 360-750-7545.

Designer preview

The annual fashion event of the year, Nordstrom's Designer Preview, begins at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 9 at the Portland Art Museum. The evening event, a digression from former luncheon shows, suits working-world fashion-lovers.

Expect to see runway presentations of fall collections of such designers as Calvin Klein, Ralph Lauren, Michael Kors, Donna Karan, Missoni, Sonia Rykiel, Celine, Chado Ralph Rucci and Dolce & Gabbana.

Tickets cost \$150 for patrons and include a cocktail, hors d'oeuvres and after-show dessert in the museum's outdoor gardens, as well as preferred reserved seating. The \$100 general tickets buy all of the above other than the best seats in the house.

To reserve, call the Portland Art Museum at 503-276-4296 or visit www.portlandartmuseum.org.

The museum is co-sponsoring the event, another tradition that puts Lucy Buchanan, first lady of the much-improved art museum, seated in the first row, always impeccably stylish.

Namba at Chinese garden

Anne Namba, Hawaiian-based designer who prints her silk fashions with Asian motifs, will present her current line 2 to 4 p.m. Aug. 5 at the Portland Classical Chinese Garden, Northwest Third Avenue and Everett Street. The show is free with \$6 admission to the garden. Seniors and students are admitted for \$5, and children 5 and under are admitted free.

Namba's clothes feature butterfly and porcelain motifs inspired by China's Qing (1644-1911) dynasty. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Aretha Franklin wear her clothes, so this line isn't designed exclusively for small-boned women.

You can see and buy pieces in the Scholar's Study after the show. Namba's company will donate a portion of sales to the garden.

While you're there, catch exhibits by painters Francis Li and Willow Zheng, and by jeweler Janelle Smith.

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CHAZ CHAPMAN for The Columbian

No joke: That's really my name

Yet humor can be the best way to deal with it

By BRETT OPPEGAARD
Columbian staff writer

Before his first day of school, he didn't think much about his last name. Kids he played with didn't know or care what it was. When brought up, the German-accented pronunciation of "Viner" made it seem relatively undistinguished. None of his peers knew how to spell or read at that age, so they generally thought nothing of it and linked nothing to it.

Then the young boy abruptly was introduced to the ritual of roll call. As class began, and the teacher read down the list of students, "Terry Weiner" created quite a stir.

"I didn't know each year if the teacher was going to say 'whiner' or 'wiener,'" he said. But either one cracked up classmates, the Vancouver resident acknowledged. "It definitely hurt at times."

*"I might be Dummer,
but I ain't stupid."*

Jerry Dummer of Camas

Such an albatross of identity can harm the development of those not strong enough to overcome these types of fundamental social barriers, what people are called and what they look like, says Lewis Lipsitt, professor emeritus of psychology, human development and medical science at Brown University, who as a hobby studies names and potential links to occupations and social behavior.

"I really think names affect you as a kid," Lipsitt said. "Maybe those effects happen to different people at different developmental

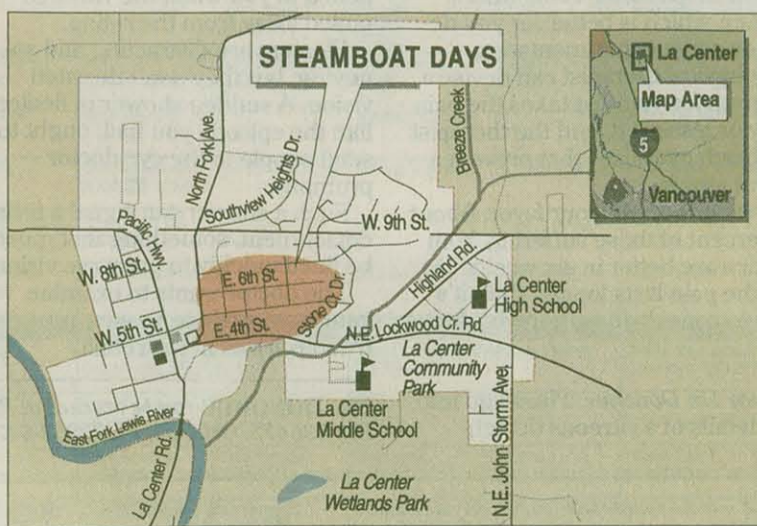
stages, but childhood is when people start wanting to have their own identity, instead of the identity bestowed on them."

Lipsitt, for example, remembers being teased often about his name, which usually would be changed to "Lipschitz" during the torment.

"Naturally, this isn't very pleasant to go through," he said. "But if you're a family with a good sense of humor, this doesn't have to affect you adversely."

Weiner says part of the brunt of his name experience was taken by his older brother, who playfully let his friends call him "Weenie" to take the edge off incoming quips. "It became a pretty cool nickname for us both," Weiner said. "He became 'Big Weenie,' and I was 'Little Weenie,' and that wasn't in a mean-

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The Columbian

If you go:

- **WHAT:** Steamboat Days
- **WHEN:** Saturday
- **WHERE:** La Center, mostly downtown and at La Center Community Park
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** 5K Fun Run, Steamboat Days Parade, Steamboat (bed) races, all-day garage sale, simultaneous youth dance and adult street dance.
- **COST:** Some events require \$5 entry fee; dances are free.
- **INFO:** 360-263-5906

Steam to La Center for downtown festival

By ANGELA ALLEN
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La Center's 51-year-old Steamboat Days tradition saluting the town's grand East Fork of the Lewis River boating past packs family fun into one day only.

Events begin early Saturday with two breakfasts: A Grange Hall meal begins at 6 a.m., and a Girl Scout feed starts at 8 a.m. at the Evangelical Free Church, 111 E. Fifth St.

A 5K fun run and lawn mower races take up the morning slack, while a midday parade and the signature "Steamboat Races" — beds dressed up in steamboat regalia — fill up downtown streets from noon to

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Courtesy of MISTY RIVER

Fishers Landing concert: The four-woman folk, country and bluegrass band Misty River hits the stage 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday.

Groups play tonight, Saturday

The summer concert series continues this week with performances by country band Lonesome Road tonight and the acoustic quartet Misty River on Saturday. Both concerts are free. Listeners are encouraged to bring blankets, low-back chairs and picnics. Food vendors will be on site.

Country band Lonesome Road performs as part of the Six to Sunset Concerts, 6 o'clock tonight at Esther Short Park, bordered by Sixth and Eighth streets in downtown Vancouver. The band plays regularly at fairs, festivals and rodeos in the Northwest and has performed with Mark Chestnut, Reba McEntire and others.

The four-woman folk, country and bluegrass band Misty River hits the stage 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday as part of The Columbian's Backyard Concerts at the Fishers Landing Transit Center, 3510 S.E. 164th Ave. The Portland musicians, whose songs have won various songwriting contests, sing in four-part harmony. They perform a variety of music ranging from folk and country to Celtic tunes and haunting ballads with a blend of guitar, fiddle, accordion, banjo and bass.

For the Six to Sunset concerts, call 360-696-8031; for the Backyard Concert series, call 360-694-3391.



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Names

Ronald Gay says anger at his name spurred gay bar killing

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spirited way at all." Vancouver resident Rusty Post, who deals with water quality issues for the Department of Ecology, says he good-naturedly endures kidding about both of his names and their combination. "People will ask me if I'm related to Rusty Nail, or they will say I'm squeaking," he said. "There always seems to be a certain amount of curiosity associated with somebody with a name like mine. People will read my name on an e-mail for a public meeting or hear someone else say it, and they want to see who I am, see what I'm like." Those who are able to laugh along with the jokes — or better yet, make them first — seem to handle the reactions that come along with their names better. Still, it's a sensitive matter for some.

The local phone book, for example, contains several entries that couldn't be published in this newspaper because of potentially offensive connotations. In one extreme example, a Virginia man named Ronald Gay killed one person and wounded six others during a shooting spree in a gay bar that he blamed on a lifetime of

jokes about his name. Gay was sentenced to life in prison earlier this week.

Many Clark County folks contacted for this story, in turn, declined to discuss their names. Some just hung up immediately after learning the topic. Others, though, confronted such inquisitiveness with a learned patience.

"When I was a kid, I hated my last name, absolutely hated it," said Tony Bump of Vancouver. "Being heavy and being called Bump, I heard everything. They said I was a bump on a log, a speed bump. It got to the point that when people asked me how to spell it, I'd say, 'like on a log.'" Bump said he even considered changing his name until he started high school and found he liked the distinctiveness of it. When he started acting in plays and performing in various theater companies in the area, he found that his name made him memorable. "Now I love it," he said.

Arthur Crook says he has learned to use his name as an ice-breaker of an introduction. "People usually ask me if they heard me right," he said. "I tell them that it's even worse when you consider my first initial is 'A.' ... I've just never let it get to me. My father was Arthur, and my grandfather was Alfred, who had a twin brother named Arthur, so it's always been a joke for us.

"I just didn't let people tweak me on it," he said. "If I ever came across as bent out of shape, then

people would keep doing it, I'm sure, and make it even worse. My dad told me to treat it humorously, and then people would remember me."

When Pat Broadwater married Ray Wildman and took his name, she began getting inquiries along the line of, "Is he really?" Pat Wildman's response: "You'll never know."

"We have a lot of fun with it," she said. "We can always make some kind of joke." Jerry Dummer of Camas said that, in a reversal of childhood, people today often avoid using his name in fear of offending him. His usual reply: "I might be Dummer, but I ain't stupid."

About a year after his divorce in the mid-1990s, his ex-wife called and pleaded that he allow his two sons to take her maiden name, instead of growing up as Dummer. Dummer flatly declined.

"I felt like that was total disrespect to my father's name and his father's name," Dummer said. "It was the name given to me, and I think it's important to preserve that. I could imagine how my dad would have felt if someone would have suggested that for me.

"Sure, there have been times when I've thought that it would have been a lot easier growing up with a different name," Dummer said. "But it taught me how to deal with uncomfortable situations, with ridicule, and it probably helped me build a lot of character in the process."

Steamboat

Youths, adults have their own dances at same time

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1:45 p.m.

For most of the afternoon, La Center's downtown area plays host to family events, including a pretty baby contest, pie-eating contest, a Boy Scout-sponsored bike rodeo and a Grange auction. Most events cost \$5 for participants.

A "three-on-three" basketball tourney will take place at the La Center Middle School from 1:15 to 4 p.m., and kids can find old-fashioned games in La Center Community Park. All day, bargain-seekers may shop in the city-wide garage sale.

The action continues until dark, with a free youth dance from 6 to 10 p.m. in the back parking lot of the Evangelical Free Church.

At the same time, grown-ups will have their own street dance with a chance to rock on to the Bad Daddies' music on Fourth Street between Aspen and Birch streets.

STEAMBOAT DAYS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6-10 a.m. — Grange breakfast, Grange Hall
- 8-10 a.m. — Girl Scouts breakfast, La Center Evangelical Free Church
- 8 a.m. — 5K Fun Run, La Center Community Park
- 9 a.m.-noon — La Center Chamber lawn mower races, McReynold's Field, between Birch and Dogwood on Sixth Street
- Noon — Steamboat Days Parade, downtown La Center
- 1:15 p.m. — "Steamboat" (bed) races, Fourth Street
- 1:15-4 p.m. — Downtown events with inflatable rides, pretty baby contest, Boy Scout bike rodeo, pie-eating contest, Grange auction, cake walk, food vendors, music by Four Minus One, Fourth Street
- 1:15-4 p.m. — Basketball Tourney, La Center Middle School
- 2-3 p.m. — Old-fashioned kids games, La Center Community Park
- 3-4 p.m. — Community Band Concert, La Center Community Park
- 6-10 p.m. — Youth dance, La Center Evangelical Free Church
- 6-10 p.m. — Adult street dance with the Bad Daddies, Fourth Street between Aspen and Birch streets

Was vacation a drag? Vent your complaints

Summer means vacation — either we are on it, have just come back or are planning our next one. But while eagerly awaited, not all vacations live up to their promise.

Tell us about one of yours that didn't.

Whether it was the result of technical difficulties (stuck on the airport runway for 10 hours because the plane door wouldn't open), bad timing (Junior caught in the middle of a goat fight at the petting zoo) or an unpleasant surprise (getting dropped off for the day at a remote beach and discovering the one item missing from the tote bag is sunscreen), send us a brief description of your vacation nightmare.

We'll summarize several and will even award a consolation prize to the person with the funniest (in hindsight) or most rueful experience.

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