



Save Our Seas

June 13

The Vancouver Aquarium (page 57) does a lot more than display cute critters such as grinning dolphins, waddling African penguins and sea otters holding hands. A non-profit association, the aquarium is a world leader in **aquatic-life conservation, education and research**—but such activities don't come cheap. At the annual Night at the Aquarium fundraiser (page 36), you can feast on Ocean Wise fare while bidding on **extraordinary silent-auction items** such as a sturgeon fishing trip with Rick Hansen or a pyjama party with beluga whales. Going once, going twice...



All Jazzed Up

June 21 to July 1

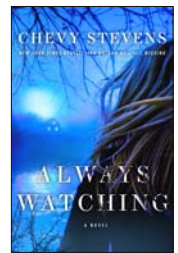
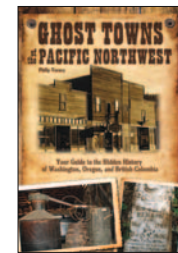
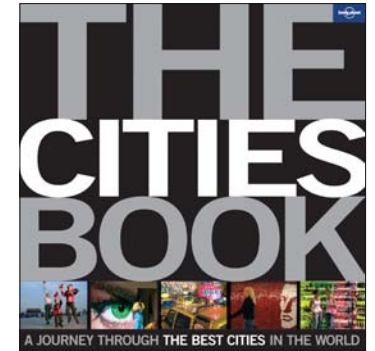
A summer of festivals kicks off when the TD Vancouver International Jazz Festival (page 38) fills the city with the **silky smooth sounds of jazz, blues and funk**. This year's highlights: Herbie Hancock (**pictured**; Jun. 30), Esperanza Spalding (Jun. 23), Shane Koyczan (Jun. 30) and Nikki Yanofsky (Jun. 29).

NIGHT AT THE AQUARIUM PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIL PHOTOGRAPHY

Happy Father's Day

June 16

If Dad loves to read, a crop of new releases is sure keep him turning pages past bedtime. In *Always Watching* (St. Martin's Press; \$29.99), a **thriller and soon-to-be best-seller** by Vancouver Island's Chevy Stevens, a psychiatrist must face a charismatic and potentially dangerous cult leader from her past. *Ghost Towns of the Pacific Northwest* by Philip Varney (Voyageur Press; \$27.99) overflows with maps, driving and walking directions, colour photos and **dramatic histories of deserted towns** in British Columbia, Washington and Oregon. *The Cities Book* (Lonely Planet; \$27.99) **outlines the 200 best cities on the planet**, including Paris (#1), New York City (#2) and Vancouver (#15), which receives praise for the Vancouver Art Gallery (page 67) and Stanley Park (page 58) but criticism for "ubiquitous Gore-Tex" and "blocked-off streets for film sets." Find all three at local bookstores (page 22). If Dad's taste runs more to the **extravagant end of the scale**, splurge on a pen from The Vancouver Pen Shop (page 28) or a watch from Omega (page 30). He's worth it.



WELCOME, SUMMER!

June 21

Pop on some sunglasses, crank up the Beach Boys tunes and bask in the first day of summer. **Worship the sun** on First Beach (Map 1: B3), Second Beach (Map 1: A2) or Sunset Beach (Map 1: D3). **Pose for a photo** near the Inukshuk (Map 1: C3) or the "A-maze-ing Laughter" statues (**pictured**; Map 1: B3). Then **pick up a sweet treat** from one of the many ice cream and gelato shops lining Denman Street. Just don't forget to reapply your sunscreen.



"A-MAZE-ING LAUGHTER" PHOTO BY KKLAW