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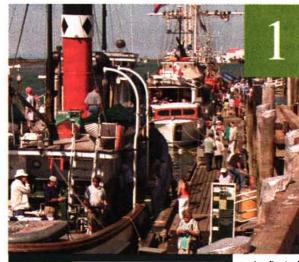
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things to do this week

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CALIFORNICATION

Aerial Acrobatics

There's a reason why the Abbotsford International

Air Show is always such a roaring success — literally! What's not to like about watching formations of fighter jets performing hours of stupendous stunts? For 45 years, thousands of satisfied spectators have stood agape, staring skyward, as squadrons of pilots perform aerial acrobatics that just seem, well, "plane" crazy. See what all the buzz is about from August 10 to 12 at Abbotsford Airport (30440 Liberator Avenue). Hint: You may want to bring some earplugs. For info, go to *www.abbotsfordairshow.com*

Make a Splash

Feel like being a little, um, nautical this summer? Then check out the **Richmond Maritime Festival**, where young and old alike can make waves as the city salutes the sea from August 17 to 19. Taking place at the Britannia Heritage Shipyard National Historic Site (5180 Westwater Drive), this free fete is set to unleash oceans of fun with maritime exhibits, workshops, live entertainment

and a fleet of heritage boats, including a 1930s rum-runner. Dial 604-718-8050 for more details.





Release the Hounds

Giving new meaning to the dog days of summer, the 14th annual **Wiener Walk and Picnic for Dachshunds** will have Tsawwassen's Winskill Park! (56th Street at 9A Avenue) crawling with canines on August 12. If last year's event is any indication, you can expect to see more than 300 wiener dogs, with human companions in tow, enjoying games, costume contests, prizes and other activities. So munch on a hot dog, brush up on training tips and swing by this free pooch picnic, put on by the Western Dachshund Club, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 n m. For info. call 604-943-4304

Dancing Fools

Feel like dancing the night away? Aspiring Fred Astaires can shuffle over to Queen

Elizabeth Park Plaza (Ontario Street at 33rd Avenue) for **Dance at Dusk**, a free outdoor series running until August 22. Weather permitting, you can kick up your heels to Scottish country dance on Mondays, international folk dance on Tuesdays and ballroom dance on Wednesdays. The classes are free, no partner is necessary, and all ages and levels are welcome — even those with two left feet! For times, visit www.city.vancouver. bc.ca/parks/arts/danceatdusk.htm

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Monsters at the Mall

You'd expect everything to be au courant at a shopping mall. But that's definitely not the case these days at Richmond's Aberdeen Centre (4151 Hazelbridge Way), which has rewound the clock approximately 200 million years to host the **Jurassic Alive** exhibit. Running until September 15, this interactive dino display features a clutch of toothsome creatures, including a 50-foot-long animatronic T-Rex. And if that's not enough to dazzle the kids, they can also hitch a ride on a Yangchuanosaurus or catch a Jurassicthemed water fountain show at the mall's Central Atrium. For more information, visit *www.aberdeencentre.com*

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If you've ever hauled your behind up the Grouse Grind (a.k.a. "Mother Nature's Stairmaster"), you'll know that most people just gulp water, mop away sweat and thank God they made it to the top alive. But now you can do something way more exciting, thanks to the **Grouse Grind Social Nights**. Every Wednesday evening throughout the summer, grinders can congregate at Altitudes Bistro for mountains of music, mingling and munchies, beginning at 6 p.m. And who knows, after comparing grind times with fellow trail trekkers, you just might walk away with a date out of the deal. For info, visit *www.grousemountain.com*