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## Digital gridders can rejoice over a host of cool activities

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It may be the dog days of summer, but there's always a lot happening in the digital universe.

Here's a guide to some upcoming events, on the Web and off, that provide an alternative to sticking your head out the door when it's 90 degrees.

And if you're already looking forward to fall, online football is anticipating the change in seasons. Sony's 989 Sports plans to launch **989SportsOnline.com** on Tuesday, to coincide with the release of NFL GameDay 2004 for the PlayStation 2.

Last month, EA Sports released its online-playable NCAA Football 2004, followed by Madden NFL 2004. A few days after 989SportsOnline.com goes online, Xbox Live will unveil XSN Sports, enabling Xbox Live online subscribers to create leagues and tournaments for NFL Fever 2004 and other XSN Sports titles coming later this year.

### Cubs lead the Majors

Cubs fans buy more tickets through **MLB.com** than fans of any other team, according to MLB Advanced Media, the interactive media and Internet company of Major League Baseball. Tickets to games at Wrigley Field account for 8 percent of the 6 million-plus tickets



sold so far this season through MLB.com, with most of those tickets sold in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana. Sox fans bought 3 percent of MLB.com's tickets. MLB Advanced Media expects to sell more than 7 million tickets online this year, up from 3.9 million last season.

### 'Shock, curiosity, amusement'

There seems to be an endless array of folks doing unusual musical things with commonplace and esoteric electronic tools.

One example is Chicago's **Lord of the Yum Yum**, who is the answer to the question, "What would happen if Bobby McFerrin and Pee-Wee Herman could have a baby?"

Decked out in a bow tie and a powder blue tuxedo, Lord of the Yum Yum is all knees and elbows as he becomes a one-man choir right before the audience's ears. Using a digital loop re-



Decked out in a powder-blue tuxedo, Lord of the Yum Yum uses a digital loop recorder to turn himself into a one-man choir.

order that simulates tape echo, he records himself scat-singing Bach's Minuet in G (or other classical selections), then layers another vocal line on top of that, then another and another. Combined with intense facial expressions and marionette-like dancing, LOYY's act leaves audiences smiling and humming. "I can [perform] at a punk show and at a free-improv event and at a garage sale" and provoke the same series of reactions, says Yum: "Shock, followed by curiosity, then amusement."

Catch him Aug. 30 at Berkeley-Hillside Presbyterian Church, 5207 Ridge Ave., Hillside, 708-449-7171, and Sept. 3 at Buddy, 1542 N. Milwaukee Ave., second floor, 773-342-7332. More information is at [Lordoftheyumyum.com](http://Lordoftheyumyum.com).

### Make your own games

Ready to program your own video games? The **Xtreme Game Developers Xpo**, Sept. 6-7 in Santa Clara, Calif., might help. A registration fee of \$359 (\$199 for students) gets you more speakers and seminars than you can shake a joystick at, and a chance to program your own game at the convention, even if you've never done it before.

Register before Sept. 1 to receive a four-book library of game developers how-tos (worth \$250). Details at [XGD.com](http://XGD.com).

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