

THIS IS SAN FRANCISCO SUMMER

shakespeare race cars drag queens rollercoasters kayaks
tap dancing street fairs marathons surfing
mozart runabouts fireworks opera
galleries french fries beaches
golf rock 'n' roll tall ships
tiki bars lobster rolls
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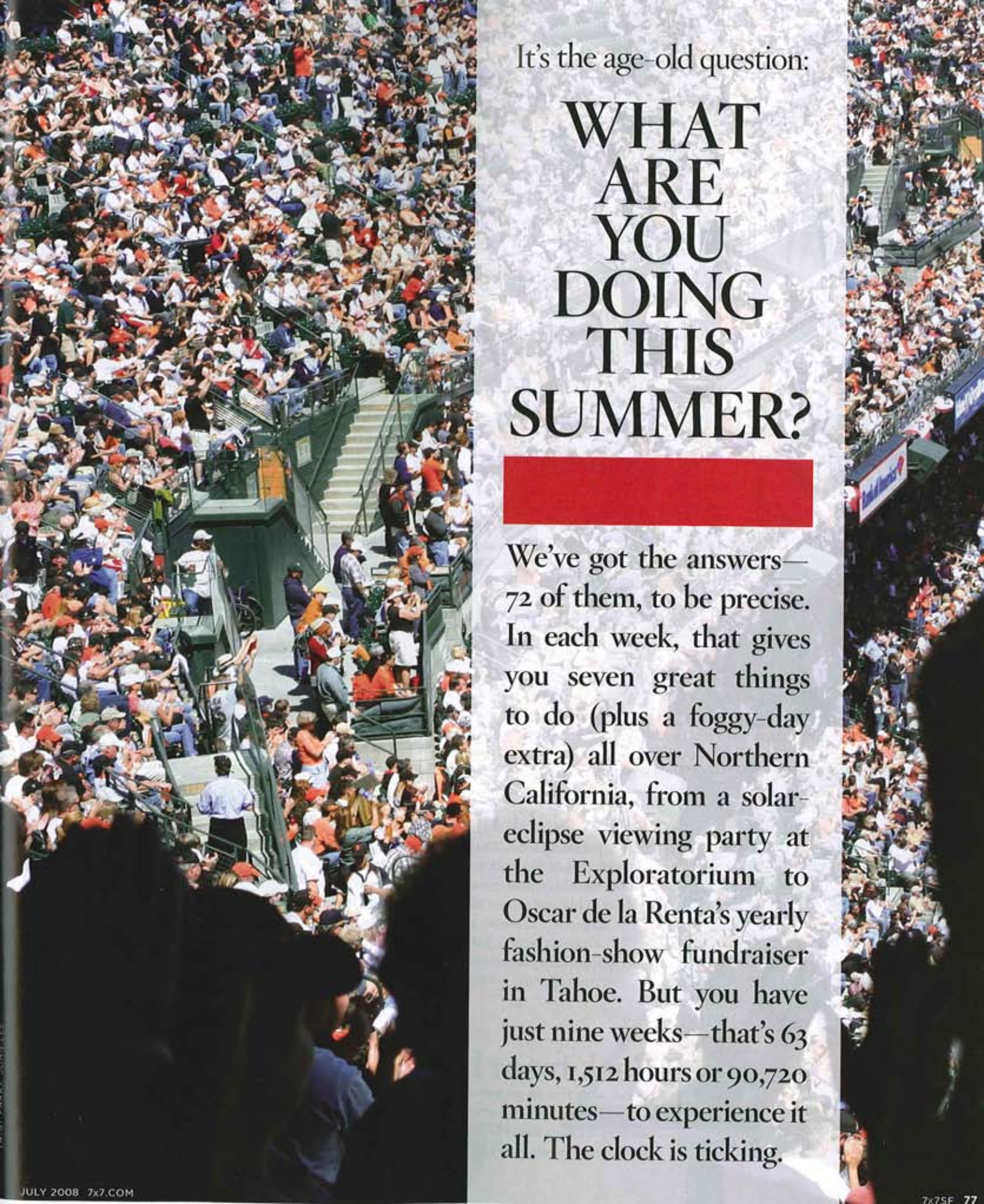
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**SPEED
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look out—
it's gumball
time again

PLUS REAL SF
running down a
dream: an open-
house diary



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It's the age-old question:

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?



We've got the answers—72 of them, to be precise. In each week, that gives you seven great things to do (plus a foggy-day extra) all over Northern California, from a solar-eclipse viewing party at the Exploratorium to Oscar de la Renta's yearly fashion-show fundraiser in Tahoe. But you have just nine weeks—that's 63 days, 1,512 hours or 90,720 minutes—to experience it all. The clock is ticking.

FOR MORE HAPPENINGS, SEE "THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS" AT 7X7.COM. CLICK ON "ALL" FOR A COMPLETE RUNDOWN.



THIGH MASTER

Of course we know that the main reason for taking part in **AIDS Walk 2008**—a 6.2-mile saunter through Golden Gate Park on **July 20**—is to raise money for health and education services provided by the SF AIDS Foundation, but if we happen to achieve a little muscle tone in our "problem areas" in the process, well, you won't hear us complaining. aidswalk.net

Horsing Around

Sunday, **July 20**, is the final day of the **Pebble Beach Equestrian Classic I** horse show: It's a six-ring circus with nearly 50 different classes. Stick close to Collins Arena, where the day starts with the lesser tiers of show jumping (with obstacles as high as "only" four-plus feet) and culminates in the \$30,000 Pebble Beach Grand Prix. Our favorite part, though, is what comes right before all the Grand Prix drama: the lead-line class. Watch toddlers compete—that is, sit blissfully atop a horse as big (to them) as the moon, while a grinning mom, dad or big sis leads them around the ring. Everyone, of course, wins a ribbon. Want more? Come back next weekend for the Equestrian Classic II—or check in to the Lodge at Pebble Beach (pebblebeachresorts.com) and make a week of it.



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FUTURAMA

Lest you mistake the **North Beach Jazz Fest** for any of the other numerous and similarly themed events that take place in SF throughout the year, keep in mind that while you will hear the requisite homages to local jazz legends like BJ Papa (*below*), this particular celebration is dedicated to the *future* of the genre. On **July 21**, the six-day festival kicks off, as always, with "Jazz on Grant"—free evening performances in nearly two dozen venues on (or near) Grant Avenue. nbjazzfest.com



Family Values

The 28th annual **SF Jewish Film Festival** opens **July 24** at the Castro Theatre with *Strangers*, a vaguely *Romeo and Juliet*-meets-*Sliding Doors* love story between an Israeli man and Palestinian woman whose paths intersect in a Berlin subway. Tensions of every variety ensue (sex! politics! religion!). Also don't miss the **July 26** screening of the dramedy *Sixty Six*, in which Helena Bonham Carter (*left*) plays a mother worried that she'll have to cancel her son's elaborately planned bar mitzvah because the family business is faltering. Think *My Super Sweet 16* meets British middle-class Jewish family circa (duh!) 1966. sfjff.org

LA VIDA LOCA

We'd like to say, for the record, that we're really glad that **Coldplay** had already established its reputation as a band to be reckoned with before lead singer Chris Martin made an honest woman out of Gwyneth Paltrow. Because now that Coldplay's new album, *Viva la Vida*, has landed, and its title track been indelibly burned into our minds thanks to a recent iPod commercial, we know that the ensuing popularity has more to do with talent than with links to Hollywood royalty. Watch the Brits do their thang at HP Pavilion on **July 24**. livenation.com



GET BUZZED

For a mere \$4,000 (plus tax), reserve a spot aboard **G-Force One**, a zero-gravity airplane that mimics the feeling of weightlessness without going beyond the Earth's stratosphere. Oh, don't get us wrong; you get pretty high up there—about 32,000 feet, to be exact. Weightlessness lasts for only 30 seconds—when the airplane reaches the apex of a flight parabola—and then it's back to normal on the descent to 24,000 feet, where the pilot initiates another parabola and the fun starts again. The next Bay Area flight takes off from Moffett Field in Mountain View on **July 26**. zerogsanjose.com

OUT OF SIGHT

It's not just a myth: The rustic Nature Friends Tourist Club, hidden high on the slopes above Muir Woods, is only accessible by foot—either from the Redwood or Sun trails. Head there on **July 20** for the legendary **Sommerfest** (you can count on lots of beer and brats), a rollicking fete to raise money for the upkeep and maintenance of Muir Woods National Monument. The club's strict members-only policy takes a hike during this annual event. touristclubsf.org



FOG DAY EXTRA

The Dark Knight opened last week, but the lines should have abated a bit by now—time to hit the IMAX at the Metreon. amctheatres.com