

ForbesLife

A couple in formal attire are dancing in a grand, ornate room. The room features a large, multi-tiered chandelier, classical columns, and arched doorways. The floor has a large, intricate star-shaped pattern. The overall atmosphere is elegant and sophisticated.

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BEST OF BUENOS AIRES

**CHARLESTON:
POUND FOR POUND,
AMERICA'S FINEST CITY**

**THE MAN WHO
CHANGED BALLET
FOREVER**

**LOTUS EXIGE—
ONE FOR THE ROAD**

**PARIS' TOP
NEW BISTROS**

**RETURN OF THE
DRESS WATCH**



THE COMING SEASON

June



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NOON

1838: The Rise of Paris Opera

The hotel whose name will become a synonym for high living debuts on the Place Vendôme with Auguste Inceffier (above) as head chef.



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Magritte Museum, Brussels

A new museum devoted to the master of the opaque and the oblique opens in the Place Royale. (Left: *The Return*, 1940) Just remember what he said when you try to decipher the 200-plus words: "My painting is a visible image which conceals nothing." www.musee-magritte-museum.be



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LATE PM

Various: Napa Valley

Night's winegrowers throw a four-day bash—in the name of charity—at Meadowood during America's most celebrated wine festival. After the kickoff parties, winery dinners, tastings, and barrel auctions, you may be too pooped to raise your paddle at Saturday's main event. www.napaoffshoots.com

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NOON

1867: Frank Lloyd Wright's Birth

The prissy father of the Prairie School (below) — "a doctor can bury his mistakes but an architect can only advise his clients to plant vines" — is born. (Right: a masterpiece, the Guggenheim Museum.)



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Grosvenor House Art & Antiques Fair, London

The grande dame of British lists celebrates her 75th anniversary with a retrospective and 65 top dealers of paintings, furniture, antiques, clocks, and jewelry. Ends June 17. www.grosvenorfair.co.uk

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24 Hours of Le Mans, France

The 77th edition of the world's oldest one-day sports car endurance race sees Peugeot replacing world champ Jacques Villeneuve with Formula 1 star Sébastien Bourdais. www.lemans.org



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NOON

Lake Tahoe Cruises 2013, California

The country's premier wooden boat show, now in its 37th year, cruises into the marina. More than 110 craft will be presented and judged over three days, and proceeds will go to charity. www.lakeof TahoeCruises.com

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NOON

1801: Tourbillon Patented in France

By watchmaker Abraham-Louis Breguet, who invented it in 1795. The device, whose name means "whatward," counters the effect of gravity on watch accuracy (Right: Breguet's current model Tourbillon Mésidor.) www.breguet.com



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LATE PM

Aspen Ideas Festival

The annual high-altitude meeting of the high-minded, among Ben Michael Eisen, Bob Schiffer (right), and Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer. This year's theme: "Idea That Work." Ends July 5. www.aspenfestival.org

