

# THE COMING SEASON



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## Bluebonnet Season in Central Texas

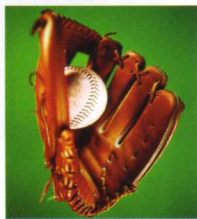
Thanks to Lady Bird Johnson, famed for her beautification programs, many of Texas' highways are now lined with blooms—look anywhere from the Lakes Region just west of Austin south to the hilly countryside of Uvalde—and it's perfectly legal to pick 'em. Through mid-May.

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SUNDAY

## Opening Day

Actually, night—the first pitch of the Major League Baseball season takes place at 8:05 p.m. at Fenway Park as the Boston Red Sox take on the New York Yankees.



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MONDAY



## Simon Says

Wagnerites descend on Salzburg for the Easter Festival; this year the big ticket is today's performance of *Götterdämmerung*, conducted by Sir Simon Rattle (left), concluding four years of the "Ring" cycle. [www.osterfestspiele-salzburg.at](http://www.osterfestspiele-salzburg.at)

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## The Masters at Augusta, Georgia

While the world tunes in to see if Tiger shows up, old lions Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus will cast long shadows when they serve as the tournament's honorary starters. Through April 11.

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TUESDAY

## Out There

Armchair astronomers will want to be in the room—or at least on the satellite phone—when Bonhams New York helps astronauts do a little spring-cleaning with its second Space Sale of gear, documents, and memorabilia (right: the lapel pin belonging to Mercury astronaut Donald K. "Deke" Slayton) from numerous missions. [www.bonhams.com](http://www.bonhams.com)



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## Show Him the Way

Peter Frampton is 60.

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## California Mille

Vintage-car enthusiasts should check out this four-day, 1,000-mile race through Northern California patterned after Italy's renowned Mille Miglia. Approximately 75 racing and production cars dating from 1927 to 1957 participate, and many will be on view at today's Fairmont San Francisco's "Nob Hill Toasts the California Mille." [www.californiamille.com](http://www.californiamille.com)



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## Le Festival des Jardins

It's not just the work of the world's leading landscape designers that attracts the well-heeled on an annual pilgrimage to Castle Chaumont in the Loire River Valley. According to *Debrett's*, it's the social cachet as well. [www.domaine-chaumont.fr](http://www.domaine-chaumont.fr)



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FRIDAY

## Windy City Trifecta

Chicago's Artropolis weekend celebrates antiques (such as the Tiffany coral-and-gold sea urchin brooch, left, at the Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair), modern art (Art Chicago), and contemporary work (NEXT). Through May 3. [www.artropolischicago.com](http://www.artropolischicago.com)



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