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Food that will serve up a serious debate

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Diners, along with top art world personalities from Portugal, will discuss how food, culture and science can help us to improve the cities and buildings of the future. Can eating really teach us about architecture? "There's a focus on questioning the boundaries of what constitutes architecture at the Triennale," says curator Mariana Pestana. "The idea is to bring back politics to the dining table."

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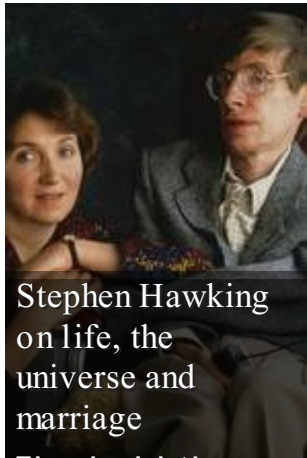
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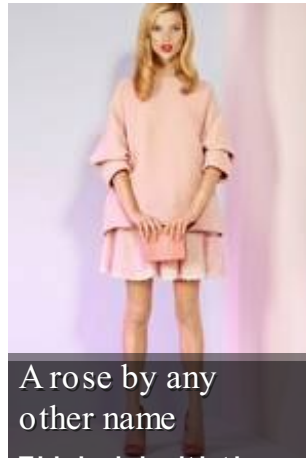
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