**Mar 21, 2017**

Keeping voters happy is the lifeblood of any ambitious politician’s career.

Reducing suffering, the authors argue, may be more important than boosting pleasure, because improving the life of an already-happy person probably yields a smaller gain in total welfare than freeing someone from misery does.

The authors concluded that, in rich countries at least, investing in care for mental illness provided the best return (as measured by happiness gains) on public expenditure.

**Mar 22, 2017**

Opinion polls indicate …

Mr Macron’s support is less robust. Many who prefer the 39-year-old former economy minister are not entirely sure of their choice.

He rightly put the most emphasis on the need to get France’s economy moving faster.

After a nervous start, he became increasingly confident as the night progressed.

**Mar 23, 2017**

Even amid Brazil’s pungent stew of recent big corporate scandals, the latest is particularly stomach-turning.

The federal police accused some of the country’s biggest meat producers of bribing health inspectors to turn a blind eye to grubby practices.

Yet the damage to reputations may take a long time to repair.

**Mar 24, 2017**

a majority of the committee is …

Many would argue that it hardly deserves to be called an election at all.

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That will add great weight to the open-access effort, and contribute to a future for scientific publication that, if not completely journal-free, is likely to be “journal-lite”.

Mar 27, 2017

THERE was no doubt who would win the election in Hong Kong.

Mrs Lam will take over a bitterly divided society.