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Steve Jobs, Apple Inc.'s iconic cofounder and CEO, received a liver transplant during his medical leave of absence about two months ago, according to reports. ...for more see **Business P6**

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Official visit reveals holes in China policy

By MATTHEW LITTLE
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Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi made an official visit to Canada this week, prompting some to proclaim a breakthrough in Canada-China relations. China-business lobbyist will say the Conservatives have now seen the light. But there are others who fear the government is stepping down from a stance toward China that was not only principled, but also made sense.

'The Chinese regime has never been so weak as it is now'

Early on, Prime Minister Stephen Harper had chilly relations with the communist regime. He publicly criticized its notorious human rights record, angering the China-business lobby. But he also earned respect as one of the few world leaders to speak up for China's downtrodden.

That was then. Today it is hard to tell what Mr. Harper's position is. The Prime Minister's Office seemed reluctant this week to put "human rights" and "China" together in the same sentence.

It could be said that Yang's arrival in Canada was paved by former Chi-

nese ambassador to Canada, Mei Ping. Beginning last fall, Mr. Mei worked behind the scenes to influence the Conservative government's China stance, a fact he boasted about in a banquet at the Chinese consulate in Toronto last Wednesday night.

Ming Pao, a pro-Beijing Chinese-language newspaper who covered the event, reported that the communist regime turned to Mei because of his extensive ties here.

A "SECONDARY CHANNEL"

The paper quoted Mei as saying he visited Canada in September and October of last year on a mission to use a "secondary channel" of diplomacy to change the government's stance.

His efforts took him on a cross-Canada tour with stops in eight cities where he met with business leaders, think-tanks, opposition leaders, and media.

Chen Yonglin, a student of Mei's at the Foreign Affairs University in China in the 1990s, is familiar with this "secondary channel." It's a concept Mei discussed at that time too.

"The 'second channel' is also called 'non-governmental' diplomacy," explained Chen. "It means to influence the Canadian Government through the Chinese community in Canada."

Chen said Beijing previously exercised this "second channel" through overseas front organizations to dissolve the trade sanctions Western countries imposed on China after the 1989 Tiananmen Massacre.

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Innovation crucial to surviving economic slump



ELECTRIC FLYER: An electric plane presented at the European Research & Innovation Exhibition (SERI) in Paris on June 4, 2009. Studies show that new innovations and start up companies usually emerge from economic downturns. For more see P6 BUSINESS. PIERRE VERDY/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Animal agriculture boosts antibiotic resistance

By JOAN DELANEY
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For years, antibiotic resistance has been a problem in hospitals, where the heavy use of the drugs can breed resistant bacteria, resulting in infections that are difficult—or impossible—to treat.

But the overuse and misuse of antibiotics in poultry and livestock worldwide is also causing human resistance to the medicines, leading to growing concerns that these

all-important infection fighters are losing their effectiveness at a more rapid rate than previously thought.

In Canada, the use of cephalosporin in chicken hatcheries across the country is causing resistance in humans to this class of antibiotics, according to a recent report in the Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ).

Surveillance data from the Canadian Integrated Program for Antimicrobial Resistance (CIPARS)

"strongly indicates that cephalosporin resistance in humans is moving in lockstep with use of the drug in poultry production," said the CMAJ.

Between 2007 and 2008, resistance in retail chicken bacteria increased in British Columbia, Quebec, and Saskatchewan—with B.C. rates soaring from 29 percent to 46 percent. A CIPARS update in March showed that ceftiofur resistance in bacteria in chicken and humans "rose dramatically" in

Ontario in 2008.

In humans, cephalosporin antibiotics are used to treat respiratory tract infections such as pneumonia as well as skin infections and urinary tract infections.

Ceftiofur is injected into eggs in hatcheries as a prophylactic against infection. This is an off- or extra-label use, meaning the antibiotics are being employed in an unapproved way, according to the CMAJ report.

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Battling over a corpse in China's Hubei Province

Grassroots support frustrates authorities' attempt to cover up apparent murder

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Recent mass protests in Shishou City, a small city in China's Hubei Province, were triggered by the death of a cook.

Within the context of the Chinese communist regime, the incident that triggered the protests was minor. According to the official account in the state-run media, on June 17, a 24-year-old cook named Tu Yuangao committed suicide by jumping from the third floor of the Yonglong Hotel of Shishou.

When the body fell, onlookers

rushed to the scene, and the death was immediately under suspicion: there was no blood at the spot where Tu had fallen. According to the people of Shishou, closer examination of the body showed that Tu was cruelly tortured before he fell: there were bloodstains around his neck and ankles, a nail had been driven into his head, and his private parts were damaged.

Tu's body was moved into the lobby of the hotel, and a standoff developed. Tu's family members demanded an autopsy. But the local police wanted to seize Tu's body and have it cremated. When the police arrived to take the body, people believed that the regime was trying to cover up a murder.

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B.C. students find U.S. security data in Ghana dump

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VANCOUVER—A team of University of British Columbia journalism students who traveled to Ghana to investigate electronic waste for a reporting course accidentally discovered a sensitive U.S. security breach.

One of the students bought several hard drives from e-waste dealers at an open-air market in Ghana—home to one of the world's largest digital dumping grounds—for the equivalent of \$40.

One of the drives contained sensitive information about a \$22-million defence contract between the Pentagon, Department of Homeland

Security, and Northrop Grumman, one of the largest military contractors in the United States.

The other drives turned out to contain intimate details of people's lives, family photos, and private financial data such as credit card numbers, account numbers, and records of online transactions.

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Voices from Iran reaching out to world

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JERUSALEM—Iranians are reaching out to the world through whichever channels they can find. Using anti-censorship software, they are breaking through the blockades in record numbers. Using the phone, they are calling into Farsi-language

radio stations in droves.

The Global Internet Freedom Consortium, a U.S.-based company that provides software to break through Internet blockades, reopened "Freemove" to Iranians in the Farsi language on June 13. "Traffic quickly doubled and then re-doubled," said Shiyu Zhou, a computer scientist and part of the

consortium team.

"We had 200 million hits per day in a few short days."

Iranians are using the Freemove software to cut through blockades and reach sites such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Google, news sites, and Farsi-language sites, Zhou said.

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