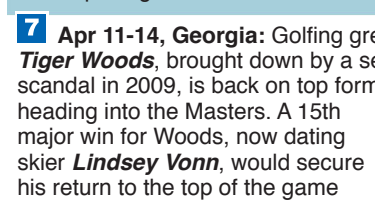


# WORLD AGENDA

APRIL 2013



**1** Apr 12, South Korea, Japan, China: U.S. Secretary of State **John Kerry** will make his first trip to Asia as America's top diplomat, with North Korea expected to top the agenda. Kerry flies to Seoul after attending a G8 meeting of foreign ministers in London from April 10-11

**2** Apr 14, Caracas: Acting President **Nicolas Maduro**, successor to the hugely popular **Hugo Chavez** who died March 5, is expected to comfortably win his own mandate in elections. He faces **Henrique Capriles**, 40, who put up a convincing challenge to Chavez in October

**3** Apr 30, Amsterdam: **Willem Alexander**, Prince of Orange, becomes the first King of the Netherlands in more than a century when his mother, **Queen Beatrix**, abdicates after 33 years on the throne. His Argentine-born wife, **Princess Maxima**, will become Queen consort

**4** Apr 27, Reykjavik: Iceland's centre-right Independence Party, blamed for triggering 2008's international banking crisis, which hit Iceland first and hardest, looks set to regain power

**5** April, Riyadh: Free speech in Saudi Arabia comes under the spotlight when a judge rules on the appeal of two human rights campaigners jailed for 10 years. **Mohammed Fahad al-Qahtani** (centre right) and **Abdullah al-Hamed** called for a constitutional monarchy and elections

**8** April 3/26, Hong Kong/ New York: Dinner with **Ferran Adrià** (right), the celebrated chef of Spain's now closed **elBulli** restaurant, is auctioned, along with its wine cellar and memorabilia

