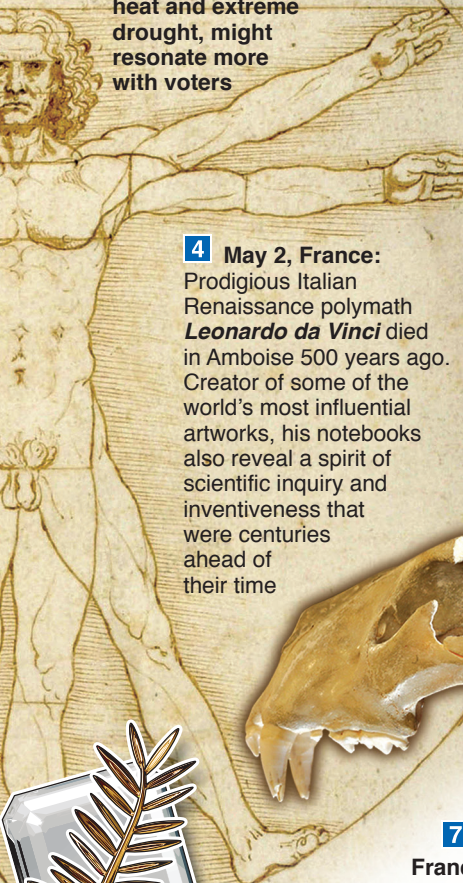


WORLD AGENDA

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2 May 18, Australia:
Scott Morrison's minority coalition hopes its economic record will win a third election victory, but tackling climate change, after summer's searing heat and extreme drought, might resonate more with voters



4 May 2, France:
 Prodigious Italian Renaissance polymath **Leonardo da Vinci** died in Amboise 500 years ago. Creator of some of the world's most influential artworks, his notebooks also reveal a spirit of scientific inquiry and inventiveness that were centuries ahead of their time

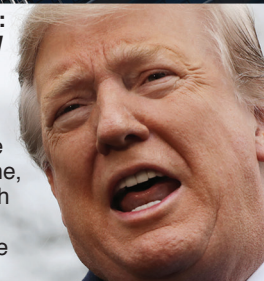


7 May 14-25, France: American director **Jim Jarmusch's** new film, ***The Dead Don't Die***, opens the 72nd Cannes Film Festival. The zombie comedy is one of a growing lineup of films competing for the Palme d'Or



1 May 23-26, EU: Voters elect the ninth European Parliament in a poll that appears likely to see centrist domination of the 751-seat body eroded by a tide of euroscepticism and far-right sentiment

3 May 26-29, Japan:
 U.S. President **Donald Trump** makes a state visit to congratulate **Emperor Naruhito** on his ascension to the Chrysanthemum Throne, then hunkers down with Prime Minister **Shinzo Abe** for talks over trade imbalances



5 May 22, UK:
 Brexit's next key deadline: If Parliament has failed to agree a deal by this time, Britain will have to contest the EU elections the following day

6 May 23-Jun 3, Sri Lanka: The **CITES** conference on international trade in endangered species will hear encouraging news that China has postponed the lifting of a ban on the trade of rhino horn and tiger parts, but South Africa's plan to export more lion skeletons will cause an outcry



8 May 26-Jun 9, France:
 A dress code will be in place for players at Roland Garros. Singling out the figure-hugging black suit worn by **Serena Williams** in 2018, French Tennis Federation president **Bernard Giudicelli** said that players have "sometimes gone too far"

