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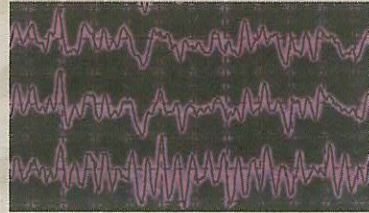
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A purple campaign for epilepsy

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Enlighten-Action for Epilepsy kicked off its month-long campaign to raise awareness of people with the brain disorder.

The charity's mission is to promote a better understanding of epilepsy. Its "Paint the Town Purple" drive, launched last Friday, urges people to embrace the colour purple – from eating eggplants to wearing purple T-



shirts. Purple is the colour of lavender, a type of flower which usually grows separately from other flowers.

In the campaign, the colour

stands for the isolation people with epilepsy may face in society.

People with epilepsy may suffer seizures, lose control of their bodies and begin shaking.

"There are 70,000 people with epilepsy in Hong Kong," a spokesman said. "You don't hear about them very often, and they don't talk about it openly."



marriages don't happen very often, they do still take place. If a man from one family dies before he is married, the family of a dead single woman might agree to have them "married".

But the *Xian Evening News* said this group in Shaanxi province (陝西) "stole female corpses", cleaned them up and "sold them for a high price". The gang made 240,000 yuan (HK\$296,000) from selling 10 bodies.

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sociology (n)
社會學

opportunities (n)
機會

bleak (adj)
無望的

isolation (n)
孤立

control (n)
控制

single (adj)
單身