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## The inequities of food

Today in the U.K., 7 million slices of bread, 2.8 million tomatoes, and 660,000 eggs will be thrown in the garbage. Most will be perfectly good and entirely edible. America's food waste alone is enough to feed every hungry person in Africa.

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## Green alternatives to traditional pesticides

Scientists at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada have taken a "national team" approach to the development of biopesticides.

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2010 Lexus convertible tears up the hills of Nevada

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COURTESY OF LEXUS NEWS

## Chinese regime tries to win Tibet with party newspaper

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This month's launch of the Tibetan version of the People's Daily has been marketed as both a uniting force for Tibetans and a true gateway to the rich Tibetan culture. China media experts, however, claim the Chinese regime is looking for new avenues to "brainwash" Tibetans with official propaganda.

The People's Daily Tibetan Version—not to be confused with the Tibetan Daily, a mouthpiece of regional officials—takes its orders from the central government, and began publication on August 1. It is the Chinese Central Committee's first venture into propaganda in an ethnic minority language, and its advances have been trumpeted enthusiastically by officials at the top echelons of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

A four-page spread translated into Tibetan from Chinese, the Daily prints a total of 50,000 copies, 20,000 of which will be circulated in Tibet alone, and the rest in surrounding provinces with concentrated Tibetan populations, reports the China Daily, another state-run media.

"All of the Tibetan editions of the People's Daily will be given free to villages, schools and temples," Meng Xiaolin, the editor-in-chief of the Tibetan edition, is quoted as saying.

'...culture should not be served as a museum piece.'

Meng, who is responsible for overseeing the translation, printing, and distribution of the paper, said that each village will be delivered three free copies of the paper, while temples and primary and secondary schools will receive two complementary copies.

The paper says its news coverage will "contribute to economic development, social progress, ethnic harmony and stability in Tibet."

Some official explanations for the goal of the Tibetan version appear contradictory, however.

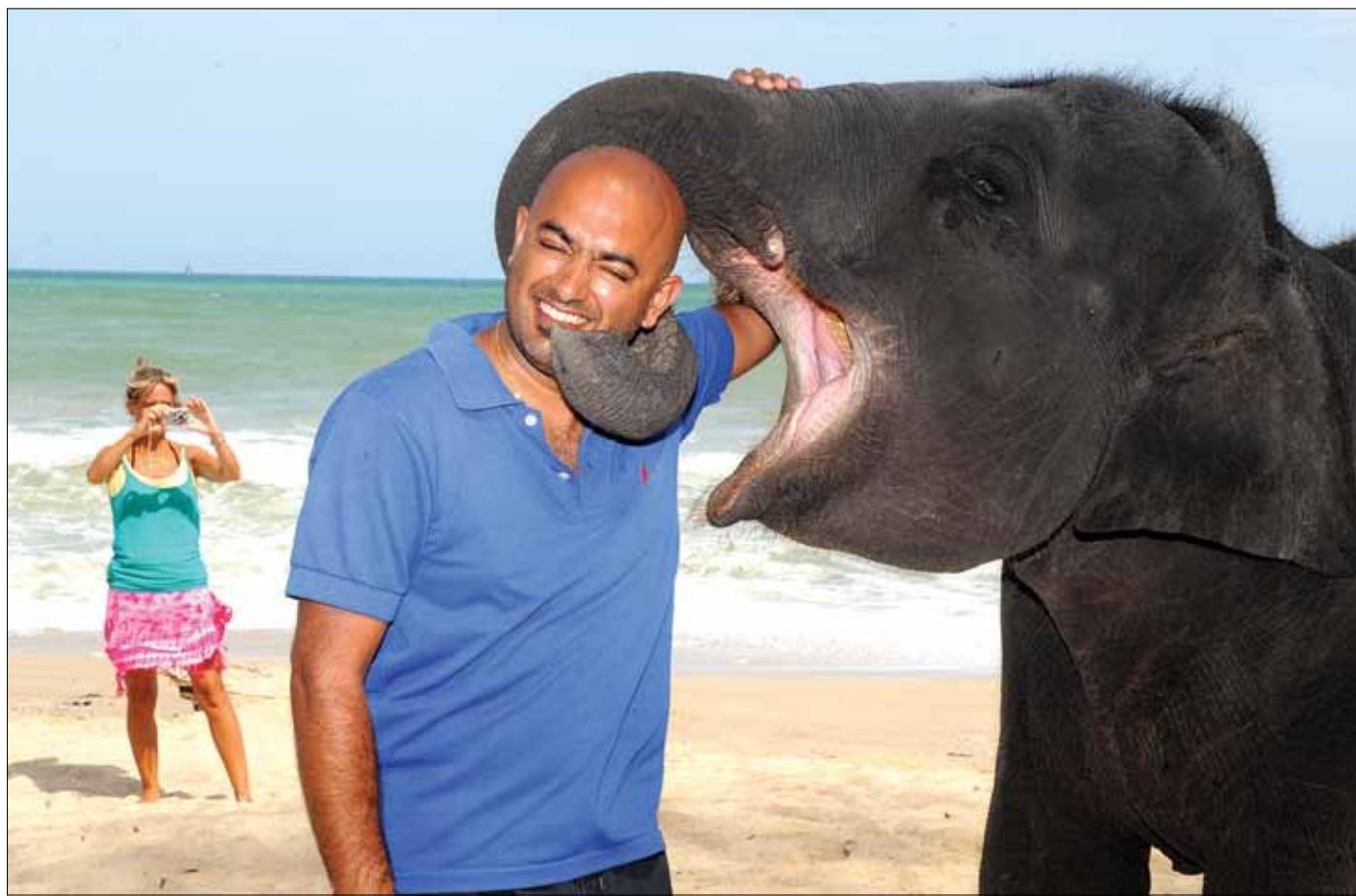
On the day of the first issue Xinhua quoted an official statement from the People's Daily stating, "We will try our best to provide accurate and timely news that relates to local people." The same article later said that the publication would consist of major guidelines of the Party and policies of the central government. Other official statements make clear that all content will be translations from the Beijing edition, apparently obviating the possibility of local news.

The Epoch Times asked Cheng Xiaonong, former advisor to China's past premier Zhao Ziyang and chief editor of Modern China Studies, a peer-reviewed journal, to comment on these apparently contradictory claims.

"They're not really serious with those words they talk about every day. Today they say it this way, tomorrow they change it. Anyway, it's propaganda... it's a vehicle for new, enforced brainwashing," he said in a phone interview.

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## Downturn takes a bite out of Thai tourism



A three-year-old elephant named 'Lilly' welcomes a tourist at a beach resort in Phuket on July 20, 2009. Although Phuket has fully recovered from the massive tsunami on December 26, 2004, the country faces a tourist shortage due to the global downturn. See story on P4.

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## Romania leads among EU's inflation hotspots

By GINA NEAGU  
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BUCHAREST—Romania has the highest inflation rate—at 5 percent—among all European Union (EU) member countries, according to the European statistics institute, Eurostat. That figure is staggering considering the inflation rate was 0.2 percent in July across the EU.

"Romania is like a sick man, who sometimes gets a cold, as opposed to other countries, that are healthy economic organisms," the Romanian Minister of Economy Adrian Videanu was reported as saying

to Romanian press.

Hungary follows closely with 4.9 percent and Poland with 4.5 percent. On the other side, Ireland is reporting a 2.6 percent de-

'Romania is like a sick man'

flation, while Belgium and Luxembourg both reported a 1.7 percent deflation.

Compared to the previous month, annualized inflation dropped in 20 countries,

stagnated in one, and increased in five. According to the Romanian National Statistics Institute, Romania's annual inflation rate actually decreased by almost a percentage point in July from a 5.86 percent reading in June.

### SIGNS OF RECOVERY IN EU

Eastern and Central European nations are showing signs of economic recovery. However, some still have difficulties reaching normalcy. Some analysts predicted that economic recovery for the Baltic States will be gradual.

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## Business-friendly Israel battles war-torn image

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WASHINGTON—Behind the headlines telling of unrest and constant fighting in Gaza, Israel is quietly cultivating one of the world's strongest pharmaceutical, technology, and agriculture sectors.

"Israel has made substantial contributions to the global marketplace... The challenge for Israel going forward is to make the world more aware of its hospitable business environment," according to a new Knowledge @ Wharton (KW) report.

KW is the publishing arm of the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, one of the world's premier business schools.

Israel exists in a Middle East environment that is rife with conflict, but it also boasts one of the world's top business sectors. Tel Aviv is a leading economic center in the Middle East.

"If you look at news stories written about Israel, they are almost entirely about violence and conflict... that becomes your brand. I think Israel needs to tell a different story," David Pottruck, chairman and CEO of Red Eagle Ventures, Inc. explained in a KW report.



SOLAR POWER: A girl walks at a solar farm April 26, 2009 in Kibbutz Kvutzat Yavne, Israel. URIEL SINAI/GETTY IMAGES

### BUSINESS ACUMEN AND CHALLENGES

"Israel has been very reliable in terms of being able to continue to produce and deliver," David Reibstein, a Wharton professor, stated in the KW report.

Israel exported CA\$36 billion of products

during 2008 and CA\$24 billion in the first half of 2009 (annualized exports of CA\$48 billion). The majority of the exports were to the United States and the European Union.

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## B.C. tourist town rallies against toxic waste plant

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VICTORIA—When the residents of Christina Lake, also known as the Jewel of the Kootenays, heard there were plans to build a recycling centre in their small British Columbia town, they welcomed the news.

A recycling centre would be a natural fit with the environmentally minded residents of the town, whose population of 1,500 swells to about 6,000 over the summer.

But upon learning that the proposed facility would be a big gasification plant for recycling hazardous petroleum industry waste from Alberta, B.C., and California, anticipation turned to shock and incredulity.

Now the residents of Christina Lake, a picturesque resort town located just north of the U.S. border between Grand Forks and Trail, B.C., are rallying together to stop the plant.

Vancouver-based Aquilini Renewable Energy has applied to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary to rezone a 100-acre parcel of land to allow a waste-to-energy recycling plant.

Although currently zoned industrial, the town's bylaws explicitly prohibit petroleum-based industry of any kind. It is that aspect of the zoning that Aquilini is seeking to change.

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'We'd be sacrificing one economy for a dubious other one'

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