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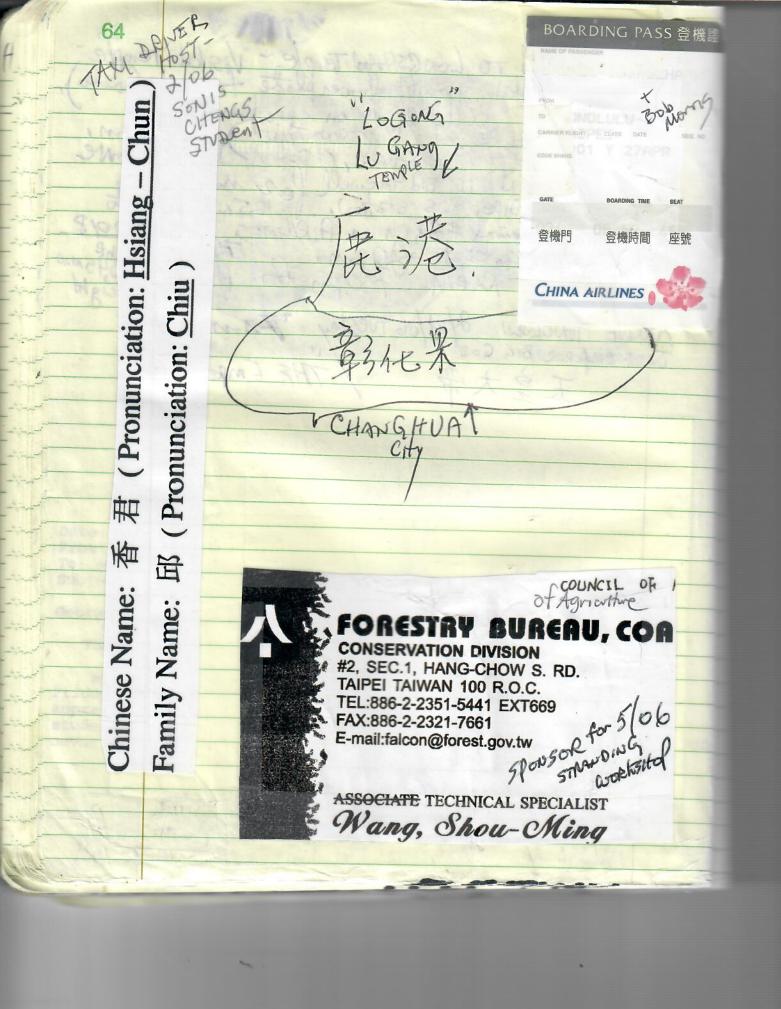
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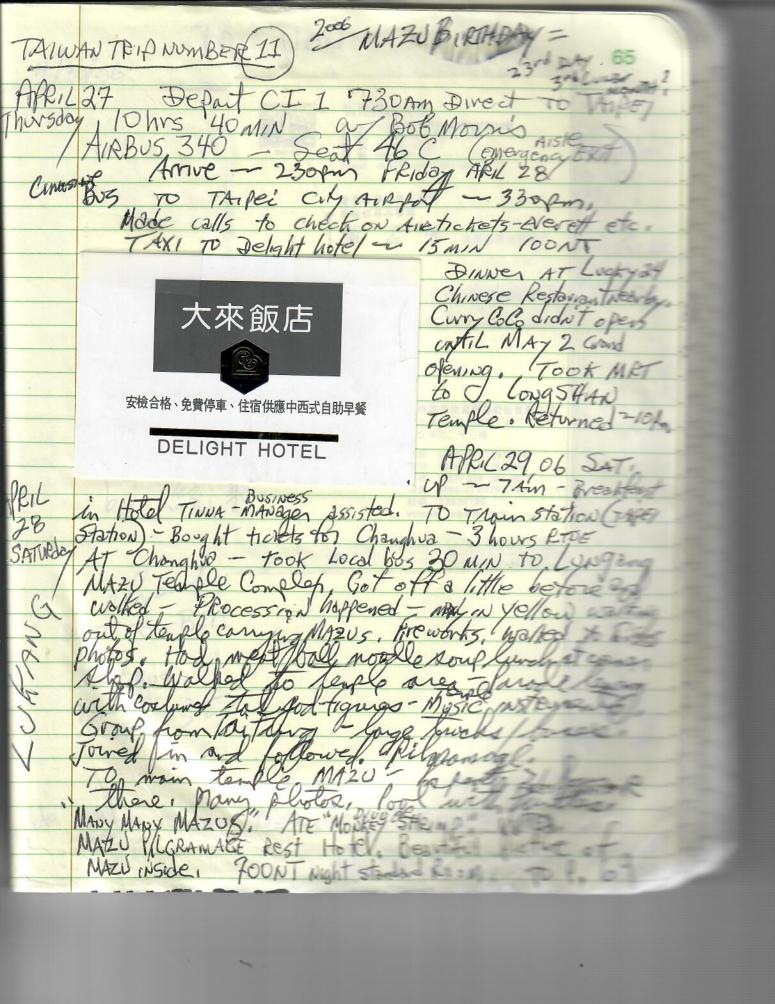
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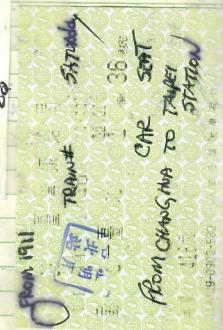
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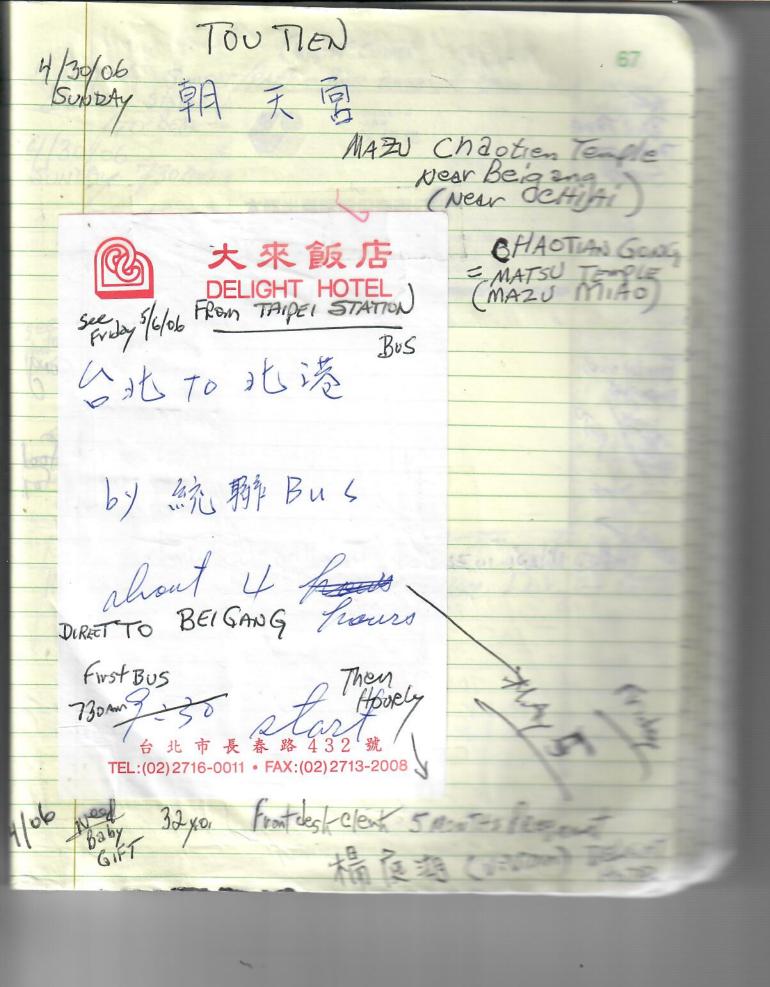
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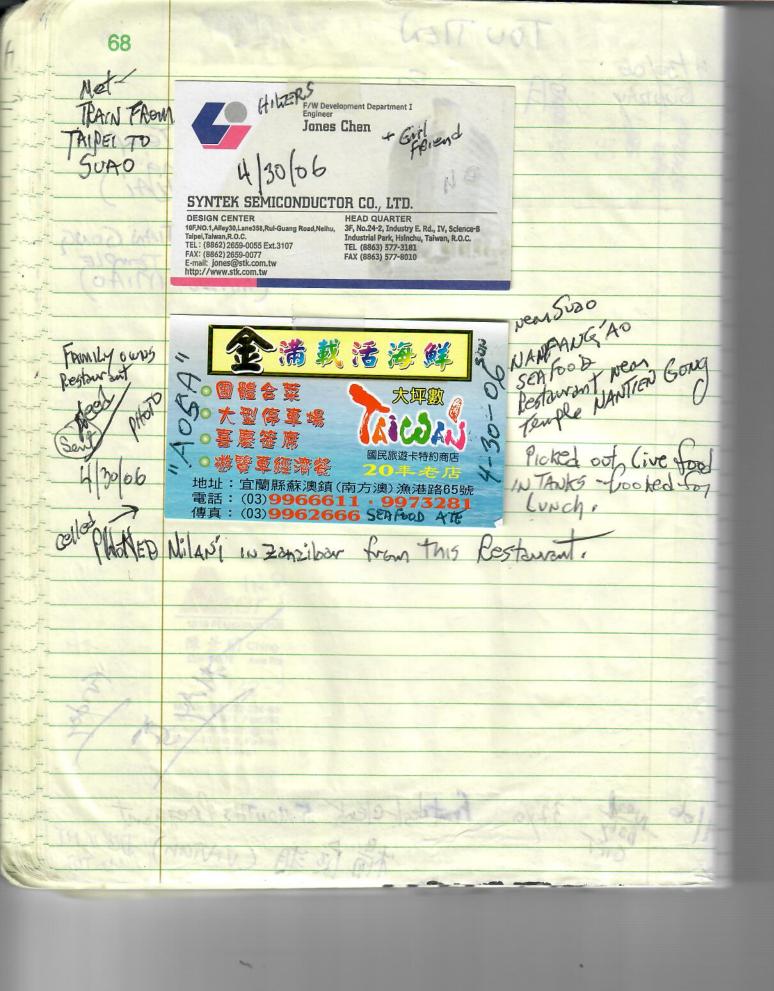


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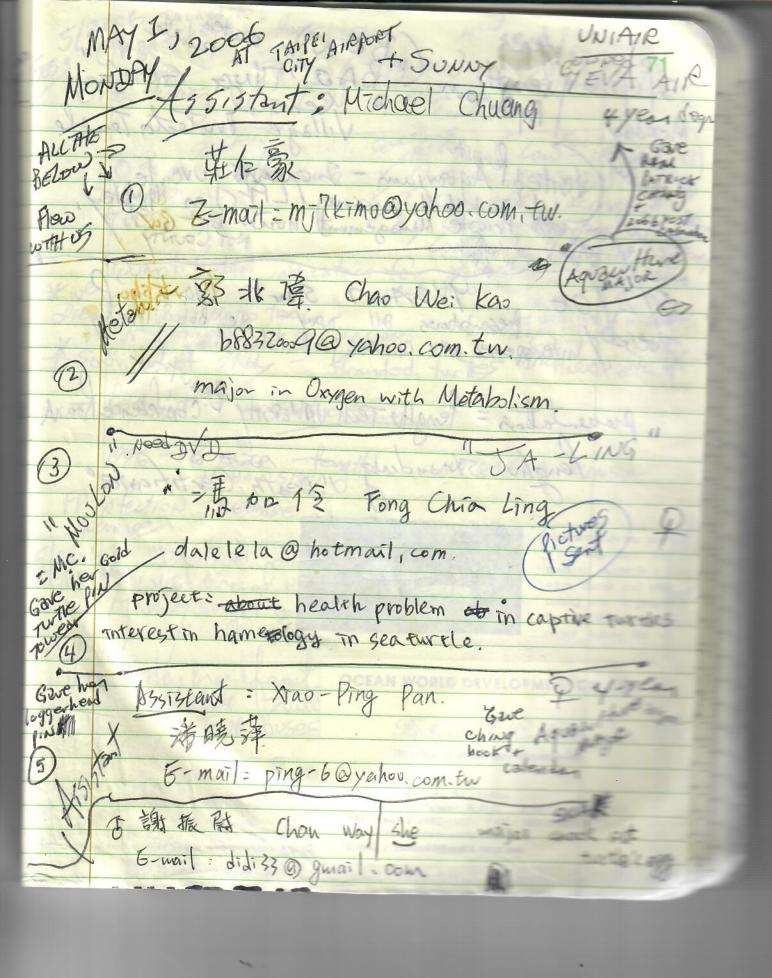


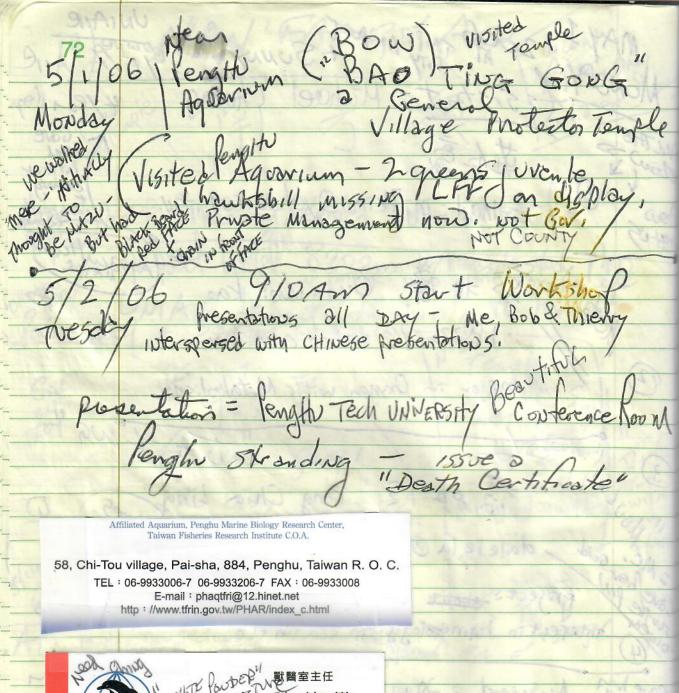


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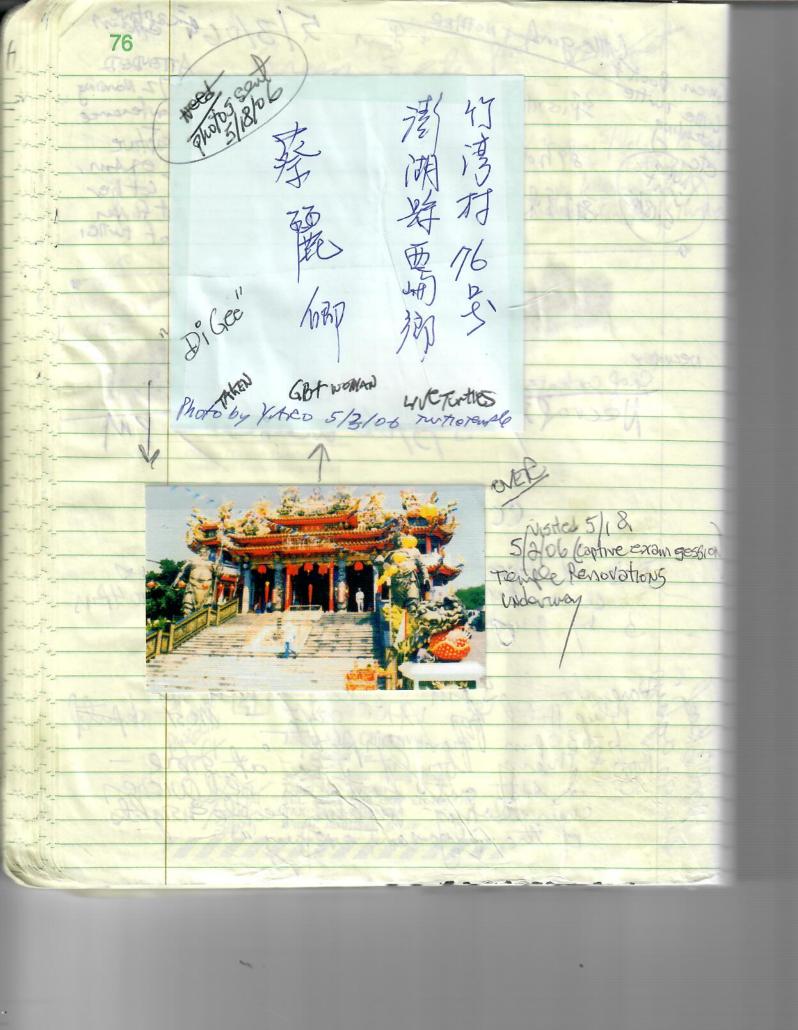




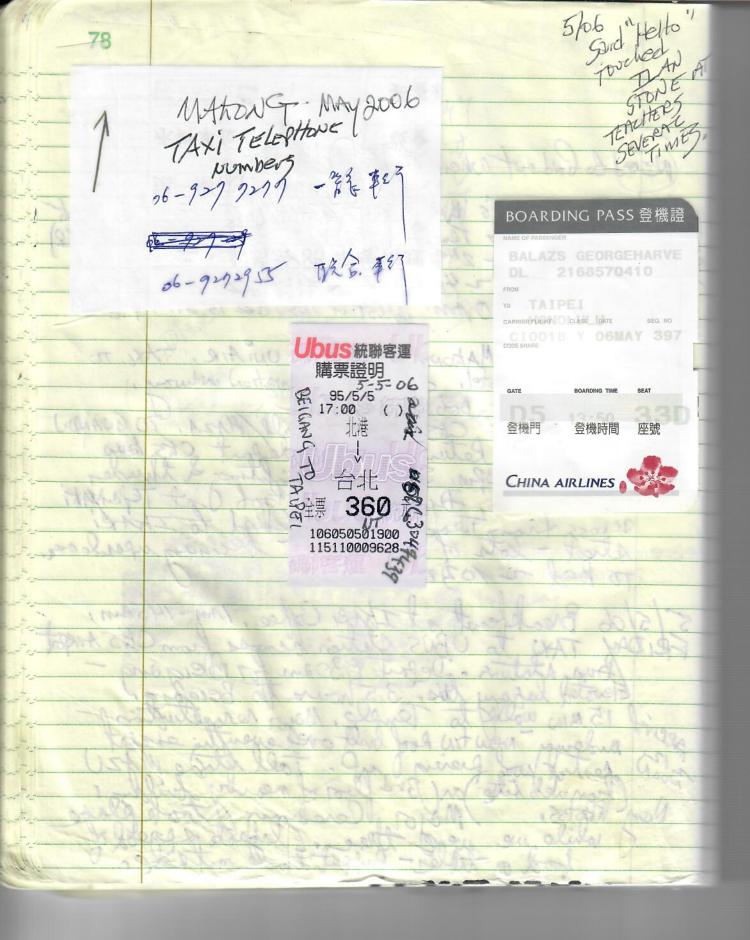
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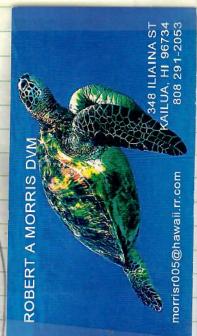
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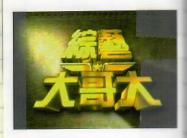
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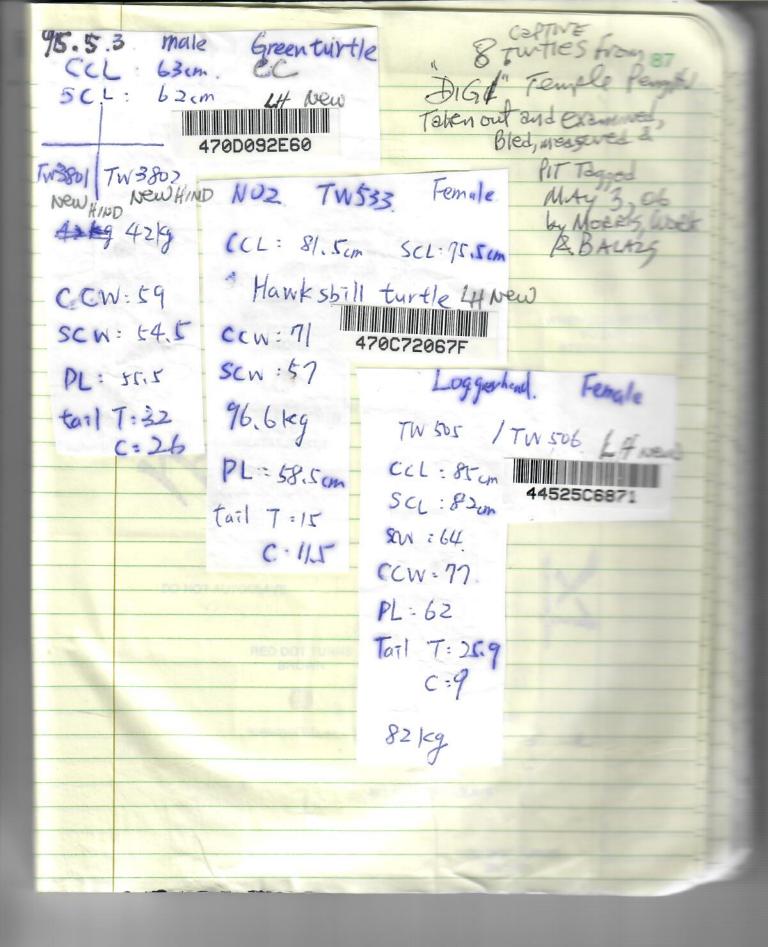
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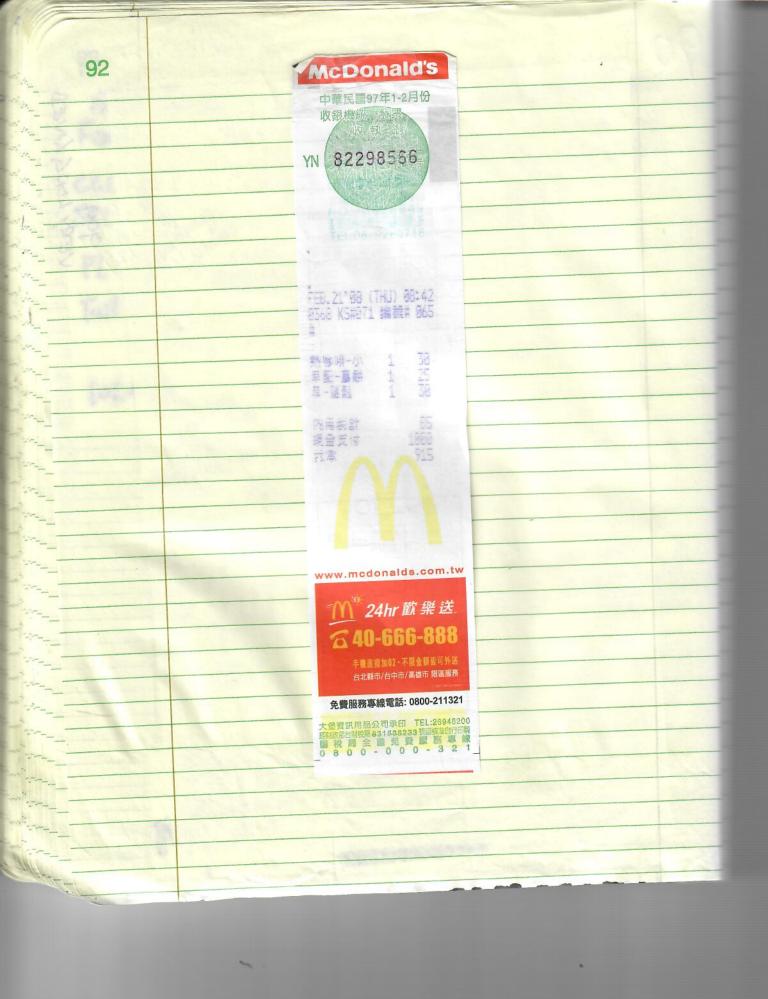
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International Workshop for Sea Turtle Stranding and Necropsy in Taiwan

Close to a hundred experts and scholars to checkup the sea turtles at Ta-yi Temple and demonstrate necropsy techniques at the Aquarium

Su Wen-chang, Staff Reporter May 3, 2006

The "International Workshop for Sea Turtle Stranding and Necropsy in Taiwan" was held yesterday morning at the National Penghu University International Conference Hall. Participating experts and scholars hoped that awareness promotion would boost local conservation efforts and help minimize deaths to sea turtles in Penghu, thus making Penghu the best habitat and conservation center for sea turtles worldwide.

The workshop was jointly organized by the Penghu County Government, National Taiwan Ocean University, Forestry Bureau under the Council of Agriculture, and the Fisheries Agency under the Council of Agriculture. Prof. I-Jiunn Cheng from the National Taiwan Ocean University, Prof. George H. Balazs from the University of Hawaii, Dr. Robert A. Morris, and Dr. Thierry M. Work, along with National Penghu University president Lin Hui-cheng, Agriculture and Fisheries Bureau director Hu Liu-tsong, and more than 100 representatives from local and foreign conservation organizations, took part in the workshop and the avid discussions.

Prof. I-Jiunn Cheng, the first speaker, started the workshop by explaining to the audience the types of sea turtles found in Taiwan and their current situation. For its part, the Agriculture and Fisheries Bureau discussed the current rescue and rehabilitation procedures that are in place. Kuo Jen-cheng, head of the Penghu County Livestock Disease Control Center, discussed the treatment case report and pathological research of stranded sea turtles in Penghu from 1997 to 2005, so as to enable the audience to discuss and exchange views on the current problems.

Penghu has established a sea turtle rehabilitation center to provide immediate and best possing care of injured sea turtles 24 hours a day. As a result, sea turtles strong enough after treatment can released. Although the participants gave credit to the comprehensive rescue and rehabilitation mechanism established by the center, they agreed that the promotion of conservation is a never-ending process.

After the first day of discussion, the close to 100 participating scholars and experts plan to proceed to Ta-yi Temple today to check on the health of the sea turtles kept at the temple. In the afternoon, the experts will demonstrate necropsy techniques at the Aquarium, after which the two-day workshop will come to a conclusion.

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Sea turtle conservation, establishment of different conservation channels, more conservations legislation, establishment of relevant regional and trans-national conservation development of conservation personnel are all critical to the sea turtle conservation

In particular, Wang-an Island in Penghu is where sea turtles arrive to nest from Management each year. Since the island is well known in Taiwan and internationally as a major sessing conservation is thus the responsibility of both the county government and the local

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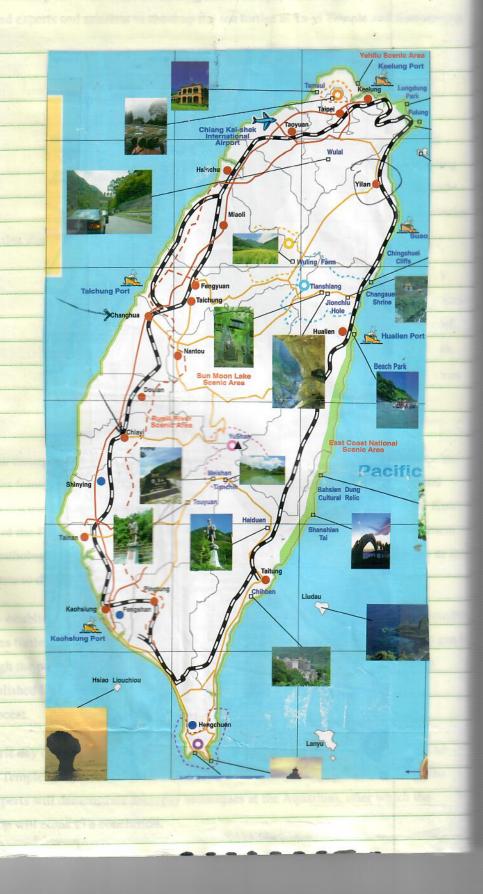
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Hong Kong seizes, then frees temple's magic turtle

They totally insulted my religion.' says one of thousands of worshippers

thousands of worshippers to a temple ONG KONG — Authorities have freed an endangered sea turtle that drew L on a fishing boat.

cal and protective powers. The reptile later was released into the sea, Agriculture and Fisheries Government officials confiscated the green where it was worshipped for its supposed magisea turtle last week from the temple of Tin Hau, Department spokesman Peter Hung said.

Sea, accused the government of insensitivity. "They totally insulted my religion," said Le-Worshippers of Tin Hau, or the Goddess of the

ung Yau, who runs the floating temple on a remodeled boat moored at a typhoon shelter.

Fishermen caught the baby turtle four years ago and decided to raise it. They soon discovered it had special powers and brought it to the temple, Leung said.

"Before a typhoon or bad weather, it would flip its flippers furiously and make us all wet, as "The turtle belongs to Tin Hau and was given to if it was warning us not to go to the sea," he said.

More than 100,000 people visited the temple each year to pat the turtle and throw coins into its tank for good luck, he said. us to protect us."

Leung said he had planned to pick an auspicious day this fall to release the creature, after

performing religious rituals to thank the sea

government's action "had nothing to do with religion. We were trying to conserve a highly endangered species, and everything was done in The Agriculture Department's Hung said the accordance with the law," he said.

Authorities may press charges against Leung for illegal possession of a protected animal and animal cruelty, Hung said.

ship some kind of Chinese deity. Turtles are revered for their magical powers and as a sign of Most of Hong Kong's 6.8 million residents worlongevity, and turtle shells are sometimes used in fortunetelling.

The government confiscated 16 dead sea turtles from religious establishments last year, Hung said. February 12, 2006



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Tourists are wondering: Who let the ghosts out?

BY GAVIN PHIPPS.
STAFF REPORTER
From next Monday the streets, parks and temples of Keelung will be the center of attention

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"The event is one of the key events in the

religious calendar and speals to the hearts of all Chuese religious practitioners," said Mark Cal-tonhill, author of Private Prayers and Public Paradas, "I stilkes a chord with the beliefs of people from three prominent

The Keelung Ghost Festival includes pageantry, tradition and color:

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Japan, China show opposing 'national characters'

TOKYO >> Of all languages in the world, Japanese is the only one that has an entirely differone that has an entitle difference of the transfer of written characters to express, foreign words and names. Just seeing these characters automatically tells the Japanese that they are dealing with something or someone

with something or someone non-lapanese. So foreign names, from George Bush to Saddam Hussein, are depicted in these characters, called katakana. What's more, the names of foreign citizens of Japanese ancestry also are written in this set of characters, indicating that while they may have Japanese names, they are not ... well, not really Japanese.

are not ... well, not really Japanese.
By contrast, in China, no such distinction is made. There, non-Chinese names are depicted, sometimes with great difficulty, entirely in Chinese characters. Foreigners are, in effect, made Chinese.
At bottom, the differences relect each country's diverging world view. In contrast to the inner-looking Island nation of Japan, China has traditionally viewed itself as the Middle Kingdom of its name, the center viewed itself as the Middle Kingdom of its name, the center of the world. If it is natural for Japan to identify things or people as foreign, viewing them with some degree of caution, it may be equally natural for China to take "Oca-Cola" or "George Bush," and find the most suitable Chinese characters to express them.

IN JAPAN, the rigid division between the inside and outside in the language underscores this country's enduring ambivalence toward the non-Japanese. The contrast with China is The contrast with Unina is stark, and speaks also to the future prospects of Asia's two economic giants as they compete for influence in a world of increasingly fluid borders.

While today's Japanese travel overseas with an ease and confidence that would have been



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unimaginable oally two generations ago, they remain uneasy about foreign things and people coming here. Safer to label them clearly as foreign.

Not so Chia.

"China is a big continent and has an inclination to think that it is No. 1 and that others are uncivilized," said Minoru Shibata, a researcher at NHK, Japan's public broadcast network. "Therefore, they feel that giving Chinese names to foreigners is doing them a favor."

China and Japan represent the two nations that still widely use Chinese characters in their writing. The Chinese, as the creators of this system, still use them exclusively.

Come to Japan, and things

get complicated. In their every-day lives, the Japanese use three different sets of characters in writing — four if the widely used Roman alphabet is included.

First are the Chinese characters, called Ranji here. Japanese names are written in kanji. Currently, the number of kanji permitted for names stands at 2,239, and selecting a character outside this list is illegal. Parents have been pressing for an expanded list, though, and so the justice ministry said recently that it is considering adding between 500 and 1,000 characters.

Second is a set of phonetic characters used for Japanese words. Third are the language.

the set of phonetic characters for foreign words.

"There is no other language that has three sets of charac-ters—only Japanese," said Mu-turo Kai, president of the National Institute for Japanese Language.

National institute for Japanese Language.

In the United States, parents' freedom to name their children may be absolute. In Japan, the government and the media set the boundaries of names and the way they are written, thereby also setting the boundaries of Japanese identify.

In the media, the names of George Bush and Saddam Husasin are written in the characters reserved for foreign names. But so are the names of people of Japanese ancestry, like Al-

berto Fujimori, Peru's deposed president, or Kazuo Ishiguro, the author of "Remains of the Day," who left Japan at the age of 5 and is a British citizen. Their names could be written in kanji, but are instead written in katakana, in an established custom indicating that they are not truly Japanese.

THE DISTINCTIONS are some-times difficult to draw, as they touch upon the difficult ques-tion of who is Japanese or, rather, when does someone stop being Japanese. Il shiguro had kept his Japanese cilizen-ship all these years, would his name be written differently here?. Why is the name of Mr. Fujimori, who holds Japanese

citizenship and now lives in exile in Japan, not written in kanji
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Or, in this island nation where leaving Japan has always meant leaving the village, does one start becoming non-Japanese the minute one steps off Japanese business families stationed overseas for a few years invariably encounter problems returning to Japan. Schoolmates pick on them and call them "gaijim," meaning fordigner or outsider. That problem has decreased in recent years, as more and more Japanese have spent time abroad. But those children are still considered to have suffered from their years oversay, in contrast to, say, an American child whose experience living abroad would be considered a plus.

CHINESE IDENTITY is a difference of the contrast to, say, an difference of the considered a plus.

CHINESE IDENTITY is a differ-ent matter. Whether you are a fourth-generation Chinese-American student at Berkeley or the children of Chinese oper ating a restaurant in Lagos, Nigeria, you are considered Chi-nese, or an insider, upon re-turning to China. Your name will be written in the same way as everybody else's. Unlike Japan's, Chinese identity tran-

Japan's, Chinese identity transcends borders.

"Chinese people have a strong feeling of comradeship toward overseas Chinese," said Naokazu Hiruma, who is in charge of language use at the daily Asahi Silvenseas Chinese ide in China. "Overseas Chinese the company of the company ied in China. "Overseas Chinese have a long tradition, and they remain Chinese even after gen-erations have passed. Japanese regard second- or third-genera-tion overseas Japanese, even though they are of Japanese ori-gin, as 'people from that coun-try over there." Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2003 08:59:57 +0800 From: B0107@ntou.edu.tw To: gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu Subject: RE: Well, looks like...

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Dear George:

Well, I have heard a lot of ghost stories on the beaches we worked for 11 years. Every year, I sent the people out during the ghost month, and no one has ever been hurt. As a matter of fact, you have been there many times during the ghost month. The local people told us that the ghost will protect us (and will not let us see them) because we are doing good things on the island. Thus, nothing should be worry about. I'll tell you more stories when you gets here. As long as you have done nothing wrong, the only sounds you heard on the beach are wind, tide, turtle crawling and human talking.

Regards,

I-Jiunn

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There are only 4 turtles this year. But, yes I am going to doing 2 PTT work. The turtles will be looking strange with two machines on the back.

Dear George:

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Nothing is too crazy in China as long as you believe it. However, the real goodies in Chinese culture are bury within the ancient articles that takes years to understand.

Regards,

I-Jiunn

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THE RISING EAST

· Richard Halloran

CAREFUL READING of Taiwhich was published several days ago without attracting much attention, turns up subtle but revealing changes in the evolution of wan's Defense Report 2002 that nation's armed forces.

In marked contrast to their role under the Nationalist Party, or Kuomintang, Taiwan's armed forces today are expected to pledge their allegiance to the nation, to accept civilian control and remain politically neutral, and to seek transparency before the citizens of Taiwan and the world.

The Defense Report, issued by Minister of Defense Tang Yiau-ming, a former general and chief of the general by the principles of democracy," "to pledge loyalty to the nation and care for the people," and to "remain neutral staff, calls on the armed forces "to live

The portion of secret provisions in racy in recent years, the Defense Report asserts that the military budget, which is the basic document setting out military strategy and policy, must that document has dropped to 18 percent from 61 percent 10 years ago, the "satisfy the people's right to know." report says.

Bush administration, which has been more supportive of Talwan than any years, has encouraged that spending mainland China 120 miles away across ON A MORE traditional note, the defense report included a plea for the threat of invasion from China. The American administration in the last 30 to deter the growing military power of greater military spending to ward off the Taiwan Strait.

Military spending took 48 percent of has plummeted since then and is down the government's budget in 1989, but to 18 percent this year.

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Talwanese military officers display weapons to reporters in a new effort toward openness about the military's budget, policy and strategy. 1895 after Japan had defeated China in a war. The Nationalists, however, acted more like a conquering than a glance to the nation or, in the case of Moreover, Talwan's armed forces the United States, to the Constitution.

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His son, Chiang Ching-kuo, who be-came president in 1978, began easing Taiwan toward a less autocratic

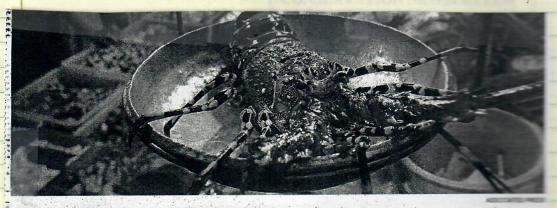
regime, lifting martial law in 1987. After he died in 1988, Vice President Lee succeeded to the presidency and had civilian control over the armed forces adopted new laws providing for better Feng-hui, a native-born Taiwanese in 2000, just before he left office.

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A lobster hangs in a scale waiting to be cooked, as patrons choose their food from outdoor display bins in front of a restaurant on Chichin island, in front of Kaoshiung Harbor, 217 miles south of Taipei.

Seafood is serious business in southern Taiwan 8-11-02

By William Ide

KAOHSIUNG, Taiwan >> The clawing crabs and flopping fish inside the glass tanks stacked as high as televisions at an appliance store look like they're part of a low-budget, roadside aquarium show.

But the swimming critters aren't there to be looked at. They're there to be eaten fried in garlic, smothered in tangy red sauce, steamed with green scallions or almost any other way you prefer.

This is southern Taiwan, where eating seafood is an extremely serious business. The only way any respectable Taiwanese would do it is by plucking it from the water while it's still flipping and cook it quick.

Kaohsiung, Taiwan's secondlargest city, is a great place to try out the tradition.

And on Chichin island - a narrow strip of land that stretches for seven miles in front of Kaohsiung Harbor - it doesn't get much cheaper. Most dishes go for as little as \$2.90 a plate.

A harbor ferry sails to the island, and seafood restaurants line the main strip. The sound of restaurant owners yelling "Fresh seafood!" to potential customers mixes with the noise of passing motorbikes and chattering diners.

If you go ...

Getting there: The best way to get to Kaohsiung is by plane, which only takes an hour from the capital, Taipei. There are hourly flights. A one-way ticket costs about \$60.

Chichin: To get to Chichin island and sample some seafood, take the ferry from Kushan Pier, which departs every five to 10 minutes. If you've rented a motorbike, there's room on the lower deck of the boat to take your rental over to the island. On the 'Net:

Kaohsiung city government: www.kcg.gov.tw/english Kaohsiung Grandma's Shaved Ice store: www.lahi.cc/popo

To tempt the palates of customers even more, the restaurateurs rattle off ways the seafood can be prepared: fried, barbecued, steamed, stir-fried and braised.

If you like seafood raw, no problem. Try some sashimi.

Spread out on a wide steel table and resting atop small cubes of ice, the selection is wide - maybe more than most would want. There are oysters, mussels, red fish, squid, shrimp, seaweed, sea cucumbers, fish heads of all shapes and sizes, as well as innards and ovaries.

Although it's one of the priciest catches, the lobster is exceptionally good. While in Maine, eat it with butter. But in Taiwan, be adventurous and try it boiled with tofu in miso -Japanese-style soybean soup.

The red braised scallops are also tasty, as is the fried red gurnard dipped in flour. The fish is known for its red color, wide winglike fins and flat face. In Taiwan it's called "hong niang" - which means matchmaker in Chinese.

Topped off with a plate of stir-fried spinach and garlic, the small feast cost a little over \$30 and was enough to feed three people.

To walk off a big meal, stroll down Chichin's main drag and visit Tienhou Palace, part of the island's rich blend of the old and new.

The small temple has long sweeping eaves and is dedicated to the sea goddess Matsu, the patron saint of fishermen. Built in 1691, Tienhou Temple is one of more than 500 temples in Taiwan that were dedicated to Matsu

It was one of the earliest built in Kaohsiung, when fishing was still the main industry, instead of shipping. Today, the harbor is the third-largest container

port in the world.

At night the temple saves are lit up like a Christmas tree ing the island a carrival-like asmosphere. Not far off from the temple, children sit on med. The and purple plastic chairs planing a makeshift werslow of the Japanese pinball game called pachinko.

An old man strolls with the grandson. A cigarette danse from his lips while the silmen of the young boy at his squeak, squeak, squeak.

To get some desert, take the ferry back to the other side of the harbor and head to Tescheng district, one of the offers oldest stomping grounds and best places to cool off. When the afternoon heat begins to score head to Kaohsiung Granden Shaved Ice store on Seven Seven Road — "Chihsien La" mese — and try one of Talent favorite heat-buster shaved ice topped with item

The deserts called "made which means ice in Warner are sold in Yencheng discount near the entrance to the and city's popular and

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hexagonal and multifaceted rock pillars that can be seen around Penghu and its islands. Erosion by the sea and the effect of geological movement have created pillars of different heights and in various shapes and sizes.

Many of Penghu's islands are uninhabited or are small coral atolls. The islands are mostly flat with no high mountains or hills, and few have any natural rivers. The coastline of Penghu is varied, however, and there are numerous islets of different sizes and coral reefs. The topography is slanted on a north-south axis with higher elevations being found in the south. Apart from a small handful of areas that are covered in a thin layer of dark-red earth, the upper regions of other areas have been covered in a fine yellowish-brown sand created by the wind erosion of the basalt. The coastal areas of most of the islands are composed of precipitous columnar basalt cliffs, but some have beaches that are mainly white sand made up of layers of finely ground, broken coral. The development of coral reefs on the neighbouring seabed is good and coral is distributed over a relatively large area and forms a fringing reef topography.

The Penghu Basalt Nature Reserve is located approximately north-east of the main island of Penghu and south-east of Bird Island (Niaoyu). The elevation of the reserve is from zero to 30 meters above sea level. The annual mean temperature is 22.3 °C. Precipitation is scarce, with annual rainfall reaching only around 1,000 mm. As the islands are located within the area affected by seasonal monsoon winds, strong

Penghu Basalt Nature Reserve

Introduction to Taiwan's Nature Reserves

The Penghu archipelago, also known as the Pescadores, is located in the middle of the Taiwan Strait between the main island of Taiwan and Mainland China. Comprising 64 islands and islets stretching along the Tropic of Cancer, the Penghu archipelago is one of three major volcanic island groups in Taiwan. The geology of the islands is mostly volcanic rock like basalt. Lava from underwater volcances shrank and hardened into rows of tall columnar formations as it spurted out of the earth and was rapidly quenched by seawater. This rapidly quenched lava formed the spectacular

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seasonal winds are one of the main features of Penghu.

The reserve is situated at the point where the Kuroshio (Japan Current), the South China Sea monsoon flow and tidal currents meet. The surrounding ocean provides habitat to an abundance of fish and other marine resources. Large numbers of seabirds inhabit and breed in the reserve, creating a unique natural spectacle. Most of the bird species in the reserve are winter migrants or transients including large numbers from the Scolopacidae, Charadriidae, subfamily Turdinae and Sylviinae families, all of which have been recorded in the reserve. The most commonly seen bird species are Tringa Brevipes, Acrocephalus orientalis, Hirundo rustica and others. Summer migrants are mostly Sterna sumatrana and Sterna anaethetus, followed by Sterna albifrons and Sterna dougallii. Bird species that are known to breed in the reserve include Sterna anaethetus, Sterna sumatrana and Egretta sacra, among others. Most of these species build their nests and breed in the columnar basalt cliffs. They can be seen at the reserve until August and September each year before they continue their migration.

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELIGION

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Taiwan practices freedom of religion, generously accepting foreign religious ideas while honoring traditional beliefs: even within the same family, it is common for different faiths to exist. As a result, Taipei has welcomed the development of many different religions.

Traditional Chinese religions include Buddhism, Taoism, and folk beliefs. Taoism is indigenous to China, while Buddhism was introduced from India. Taoists and Buddhists originally worshipped separately in Taiwan, but during the period of Japanese occupation (1895-1945) Taoists were singled out for severe persecution and began worshipping their deities secretly in Buddhist temples. By the time Taiwan was returned to Chinese administration at the end of World War ¢°, the two religions had blended together; while a few temples today are purely Buddhist, most Taiwanese continue worshipping a variety of Buddhist, Taoist, and folk deities in a single temple.

Many of these deities once lived as mortals and were given divine status because of their special virtues or contributions. One prominent example of this is Kuan Kung, who was a famous general during the Three Kingdoms period more than 1,500 years ago and is now revered as the God of War. The most famous example, however, is Confucius, who lived 2,500 years ago and was first enshrined by Emperor Yuan of the Western Han, who reigned 48-33 B.C. The Sage is honored to dying many temples throughout Taiwan.

Christianity was brought to Taiwan in the early 17th century by Spanish and Dutch missionaries. A number of Presbyterian missions were founded in early times, including the Panhsi Church of Tataocheng (today known as Tachiao Church) in 1874 and Manka Church in 1884; during the Japanese occupation period, the Chungshan Presbyterian Church, Chinan Church, and Chengchung Church were established.

Numerous other religions took hold in Taiwan in the atmosphere of religious freedom that followed retrocession; in addition to the Chinese religions and Christianity, Taiwan today also has followers of Bahaism, Islam, and Tienlichiao (from Japan), among others.







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I nside Taiwan's temples, you can frequently see rituals being performed to see help from the gods. When devotees have a favor to ask they mentally repeat their name, birth date, address, and the question or favor they want to ask. Then they drop two crescent-shaped divining blocks, made of wood or bamboo, onto



the floor. When one block lands convex side up and the other flat side up, the answer is positive or the omen good. If both land convex side up, the answer is negative or the omen bad. If both land with the flat side up, the answer or omen is neutral and the supplicant has to try again.

Another way to seek diving guidance in Taiwan's temples is by drawing lots, or oracles. A large number of bamboo strips with numbers written on them are placed in a cylindrical container with the top open. The container is shaken, and the strip which protrudes the farthest is indeed the right strip; if they give a positive reply three times in a row, the supplicant chooses an oracle, according to the number on the bamboo strip, that is written on a piece of paper. Many of the oracles are vague in meaning, and larger temples have specialists available to help interpret them.

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Wanhua (Manka)

Lungshan Temple (211 Kuangchou Street)

Manka, now known as the Wanhua district, is the first part of Taipei to be developed. It is also the site of the city's oldest temple, Lungshan Temple, which serves as a center of social activity as well as worship for local residents.

An interesting legend relates the temple's origin. It is said that a man once left a Kuanyin (Goddess of Mercy) amulet hanging on a tree, and when night fell the amulet began giving off a brilliant light. The people of the neighborhood soon discovered that the charm had the power to grant wishes, and they naturally wanted to build a temple for the goddess. Construction on the site where the charm was found began in 1738, and the temple was completed two years later. Numerous renovations have taken place during the more than 250 years since then. The temple is laid out in the shape of a square within a square.

The unevenly cut stones that pave the temple's courtyard have their own history. In the old days, the Taiwan Straits were known as the "Blackwater Channel" because of their rough and perilous nature. To help stabilize their ships, immigrants from Fukien province used slabs of stone as ballast; it is these same stone slabs that now pave parts of the courtyard in front of Lungshan Temple.

Chingshan Temple (218 Kueiyang Street, Sec. 2) Built in 1854, this temples is home to the god King Chingshan.

According to legend, fishermen from Huian in mainland China brought the god's image to Taiwan; when they carried it past Old Street (today's Hsiyuan Road) they suddenly found themselves brought to a halt; the god refused to move any further. Throwing the oracle blocks to find out what the matter was, the god's

devotees discovered that he wanted to stay there - and that is where they built the temple. An epidemic was raging at the time, but prayers to King Chingshan were sure to bring a recovery. thus the god's grateful devotees increased, and they contributed money to build a new temple - the one that exists today.

The celebration marking the birthday of King Chingshan is held on the 22nd day of the 10th lunar month. On that day all of the other temples in the area also celebrate the occasion, helping make it one of the most interesting festivals in Manka.

Chingshui Temple (81 Kangting Rd)

This temple, also known as the Divine Progenitors Temple, was constructed in 1787 when seven images of Divine Progenitors were brought over by immigrants from Anhsi. The most powerful of these was believed to be the Pengla Dinne Progenitor, also called the "Nose-Dropping Divine Progenitor." Legend has it that when a disaster was about to happen the nose of this image would fall off as a warring to the described and would resume its position only after the calamity was one

Chingshui Temple's long history is reflected in its decoration. the entrance of the temple, there is a pair of large drager plans in front of the central doors of the front court the treatment of on both sides of the outer wall date back to the TEST seemen and early 19th century, making them the oldest pieces of an intemple. There are also inscriptions of Ching dynamy periods of the beams, stone walls, and drawn here Chingshul mple has been called the most characteristics. example of mid-Ching temple architecture.

Tataocheng

Hsiahai City God Temple (61 Tihua Street, Sec. 1)

In 1853, a fierce brawl erupted among immigration areas of Fukien province in mainland China, and the more and from Tungan county were defeated. Snatching the place image of the Hsiahai City God from the flame of battle. Tataocheng; there in 1959, they built the Hall the Good Temple, which has since become the center of worstoon this

This temple is not particularly large, but it is unusually packed with worshippers; it has never been expended, and has retained its original appearance for more than 100 years. Inside numerous images of deities are arrayed on steps. The central niche is occupied by the City God, a local delty who presides over and protects the people in his particular area; he maintains accounts of the good and evil done by mortals, and keeps track of the movements of souls and demons in the underworld. This capacity inclines believers toward good thoughts, and fear of punishment keeps them from doing evil.

The birthday of the Hsiahai City God is celebrated on the 13th day of the fifth lunar month. On this day, devotees organize all kinds of processions and ceremonies to greet visiting delties and to express their gratitude to the City God for his diving help. This is the biggest and most boisterous temple celebration in

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Taiwan offers great hiking and hot springs

By Annie Huang

TAIAN, Taiwan >> The mountains in central Taiwan offer two of the island's greatest plea-sures: walking trails through lush forests and hot springs that soothe a hiker's weary

One of the newest hiking areas is the town of Taian (pro-nounced TAI-ahn) in Miaoli County, located in the valley of a mountain range. The area became a top tourist destination with the recent opening of several luxury hotels.

Taian is also one of the showcases of a growing tourism in-dustry that Taiwan hopes can make up for the decline of its once-booming manufacturing sector. Travelers to Taian are often

awed by the spectacular scenery along the 7-mile drive to the resort. The road follows the Wensui River, which winds through towering mountains.

The resort is built around a valley, where campers set up colorful tents on the white-sand bed of a clear creek.

Crossing a suspension bridge, one sees a hotel with its redroofed pavilions and scattered wood cabins, featuring Japanese-style hot spring pools partitioned by bamboo fences.

At the other side of the valley stand two new luxurious hotels that feature outdoor hot spring pools on a sloping hill.

One can lie leisurely in the simmering hot spring, warming up against the cool winter air while enjoying the mountain view or the star-studded sky on a clear night.

The traditional Japanese bath has been given a touch of modernity here by fun-loving

Unlike the Japanese, who dip naked in the hot spring, Taiwanese men and women wear bathing suits so they can hop from one pool to another, test-ing the plain hot springs or oth-



woman walked to the anchor of a wire bridge leading to the resort village in the mountains above Talan, in Miaoli County, central Taiwan.

If you go ...

Getting there: Many international airlines fly to Taiwan from the United States and Europe, including Northwest Airlines, United Airlines, KLM, Japan Airlines, Thai Airways, China Airlines and EVA Airways.

From Taipei it's a 90-minute train ride to downtown Miaoli. From there it's a half-hour bus ride to the town of Wensui. A taxi to the Taian resort costs about \$8.50.

Lodging: >> Hotel Sunrise (5 star): phone (037) 941-988

>> Hotel Chinshui (4 star): phone (037) 941-811.
>> Hotel Teng Long (budget): phone (037) 941-002.
Best time to go: Most moustains are open for hiking yearround except during the typhoon season, July-October. The est time for hot-spring bathing is November to March. in the Net: www.tbroc.gov.tw

ers scented with lavender or various Chinese herbs.

A favorite among children and adults alike is a spa pool where jets of hot spring water shoot at one's sore shoulders or pump out from the many holes

punched into plastic armchairs. Hot springs help one to relax, and many Taiwanese believe

they can heal arthritis. The great variety of the pools makes the bath a year-round business, even in the heat of the summer.

After a relaxing night, one car get up early to explore the many mountain trails that pass by wa terfalls and trees that are cen turies old.

A trail favored by hikers is Heng Long Trail, or Bu Dao. To get to the trail, climbers can follow a 3-mile paved path tha winds through bamboo foresti

and persimmon plants.

The trail is a 90-minute wall along a narrow path in a thicl forest of elm trees and bamboo.

After a few steep climbs ove mud steps reinforced by tree trunks or rocks, hikers reacl the top of the 5,280-foot Tens Long Mountain.

There, the laborious climb is rewarded with a spectacula view of the Snow Mountain Range to the north, with it snowcapped summit shin against the crystal blue sky.



*Tihua Street is the most historic and best preserved of Taipei's old streets. The buildings along this street feature traditional southern Fukien (Amoy), Western, modernist, and baroque arthictecture. Found here are Taiwan's largest wholesale and retail markets for fabrics, Chinese medicines, and drygoods. The best time for shopping here is in the afternoon.

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Paoan Temple (61 Hami Street) Located at the confluence of the Tamsui and Keelung Rivers, Talungtung developed very early. The center of worship here is Paoan Temple, built in 1805. This is a large temple, and its construction was difficult; in addition, all of the wood and stone materials -- and even the artisans -- had to be brought over from mainland China. For these reasons, the temple required a full quarter-century to complete.

This temple features the usual dragon pillars, and also a pair of stone lions that are not so usual. Normally, of the two lions (one male, one female) that guard a temple, the male has an open mouth and the female a closed mouth; there however, both have open mouths. It is said that they are not lions at all but a "humane beast" and a "law beast," stationed there as an appeal to respect the law and carry out good government.

In the middle of the bell tower, the Goddess of Birth, Chusheng Niang-niang, is enshrined. Flanking her are 12 female aids, each charged with assisting childbirths during a particular month. In the old agricultural society it was considered lucky to have many children and grandchildren, so women from far and near would come to worship her and appeal for sons - especially at the time of her birthday. They still do.

Confucian Temple (275 Talung Street)

The Taipei Confucian Temple is right across Talung Street. This temple honors one of the greatest philosophers and teachers of all time, Confucius, as well as other philosophers.

Confucius valued simplicity, and simplicity is the dominant characteristic of this temple. Here you see none of the densely rich decor of many other temples; even the usual stone lions are missing from the entrance. The columns, doors, and windows here are different also, in that they bear no inscriptions. This indicates, it is said, that nobody dares flaunt his literary prowess before the Master.

Nor are there any images in this temple. In ancient times, Confucian temples contained images of the Sage, but different craftsmen carved them in different likenesses. This lack of uniformity upset Emperor Tai Tsu (AD 1368-1398) of the Ming Dynasty, who decree that all new Confucian temples would from that point on only contain memorial tables and no images. Later on, during Emperor Shih Tsung's reign (1522-1586), it was decreed that all existing images of Confucius be replaced with memorial tablets. This rule is still followed today.

The birthday of Confucius is celebrated on the 28th of September in Taiwan; this is also observed as a national holiday in the name of Teacher's Day. Solemn ceremonies and ritual

dances (performed by students) are held in the temple at dawn on this date. After the ceremonies, many people rush to pluck "wisdom hairs" from the sacrificial ox.

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Hsingtien Temple (109 Minchuan E. Rd., Sec. 2) This very busy temple is devoted to Kuan Kung, a famous deified general who lived (AD 162-219) during the Three Kingdoms period. A man who valued loyalty and righteousness above all things, Kuan Kung is worshipped as the God of War, since he was adept at managing finances, he is also worshipped as he patron saint of businessmen.

This is a young temple, built in 1967, with a simple and dignified appearance. Many believers feel that this is a very efficacious temple, and it is frequently thronged with people praying for help and seeking divine guidance by consulting oracle blocks. Even the pedestrian underpass outside the temple is filled with fortune tellers and vendors who take commercial advantage of the emple's popularity.

warning of impending disaster.

Chihnan Temple (115 Wanshou Rd.)
This temple is known to foreigners as "the Temple of a Thousand Steps." This is no exaggeration -- there are actually around 1,200 stone steps up to the temple -- and there is a saying, "live an extra 20 seconds for each step you climb." If this is true, you can add more than six hours to your life by climbing all the steps.

Chihnan Temple sites on Monkey Mountain and, in addition to the steps, is accessible by a paved road. But the stone steps are worth a trip in themselves; they are flanked by rows of stone posts topped by stone lanterns that were donated by devotees during the period of Japanese occupation (1895-1945). After each hundred steps there is a landing where climbers can rest their weary feet.

Kuantu Temple (360 Chihhsing Rd.) Founded in 1661, this is the oldest Matsu (Goddess of the Sea) temple in northern Taiwan; its original name was "Lingshan (Mr. Ling) Temple," since it is located atop Mt. Ling. According to legend, in 1895 three old banyan trees standing at the temple's entrance died suddenly during the same night; local residents believed that this might have been a message from Matsu

Tzuyu Temple (761 Patch Rd., Sec. 4)
This temple, built in the mid-18th century, is the cradle of development of the Sungshan district. The story goes that a monk once roamed this area, carrying a gilded image of Matsu. Goddess of the Sea, as he begged for alms. One day a Hsikouth of the Sea, as he begged for alms. One day a Hsikouth of his district - the monk came upon a number of people, all Matsu believers from his old home. Together they planned construction of a temple to honor the goddess, and after raising funds for more than 10 years they were able to realize their dream. Construction started in 1753 and was completed in 1757.

A "Matsu Crossing the Censer" celebration is held at this tempeduring the fourth lunar month each year. This is a good time to observe a traditional temple celebration.



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Shantao Temple (23 Chunghsiao E. Rd., Sec. 1)

The Japanese introduced a number of schools of Buddhism during their 50-year occupation of Taiwan, but due to the language barrier these efforts were not particularly successful. This temple was established by the Pure Land School in 1935 (it was originally names the "Pure Land Mission"), and today is the largest of Taipei's seven most prominent Buddhist temples.



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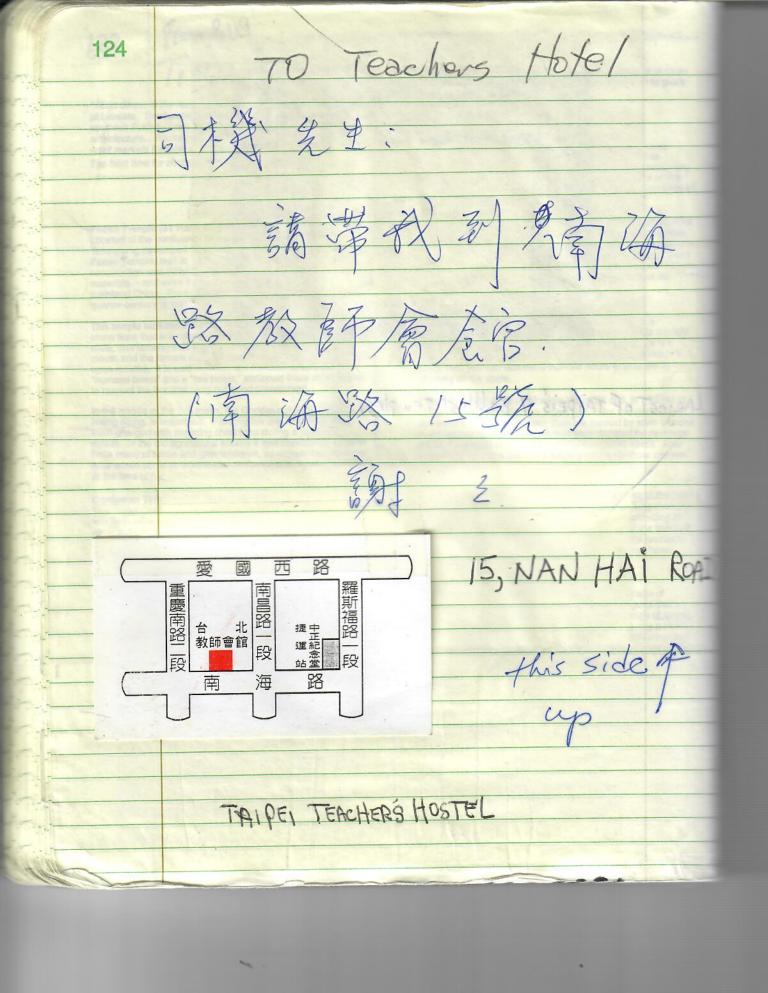
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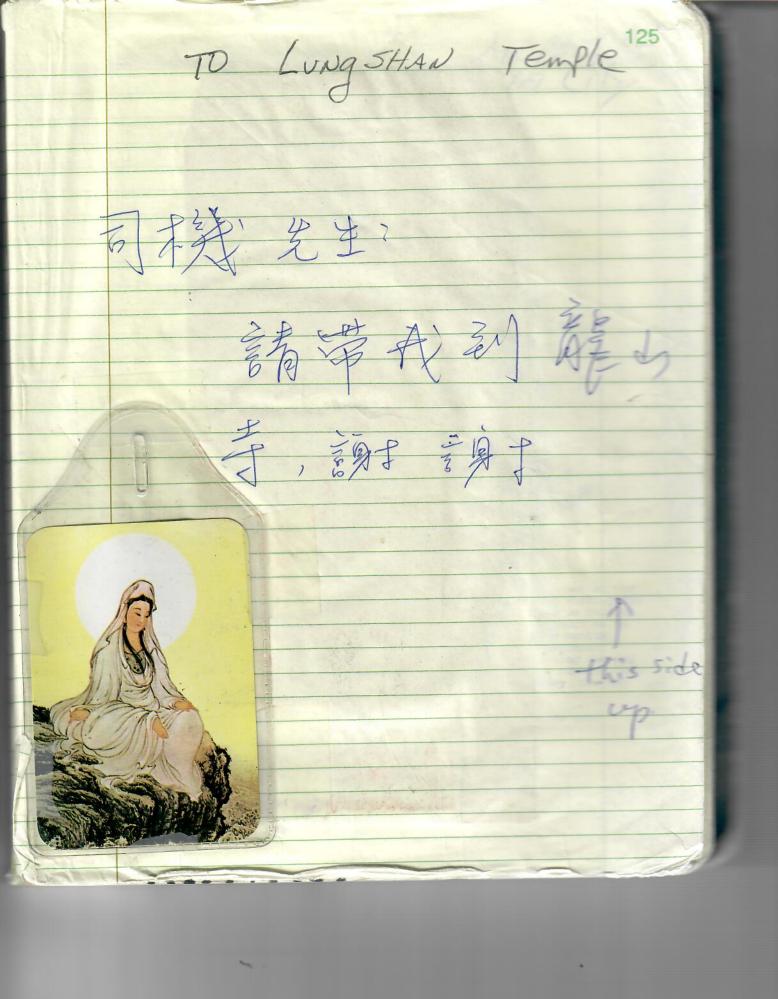
The religious life of Taiwan is extremely lively -- in contrast to the quieter temples found in mainland China where the Cultural Revolution destroyed much of the richness of China's culture.

-- Eric Trachtenberg



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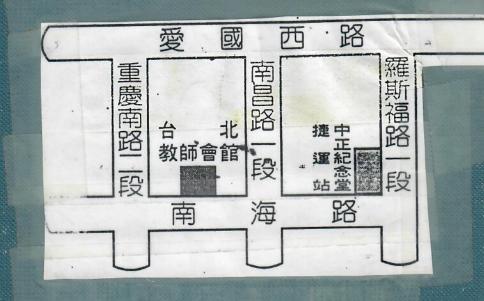






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