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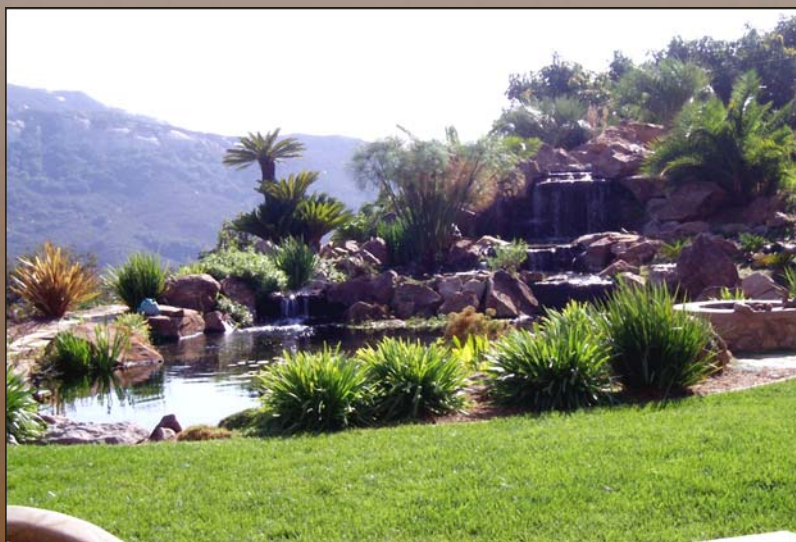


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**IKS General Sunday Meeting
January 25, 2009 - 2 - 5 pm**



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Happy New Year!

Last year ended with our fantastic Thanksgiving Feast at the home of Mac and Jill McClain. We had a turnout of 87 people and there was plenty of room for all of us in their spacious yard. Their new pond looked great and

the fish were happy. Mac gave an interesting talk explaining the trials and tribulations of getting the new pond to clear up; everything seemed to come together and the water cleared up just before the meeting. After everyone got tired of looking at koi, the McClains gave us a tour of their property so that we could check out the horses, chickens, and turkey. They didn't have the heart to kill the turkey, so the turkey we ate had to be store-bought.

Toba Fountains demonstrated their remote-controlled fountain that had been set up in the McClains' pond. It would be an interesting addition to almost any pond. The fountain was donated to our club to be raffled off in a special drawing, and was won by Nick Milfeld (some guys have all the luck!)

This was Gene Maingot's last meeting as president of IKS. Thanks for a great year Gene! It was a year filled with increased membership, well-attended meetings, and successful events. The only thing that went wrong all year was the disappearance of the Pond Tour sign that we hung on the Sixth Street overpass in Norco.

I'd also like to thank our hard-working board whose efforts keep this club running on all cylinders.

Speaking of work, I could use some help. I need one volunteer who will bring drinks to the (regular) meetings. I also need someone who will store the audio equipment and EZ-ups, and bring them to each meeting. Please call me, (951) 371-2223, if you would like to help.

The AKCA Seminar is in San Diego February 11-15. There is still time to sign up for it and join with all of our club members who will be attending this year. We always have a great time at these seminars and there is also the opportunity to learn something, too. Even better, because San Diego is so close, you don't have to go through airport security to get there!

We have a beautiful site for our first meeting of the year; it will be in Temecula at the home of Bob and Cheryl Alkema. Come and join us on January 25, enjoy the camaraderie of our club, and learn some more about your pond and koi. If you haven't sent in your 2009 membership renewal, please bring it with you.

See you at the meeting,

Mark

Mark Krakower, IKS 2009 President

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Bob and Cheryl Alkema are hosting the first meeting of the year for the Inland Koi Society. This is going to be a great meeting because it going to be fully packed with activities. In November 2006, If you remember, the Alkemas hosted more than 80 members in a fantastic Thanksgiving IKS meeting. That should be incentive enough if you were there, but they are welcoming us again to their incredible house, yard, and koi pond. In case it rains, Bob has an 1800 Sq. Ft. garage so we will be able to meet even if it rains.

Cheryl designed and decorated the house from top to bottom. She has a great eye for detail and color, but is very humble about it. The house is about 7500 Sq. Ft. They started this project by purchasing thirty-one acres. The place where the house was to sit had a huge granite boulder sitting right where the great room is located now. This twenty foot high boulder had to be blasted apart and pushed to the side of the property. The rocks were later used in landscaping and pond construction. Bob terraced eighteen acres and planted 2,500 Hass Avocado Trees. When the trees mature he hopes the orchard will pay for property taxes and expenses on the house. The view from their house is fantastic from any direction you look and usually crystal clear.

This is the start of a new year and their Christmas decorations have all be put away. The Alkemas hire the company which puts lights on the Mission Inn to do their home each year and the results were awesome. They had four Christmas trees placed inside their home, each with a different theme. The tree in the Great Room was 12 feet tall and I know the tree in the Entry was 10 feet tall. Cheryl annually takes pictures down and replaces the spaces with some Counted Cross Stitch pictures she has completed elegantly. The rest of the year, their home holds obvious decorations related to their favorite hobby's or interests.

Bob and Cheryl's pond starts with a three tiered waterfall, about twenty-feet high that cascades into a 13,000 gallon area with dimensions of 40' x 25' at the widest. It is 5 foot deep to 3 foot at the shallowest part. The pond has two 3" bottom drains and a 4" skimmer that go to two ¾ h.p. Dragon Pumps. One pump runs 24/7 and the other runs 12 hours a day. A 400 watt Aqua U. V. keeps the water clear of algae. The original idea was a water garden and they were given some goldfish. Then Bob saw two Sanke at California Koi and decided to give them to Cheryl for Christmas that year. Koi-fever took hold... Their pond is really beautiful and viewable from many rooms in the house, especially from the Great Room. The Alkemas have a nice selection of Kohaku, Sanke, Shiro Utsuri, and Ochiba Shigure to name a few. At the last IKS meeting in November 2006. they had around 150 young Koi they gave away free to members who would take them. Wouldn't this be a great opportunity if those members brought pictures to this meeting of the koi they selected, so the rest of us could see how the koi grew, changed, and what their colors turned into?

The Alkemas have been married almost 52 years with their anniversary coming the first few months of each year. They have three adult sons and endearing daughter-in-laws. They have seven grandchildren, lots of Koi, and two dogs; a feisty two year old Australian Shepherd named Boomer and a beautiful eight year Old English Sheepdog named Molly. One fascinating hobby Bob and Cheryl have is their collection of eighteen Carousel Animals. Their collection includes a camel, a pig, a bear, a rabbit, deer, and many horses. These are full sized, many refurbished, with

some created by genuine German carvers and many originals from well known Merry-Go-Rounds. Beautiful!

Cheryl favors Old English Sheepdogs and used to show - coming in first with many trophies and awards. She has always been a hard working-supportive wife, assisting in their numerous businesses as needed. She delights in sewing and has made most of the drapes in the bedrooms, plus when her son's were young, Cheryl would sew them shirts with small hand embroidered feet simulating the -then popular- Hang Ten shirts.

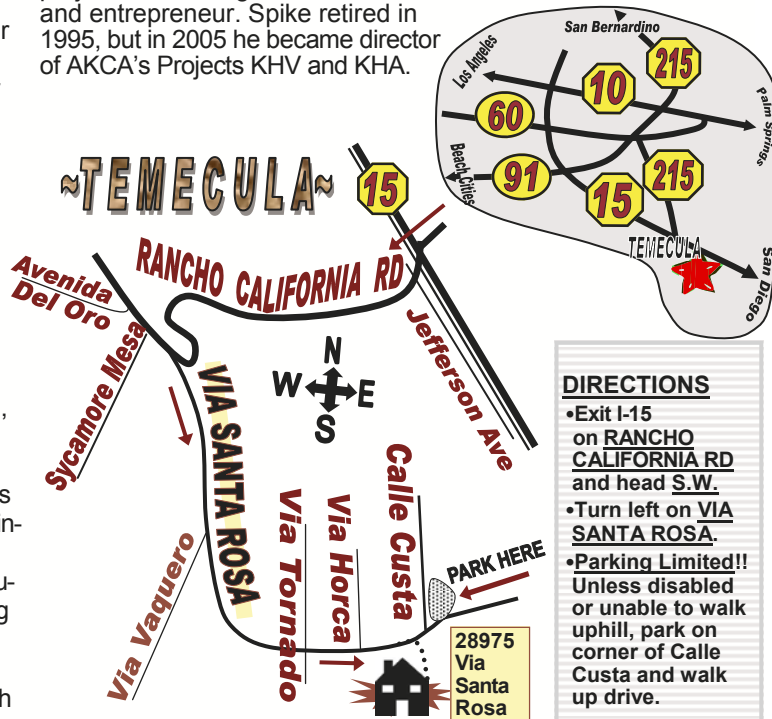
Bob worked as an L.A. Sheriff for many years and during the last years, he was an investigator. He worked closely with insurance companies and found an area that was unfulfilled. He started a company that obtained microfiche documents and transferred them to digitized documents for computers. His clients are major insurance companies, cities, schools, hospitals just to name a few. He and Cheryl started the business in his garage working many twelve hour days and now have 120 employees. He said he was just in the right place at the right time and answered the knock of opportunity when it came.

Be sure to bring a jacket because Cheryl said that it gets windy and cold until the days get longer and don't forget your chairs. Again, club members are asked to please bring dishes to share in our monthly potluck (store bought items, leftovers or purchased desserts are acceptable). If you can not bring a dish or contribute to the potluck, at least bring a good appetite and attitude to welcome in the new year, our guest speaker and the New 2009 President & Vice President. We will see you there...

Debby Leverett, IKS Editor

Program: "Anything worth doing is worth doing excess". We will be honored again with having Spike Cover speaking at this meeting on "Why To Quarantine" and perhaps instructions on building kits. If you value your 'living 'jewels' this is a -must hear- topic.

After getting his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, Spike worked for Aerospace and Biomedical. He was a consultant, engineer, project & chief engineer, VP of R&D, President, CEO and entrepreneur. Spike retired in 1995, but in 2005 he became director of AKCA's Projects KHV and KHA.



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FEEDING IN COLD WATER

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Fish will feel 'hungry' in cold water, even down to the mid forties however the enzymes needed for the digestion of most Koi food will be lacking. The fish will eat, sometimes fully, and then languor in the cold water as their metabolism slogs the food through. In very cold water, fish simply don't eat. If the food is going to be processed by "cold" fish with impaired metabolism, it has made sense to most people to offer foods which are easily and quickly digestible and which contain minimal residue to stall the gut. Over the years, soluble plant proteins like wheat germ were found to be effective, and so were Cheerios. Fish love Cheerios, especially the Honey Nut Cheerios. Try it, you will see they go for the darker, tastier(?) Honey Nut Cheerios over the plain ones. And they can tell when you buy generic Cheerios. But it's okay.

The point of Cheerios is that they supply some useful energy, with minimal nitrogen to strain a cold biological filtration system, and the fish like 'em. A lot. In my own pond, I've noticed that Cheerios are sort of fattening when offered with regular food year round, so if you want to put some weight on a big female fish, especially through her face, give her some Cheerios with her regular diet through the year.

In cold water I recommend that you:

1. Reduce feeding drastically in water under 70 but above 64 Fahrenheit. Feed sparingly once per day or every other day.
2. Watch for elevations in Ammonia because of a stalled bio filtration.
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IKS GENERAL MEETING ~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2008 ~ RIVERSIDE

The November general meeting and potluck was held at Mac and Jill McClain's home. This was a really fun meeting. There were 84 people at the meeting. Everyone brought a side dish to go with the turkey which was provided by the McClains, and ham which was provided by Mary and Carl Leever. The food was plentiful and really good.

The weather was a little cool, but not too cold. There was plenty of room for everyone. Before dinner, Tom Ross, our KHA, gave a short talk on winter feeding tips for Koi. Koi slow down during winter, but their basic dietary requirements do not change. The best plan is to feed the same type of food, a good quality, high protein food, but feed them less, and discontinue feeding when the water temperature drops below 50-52°F. Special winter foods are not required.

After dinner, Mac talked about their place and their pond. The pond and waterfall were really nice. The fish were beautiful. Mac explained he named the place Three Angels Ranch after the ladies from Charley's Angels, a popular TV show. The ranch was very popular with the guests. After

Mac's talk, he invited everyone to watch feeding time at the zoo. Kelly, and Sabrina are responsible for animal feeding and cleanup. They led about 2/3rds of the guests on a ranch tour, and feeding.

After Mac's talk, Emily Yost, of Toba Fountains gave a presentation on the fountain. The fountain is electrically powered, and comes with lighting, and a remote that controls the type of fountain spray, and lighting effects. The fountain was really pretty with the lights. A special raffle was held for the fountain which was donated by Toba Fountains. The winner of the raffle was Nick Milfeld.

Elections for President and Vice President were held. Mark Krakower was elected President. Dennis Lynaugh was elected Vice President.

The regular club raffle was then done by Mary Leever and Mac McClain, with Mac calling out the numbers.

Respectfully submitted by Zuma Ross,
Inland Koi Society Secretary



Outgoing IKS President: Gene Maingot



Greeters & Registration: Jeanne Zoetemelk & Peggy Milfeld

Outgoing President: Gene Maingot & Incoming President: Mark Krakower

Toba Fountains demonstration & raffle

NOVEMBER 2008 IKS GENERAL MEETING



Sabrina McClain



Tee Wright

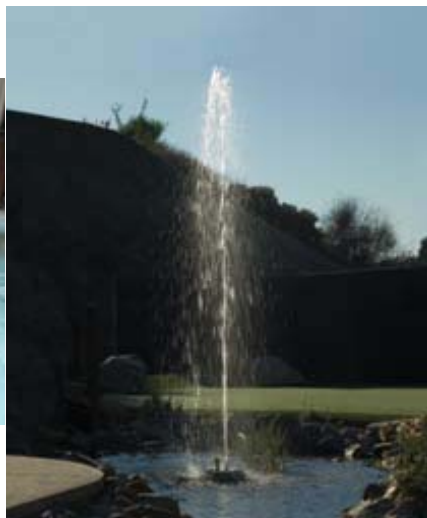
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DID YOU KNOW?

Yellow Jackets do not lose their stingers, so they can sting repeatedly when disturbed. It hurts! And these guys are drawn to water so be careful when working around the pond.

An occasional koi will have the allergic reaction to Yellow Jacket sting when they try to eat them. Not all koi will be harmed, but, yes, it can happen.

Be careful collecting water plants in the wild: water hemlock is toxic to koi. It isn't sold in nurseries, thank goodness.

Herbal Water Conditioners, such as Sabbactisun and Parazoryne, can effectively prevent bacterial and parasitic disease when used promptly, without adding toxins to the water.

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Mark Krakower,
President and
Dennis Lynaugh,
Vice-President



-Bury the Hatchet-

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Eric Triplett, Eco-System Pond specialist and Kent Wallace, Koi Pond Filtration specialist have been collaborating on projects for the past 18 months after a ceremonial "Burying of the Hatchet" next to a pond in Savannah, Georgia at Pondapalooza, a trade industry event. Burying the hatchet was a symbolic step in a movement to bring the water garden and koi pond worlds a step closer for the betterment of the industry.

THE SECRETS OF SALT

by Carolyn Weise, Ecological Laboratories, Inc, and MacArthur Water Gardens



The first secret of using salt in the pond is that koi and goldfish are freshwater, not saltwater fish. That tells me that they do not naturally live in a salt water environment. So, if you are keeping a salt level in the pond year 'round, you are not being helpful to the fish. Does this surprise you? Let me explain.

When you maintain a level of salt in your pond, you will create an unnatural environment, one of brackish water conditions, meaning the water is neither freshwater nor saltwater. Brackish water is what is found where the rivers meet the ocean and there are fish and other animals which are greatly adapted to these conditions. They thrive in brackish water. Brackish says nothing about the quality of the water. It simply means there is a measurable amount of salt in it, but not quite the amount of a sea water environment.

There are parasites and bacteria that are also quite adapted to a brackish water environment. They will begin to appear in your pond and might even seem to be "salt resistant" mutants, but they are simply another type of parasite (or bacteria) that would not naturally be found in your pond. And guess what? Salting the pond more heavily will not eliminate them. It will only make them feel more at home while your fish feel less and less at home. These are not super parasites or mystery bacteria, they are quite normally found elsewhere and now they are found in your pond.

Hobbyists have long known the benefits of using non-iodized salt to regulate osmotic balance which helps their fish heal and reduces stress. They know it kills the majority of parasites normally found in a (freshwater) fish pond and at what levels it works best. None of that has really changed. Salt is the miracle cure and the first line of defense. It should be in everyone's pond medicine chest. It needs to be stored in a dry place for future needs.

The better use of salt would be not to keep a measurable salt level in the pond, but to add salt as needed. Use salt for up to three or four weeks maximum. Then, when this need has passed, you need to remove it by doing 50% water changes; and I suggest three consecutive 50% water changes, using dechlorinator if you are on city water. In this way you will not promote the brackish water environment and your fish will live happily, healthier in their natural environment.

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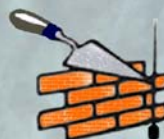
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Like most of us, I joined the Inland Koi Society to enjoy the benefits of the friendship and expertise of a great group of koi hobbyists. More recently I was drafted into serving on the AKCA Board of Directors. Our club mem-

bership includes several folks who have been officers of the AKCA, and have worked on the association's magazine/newsletter - Koi USA. Zuma and I are now members of that Board as well.

What I did not realize until recently is that

the AKCA is funded virtually 100% by Koi USA. All of the things that the AKCA offers us - shows, seminars, insurance for events, the Koi Health Advisor program, project KHV - are funded by the sales of this magazine. Now, our club does not require members to subscribe as many others do. It is a great publication, with something to interest every koi keeper, and Zuma and I are committed to keeping it successful. So I want to ask each of you personally to consider adding this to your renewal, at the discounted rate of \$20 per year. The koi hobby would be a lot less fun without the AKCA!

Sincerely,
Tom Ross, Advanced KHA

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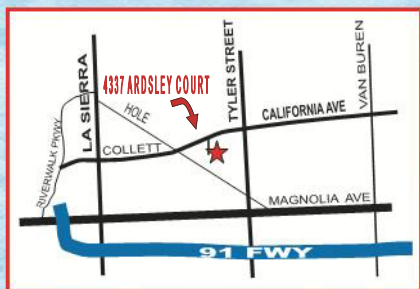
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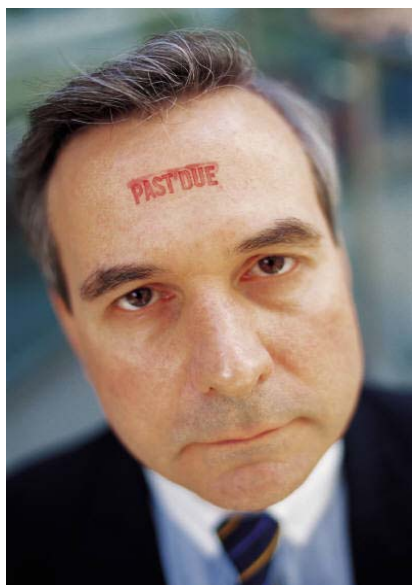
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January 25	Bob & Cheryl Alkema 28975 Via Santa Rosa Temecula 92593 951-587-6308	Spike Cover	Wed. Jan. 28
February 22	Location Pending <i>AKCA Seminar, San Diego, CA: Thurs.2/12 - Sun.2/15</i>		Wed .Feb. 25
March 22	Ed & Linda Kushner 1556 Vandagriff Way Corona, 92883 951-520-0092		Wed .Mar. 25
April 26 <i>Palm Sunday 4/5 Easter 4/12</i>	Jack & Norma Marrin 1225 Cajon Street Redlands, 92373 909-792-3603		Wed April 29
May 24 <i>Memorial Day Weekend</i>	NO GENERAL MEETING, BE- CAUSE OF IKS AUCTION MAY 30 th 2009	Saturday, May 30: Koi Auction— Milfelds' Nsy - Riverside Mark Krakower, Chairman	Wed May 27



IKS Membership Renewals were due on January 1, 2009.
Thank you to all who do not need a 'stamp' to remember...

The Inland Koi Society's new web site,
inlandkoi.com, has a new look and is
updated with a lot of great information, koi
related topics, and links.



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Coming Events

12	SEIJIN SHIKI- JAPANESE HOLIDAY ~ (成人式, <i>lit. Adult Ceremony</i> ²) is the <u>Japanese coming-of-age</u> ceremony. It is held annually on Seijin no Hi (成人の日, <i>lit. Day of Adults</i> ²), the second Monday in January. Festivities include ceremonies held at local and <u>prefectural</u> offices and parties amongst family and friends to celebrate passage into adulthood.
19	M.L. KING, JR. DAY ~ A United States holiday marking the birth date of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.
23-25	HOME / BACKYARD LIVING & GOLF EXPO ~ Ontario Convention Center - 2000 Convention Center Way, Ontario, CA 91764 / (714) 418-2000 / Admission free
25	IKS GENERAL MEETING AND POTLUCK ~ 2:00-5:00 pm at the home of Bob & Cheryl Alkema in Temecula. For more info contact Kelly Houston at (909) 885-2503
28	IKS BUSINESS MEETING ~ 7 pm / All members of IKS welcome! 6531 Box Springs Blvd, Riverside / Mark Krakower at (951) 371-2223.

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12-15	AKCA 28TH ANNUAL SEMINAR ~ and Koi Club of San Diego's 22nd Annual Koi Show. Marriott—Mission Valley, San Diego, CA www.koishow.org or www.akca.org
13	AKCA BOARD MEETING ~ 7pm / 529 E. Blueridge Ave Orange, CA 92867 / Call Kelly Houston at (909) 885-2503 for more information.
14	VALENTINES DAY
16	PRESIDENTS DAY ~ Lincoln's Birth = Feb.12 / Washington's Birth = Feb.22
22	IKS GENERAL MEETING AND POTLUCK ~ 2:00-5:00 pm / Pending / To be announced
25	IKS BUSINESS MEETING ~ 7 pm / All members of IKS welcome! 6531 Box Springs Blvd, Riverside / Mark Krakower at (951) 371-2223.

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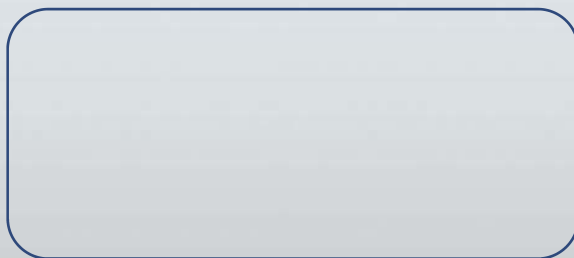
The annual AKCA Seminar on February 12 – 15 breaks new ground by including two big koi shows and a separate series of presentations on pond design and koi keeping that are all open to the general public. The vendor exhibits also offer free admission. Please support our organization by attending this event. The latest schedule and details can be found at: <http://koiclubsandiego.org/shoz/2009/>

See you there!

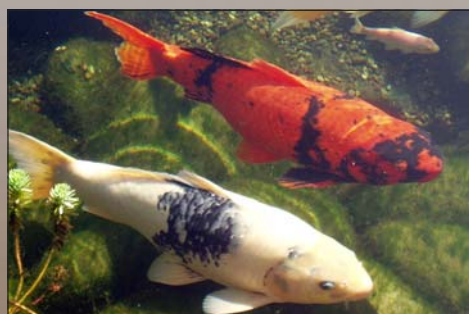


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