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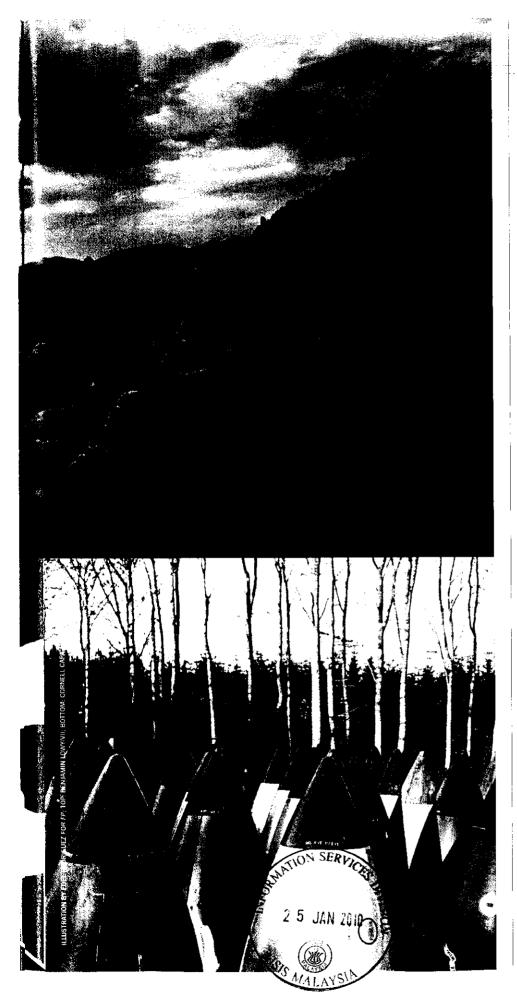
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The artist featured throughout our Spotlight on Reinvention in this issue, Michel de Broin, is a native of Montreat who lives and works in Canada and Europe. He created the sphere, made from 72 chairs, on the cover.

His sculptural projects are known for their playful inventiveness and incorporate a diverse range of materials, such as paving asphait, metal staircases, Plasticine, and office furniture, transforming the everyday into the extraordinary.

In 2007, he won the Sobey Art Award, Canada's preeminent award for contemporary art, which is given annually to a Canadian artist under 40.



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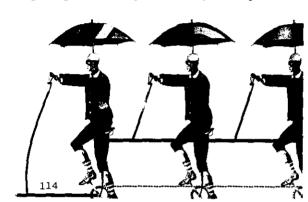
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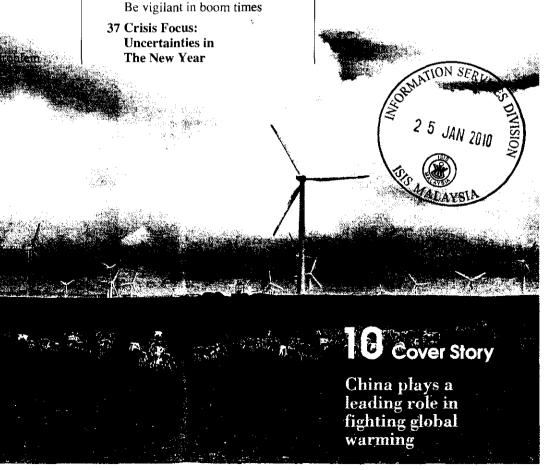
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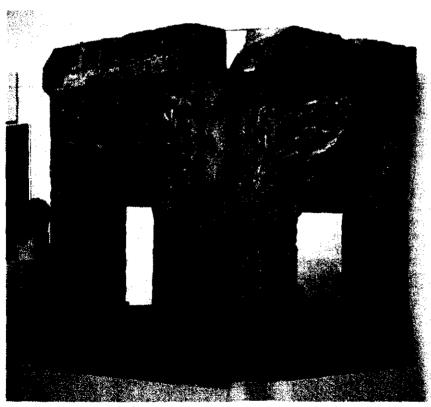
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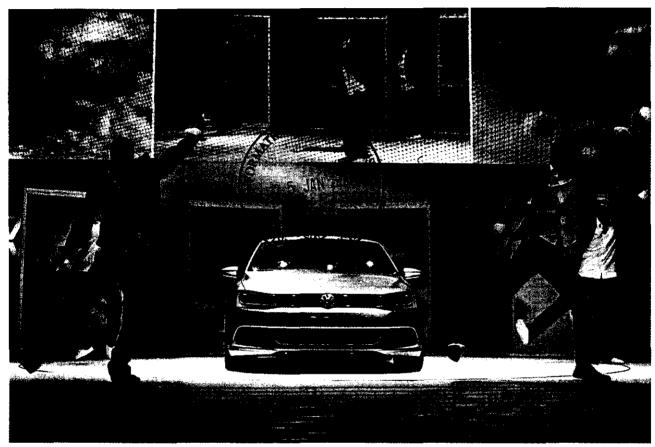
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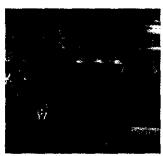
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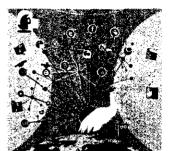
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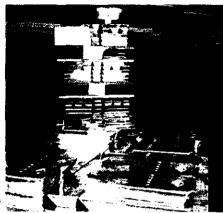


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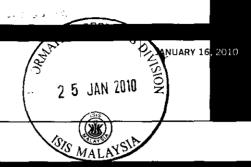
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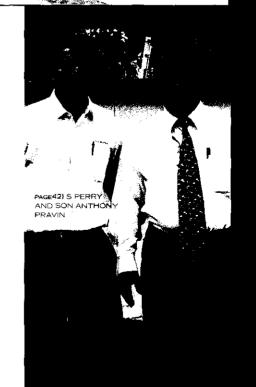
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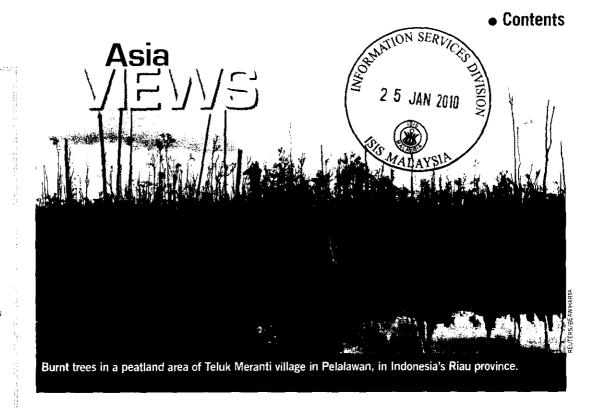
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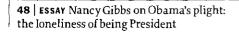
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