



# Times of the **SuperTSAized** Odd Couple

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Julie, George, and Jaden Tsai

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## Cha-Cha-Cha Changes

The Tsai family seems to be going in waves. Alternating between massive transitions one year and a settling year the next, Julie and George underwent an evolutionary makeover for 2004.

## And One

With the addition of Jaden in their lives, Julie and George have added diaper changes and googly sounds to their lifestyle routine.

Jaden Michio made an entrance three weeks earlier than expected, weighing under seven pounds. He has since added another ten pounds to his frame.

Initially a pooping, feeding, and sleeping machine, Jaden has included drooling, giggling, grabbing, cooing, bubble-blowing, scooting, and sitting to his repertoire. He performs between naps to earn smiles and goofy sounds from visitors.

## Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho

In order to gain extra hands in childcare, Julie and George made the big decision to leave their jobs and friends in Long Beach in order to be closer to family in the Sacramento area.

Even with a pregnant Julie, the two spent weeks revising resumés, completing applications, flying for interviews and job fairs. Ideally, Julie would have a part-time job that utilized her skills and experience as

a literacy coach. For George, an administrator job would capitalize on his recent credential acquisition.

Dry Creek's school district provided the solution for the couple. Julie now works four hours a day, four days a week as a Title I specialist. She coaches other teachers on literacy techniques and works with elementary students in reading classes.

Four blocks away, George is a middle school assistant principal. The challenges of the new profession keeps him busy with parent, student, and teacher needs.

while Julie's thinking koi pond. Jaden, on the other hand, is thinking an olympic-sized crawling course.

## Family Business

Sister **Jenn** and Brother **Mark** ended their undergraduate years at UC Davis. They postponed diving into the real world by continuing education elsewhere. Jenn is working for her teaching credential at Sacramento State. Mark is pursuing an inspector's license, MBA, and accounting degree at three different colleges.

Sister **Janet** is still enjoying college life at San Diego State and is finishing her undergraduate degree.

Parents **Donald and Grace** enjoyed a relaxing Alaskan June cruise. They cherished the stream of friends visiting them this year. Grandmother **Chen-Yuan**, meanwhile, continued to maintain order in the Tsai household.

Parents **John and Chris** played hosts to family get-togethers and to three squatters (aka, Julie, George, and Jaden) for five months. Chris changed her job structure and has been helping with Jaden's child care needs.

John and Chris also involved themselves with a church production in which they sang and danced throughout Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium. Lords of the Dance?

## Reflections

Considering how we left our comfort zones this year, we have been blessed on many different levels. Thank you to the friends, family, and colleagues who have supported us through our transitions.

### Baby Profile



Name: **Jaden Michio Tsai**  
DOB: **April 28, 2004**  
Birthplace: **Long Beach, CA**  
Latest Weight: **16 lbs., 8 oz.**  
Favorite Food: **Carrots**  
Favorite Toy: **Pat-a-Cake Bear**  
Favorite Activities: **Chase, Parachute Games, Bath, Music, Sucking on His Toes**

## Mooving to NorCow

The search for a Sacramento area house proved to be a long one. After looking at hundreds of houses over the course of five months, George and Julie finally found a house that they could call "home." While the three bedroom, two bath house in Fair Oaks had just enough space for all of their stuff, it was the size of the lot that really impressed them. With a third of an acre to play with, George is thinking basketball court,

