

Nine! Years: The Timelines

A rather terse summary of the *G/W News* staff events since the last publication of this rag (January, 2006):

Yue-Eng...

- promoted to Software Engineer Level 4 at Harris Corp
- took extended time off to accompany Bill to Germany as Hausfrau in fall, 2008
- retired in October, 2010
- fell ill in December, 2010 and died the following November
- used to plant a tree in Rocky Mountain National Park, September 2012

Will...

- graduated from U. Florida in 2004, computer engineering/digital design
- took first job as a web graphic artist in Orlando
- moved to New York City (Queens, Astoria)
- moved to midtown Manhattan, worked at RG/A, moved to Brooklyn (Greenpoint)
- worked at a couple other ad companies
- now at Manhattan office of Critical Mass, a Canadian ad/web company
- broke his knee while biking in Brooklyn

Anna...

- graduated from U. Florida in 2007 in biology
- moved to Munich to live with her boyfriend, Daniel Hoenig, of Ravensburg, Germany
- traveled for 3 months with Daniel through Central and South America
- entered a Master's program in ecology at U. Munich
- broke her knee skiing in Austrian alps
- married Daniel in Ravensburg, 2011
- finished her Master's program, 2012

Oh! Where Have You Been, G/W News?

OK, yes the last publication date was January 2006!

Yes, the editor is lazy, but events of the “may you live in interesting times” sort can also be plausibly blamed. The nine-year timeline in the sidebar provides an overview if you are pressed for time. Most tragically, a key *G/W News* staffer, Yue-Eng (Gail to many), died in late 2011, preceded by a few months by the editor's mother, Rose.

Note on the layout: This edition of *G/W News* is designed to be both printed and viewed as a PDF file.

If you have the right PDF reader, the pages will zoom and the video will play. If you received the print edition, you can download the digital version at gabrenya.net/gwnews and open it using password: gonzo-journalism.

Staff

Bill Gabrenya, Editor
 Will Gabrenya, Editorial
 Ann Hoenig, Travel
 (Yue-Eng Wang, Finance)

Will: I Live in the Cultural Capital of the World¹

In Greenpoint/Williamsburg, Brooklyn, “you can't throw a laptop without hitting a writer.” Will has adapted to NYC well and particularly enjoys the hipster lifestyle, which includes owning bicycles but not an automobile, a detailed cognitive map of the mass transit system, an expectation for diverse, affordable, delicious cuisine, high culture, low culture, music. He can ride the subway fully hands-free (subway hygiene).

His work has him on Photoshop all day designing web pages for his companies' large customers, such as Verizon and IBM. He first tried living in the Astoria district of Queens but found it too slow, then moved to the manic intensity of midtown Manhattan near the theatre district and Times Square. Two years of uncertain sleep and high rent drove him to the Greenpoint neighborhood of Brooklyn, a mix of Polish immigrants and young professionals in art, fashion, and literature fields. (*Editor's note:* the women in this neighborhood are *interesting*.)

¹...and you don't!

*Too Much Information

Yue-Eng: We are Stardust

Remember, remember, the ninth of November... fall of the Berlin Wall, 1989; Kristallnacht, 1938; death of Yue-Eng, 2011. Her sinus cancer was probably not curable but she tried, undergoing surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester only with the crucial intervention of our lovely niece, Nicole Loo, who was a resident there at the time; then controversial proton radiation therapy at the U. of Florida facility in Jacksonville. The treatment had uncomfortable side effects, so her relatives in Taiwan helped her reclaim her Taiwan passport so she could seek acupuncture treatment in a more sophisticated medical system than that of the U.S. Before she could travel, the cancer metastasized to her liver. She was uncannily calm in the last months, to the consternation of her physicians and her husband especially—partly out of her Buddhist upbringing, partly out of her difficult experiences as a child in Taiwan, and mostly just the way she viewed life in its transience. Calmly indeed, she sorted her belongings, made to-do-after lists, and instructed her husband in how to use a checkbook. Her children, Will and Anna, were enormously helpful and supportive throughout the ordeal and possibly saved their father's life. Her obituary and eulogy are online at <http://gabrenya.net>.



At the Rochester ice festival Yue-Eng before 2nd surgery

On November 19, the remaining *G/W News* staff held a memorial service for Yue-Eng at its home office in Palm Bay, attended by out of town family and local friends. Will and Anna cooked a meal of Yue-Eng's favorite Chinese dishes using recipes off the Internet (see gabrenya.net for the recipes).

Yue-Eng asked that her ashes be “used to plant a tree.” One of her favorite places was Rocky Mountain National Park, where we had stayed several times, so the *G/W News* staff decided to use her ashes to plant a blue cedar tree in a secret location in the park. We fulfilled her request on September 2, 2012, not without the help of her high school friend, Li-Ming Wang (王黎明) and

Chris and Nicole At their apartment in Rochester, MN; our hosts at the Mayo Clinic

The second generation At the memorial: Anna, Patty Chang, Nicole; Will, Matt, Chris



Memorial dishes This is real food

Cultural Capital from 1L

Will has followed the trend in his field of changing companies about every two years and is now at the new office of a Canadian firm, at the moment working on a secretive project in IBM's Manhattan facility. He is still single, but is currently seeing a lovely fellow graphic artist native to San Francisco who understands what real food is.

Will has taken up bicycling—commuting to work, participating in group rides in Brooklyn, and going upstate. Group cycling in Brooklyn is slightly distinguishable from bar-hopping, akin to hiking in the German-Austrian Alps (a beer garden at the end of every trail...). Earlier this year, he collided with a basketball rolling across a Brooklyn street and fractured his kneecap. Yipes! Please survive! The editor wants grandchildren!

As a young child, Will had a particularly acrimonious relationship with bugs and all things nature, but had a conversion experience later in adulthood, falling in with the rest of the Gabrenyas in this important way. He also inherited the family travel bug with a bunch of recent international and domestic trips.

- relocated with Daniel to Seattle, WA, late 2013
- left on another 3-month trek to S. America, January 2015
- bore twins, April, 2017

Bill...

- promoted to full professor, 2008
- elected Secretary-General of IACCP, 2008
- took sabbatical, Jacobs-U. Bremen, Germany, 2008
- stepped down from undergrad chair, 2009
- spent considerable time in China and Taiwan, 2009-present
- served as webmaster and secretary of SCPA throughout
- lost his wife, 2011
- escaped to China and Taiwan
- became a frequent camper at Rocky Mountain National Park, where Yue-eng is buried
- experiences end of a close relationship, December 2014
- broke his knee carrying Anna's twins, 2016

Ada (newsroom mascot)...

- died in August, 2007
- joined with Yue-Eng in RMNP, Sept 2012

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Annamarie: Global Citizen

Having dragged Anna to Taiwan when she was 5 years old (don't do this), the editor fostered pretty much exactly the intended "woman of the world." Anna took her Junior year abroad in Beijing (see details in 2006 issue). Upon returning to U. of Florida, she took a leadership position in a campus club that provides social services (read: parties) for international students. A handsome German guy, Daniel Hoenig, was doing his own Junior year abroad. A year later, they took off for a 3-month excursion to South and Central America, then Anna joined him in Munich. They were married in 2011 and again in 2012, the German custom being to have separate civil and religious



At Anna's wedding #2 Ravensburg, Germany



Stardust from 1R

her husband, Hsi Meng (孟熙). Gone to a better place, indeed:

*Roving amiable little soul,
Body's companion and guest,
Now descending for parts
Colorless, unbending, and bare
Your usual distractions no more shall be there...²*

- Hadrian, Roman Emperor 117-138

Despite the frequent attentions of Li-Ming and Hsi (hiking to the tree with water on their backs), the tree died, so the following year, Bill, Li-Ming and Hsi planted more appropriate Quaking Aspen and Ponderosa Pine trees. The Aspen was immediately



The tree and its attendants Hsi, Li-Ming, Will, brother Mark, wife Wendy, daughter Alison, Daniel, Anna, Bill. The Aspens in the background have been swept sideways in the harsh mountain environment.



Dance whenever you can Bill and Yue-Eng forced to wear wigs, dance to a Wii. Bill won.

eaten by an elk, so Anna, Bill, Li-Ming and Hsi replaced it with a cairn of stones in 2014.

Yue-Eng and Bill received a lot of support from family and friends during this difficult time, for which they were enormously grateful. The best advice came from a long-time, dear administrative assistant in the Psychology department, Jani McCray: "don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it." Nicole (Ming-Ming) Loo and her husband Chris, who took care of us in Rochester, MN, also imparted some valuable advice: (1) when Subway has a sale on foot-long, take it; (2) dance whenever you can, or when we tell you to (see <https://vimeo.com/116212394>, password "humiliation"; (3) tend to family, regardless.

²parting words at tree planting in RMNP

This is a video. Click to play; or see URL in text

Global Citizen from 2L

weddings. Yue-Eng was allowed by her physician to travel to the first wedding. The second was held in a Catholic chapel on a hill overlooking Ravensburg. They took their second (official?) honeymoon in Vietnam and southern China, where Anna experienced the marital bliss of going to the ER with dysentery.

The editor opines that Anna “married well” into a wonderful family, parents Andreas and Gabriele plus younger brother Bastian. The Hoenig eltern were pharmacists and Bastian is completing law school in Heidelberg. Daniel has a PhD in business and works for Boston Consulting Group, initially in their Munich office and now in their new Seattle office. The Hoenigs’ home town, the lovely city of Ravensburg, is close to Lake Constance and Switzerland; on a clear day one can see the Alps from their deck. Beyond, afar, a little to the east, the hills are alive / with the sound of music.



Annamarie completed a Master’s degree program in ecology at the U. of Munich a couple years ago. [Americans, skip the next sentence] As an out-of-country student, her tuition was 500 euros per semester (!), which at Florida Tech would come up short for 1 credit hour. Her Master’s thesis, an experimental study of the effect of certain pollutants on coral and algae, required her to learn to SCUBA dive so as to collect her samples from the Egyptian side of the Red Sea. Woman of the world! Yipes, please survive! The editor wants grandchildren!



Wishes to heaven Step one: pass them out and try to remember every one of your guests’ names



The Gabrenya family came to Germany Tim and Pat Hepner, Matt, Bill, the bride, Daniel, Will, Wendy, Mark has his eyes closed

To improve her job prospects, they relocated to Seattle in late 2013 on account of all the “pot smoking liberal greenies”³ in the area. She completed a certificate program in wetland science at the U. of Washington to better compete in the congested ecology/environmental/sustainability job market.

In order to avoid said job market, Anna and Daniel embarked on another 3-month trek to South America commencing in early January, 2015, Daniel having been granted a sabbatical from BCG that all the world envies. Both speak Spanish well enough to survive, hopes the editor. (The editor wants grandchildren.)

³A. Hoenig, personal communication, 1/5/15

Bill: Looking to 2015

The G/W News editor has lived in interesting times and looks forward to... less interesting times. The interesting/good: his rather unconventional academic career finally came to fruition in promotion to full professor with its attendant advantages: slightly better academic freedom, a



Cramers + Yue-Eng Visiting Fischerhude, a small picturesque town near Bremen

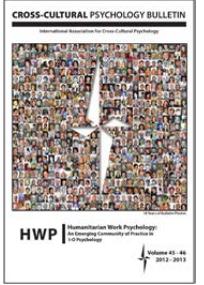
window, a raise that allowed Yue-Eng to retire from her well-paying software job (the house was paid for). He developed an interesting course in 2012, cross-cultural research methods, covering the most complex and difficult material encountered, so far.

After many years of service to the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IAC-CP; iaccp.org), he was elected Secretary-General in 2008, a kind of functionary in lieu of a paid executive director; then re-elected in 2012. He is IACCP’s Webmaster and developer/manager of the database system that handles its directory and payment systems.

Two very long term responsibilities concluded: after 17 years as editor of the Cross-Cultural Psychology Bulletin, he suggested IACCP discontinue this print magazine. The Bulletin was a labor of love, much labor, but the editor’s only expressive outlet (excepting of course,

this esteemed sheet). Next: a cross-cultural psychology text as graphic novel. And after about 20 years, on and off, as chair of Psychology undergraduate programs, he passed this thankless task on to younger colleagues. His sole admin role now is director of the Psychology Honors Program, a highly satisfying position that puts him in the room with the cream of the undergrad students.

The editor had a productive and fun sabbatical in the fall semester of 2008. Through the generous assistance of colleagues Klaus Boehnke and Uli Kühnen, he obtained a visiting scholar position at Jacobs University Bremen, funded by the German Academic Exchange Service. Yue-Eng took a leave of absence from Harris Corp and became, for the first time since she went back to work in 1987, eine Hausfrau. One of the few private schools in Germany, Jacobs is unique: all classes are taught in English and 75% of the students come from outside Germany. Most students speak at least three languages and have traveled widely, so cross-cultural classes are a joy to teach. Yue-Eng loved living in the central section of Bremen, a choice that our friends in Bremen, Heiner Cramer and Dorothea Wüsthoff-Cramer (their son, Hannes, was Daniel’s university roommate) talked us into. The open market, opera house, restaurants, groceries, beautiful city parks were all a short walk away. On many weekends we flew weird Ryan Air for short trips around northern Europe. We found the



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Jacobs front gate The white material on the ground is apparently “snow”

Parents: The Cycle of Life



Table Number 1 Birthday girl, Pat Hepner; Bill Sr. has his eyes closed again. Rose would properly harangue him.

may have been her 80th birthday party. The editor's brother, Mark, in cahoots with her husband Bill Sr., organized an elaborate surprise party in Naples that was attended by perhaps 100 people, including several out of town guests and relatives. The editor and Mark made a short biographical film for the occasion, which can be seen at: <http://vimeo.com/116201232> using the password "riveting."

Bill Sr., 93 at press time, recently moved to the assisted living side of The Fountains following some falls and rehab in mid-2014. At age 86, he installed a hardwood floor in the *G/W News* master bedroom, but the following year fell and injured his spinal cord, subsequently losing the ability to stand and walk. Weeks of wasted tests at a third-rate hospital in Naples were followed by a quick diagnosis and surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL, a lot of rehab, and then he was vacuuming the apartment again, *every bit of dirt must go*. He now uses a walker and occasionally a wheelchair to cruise around The Fountains. His spirit is usually good and he is mostly affable, with a quick smile that The Fountains staff likes. He was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in November but shows only minor effects so far. For 2014 Christmas, the family gave him two pet finches, to which he became quickly attached. (See gabrenya.net/gwnews/finch for the ridiculous setup to this gift.) He spends as much time as possible with his two friends at The Fountains, John and John's partner Pat.



The editor's mother, Rose, died on May 15, 2011, a few hours after Yue-Eng completed her proton radiation therapy. She had developed lung cancer in early 2009 and braved a long series of chemotherapy treatments. Bill (Sr) and Rose moved to an independent living facility, The Fountains, in April and had not yet settled in when several complications afflicted her. Her obituary and eulogy are on gabrenya.net. The funeral Mass was held at their long-time parish in Naples, Florida, St. Johns. Bill took over cooking and cleaning during her final year in Naples and proved once again to all that he is, as they say, a real *mensch*. The highlight of her later life

2015 from 3R

German social system to be advanced, the people secure, and the economy well-functioning. Café culture; beer for breakfast; trains!, and our favorite, glühwein in the snow at the Weihnachtsmarkt (now a Christmas tradition in the home office).

Over the last 5 years, the editor has had several opportunities to travel and work in Taiwan and Shanghai, China, with the help of colleagues Chien-Ru Sun (孫蓓如) and Wendy Lin (林文瑛) in Taiwan and Wenhua Yan (严文华) in China. He received a grant to add data to his two-decades-long study of modernization in Taiwan with Michael Hue (胡志偉) and Wendy Lin that justified at least *some* of this travel. Later, a somewhat unusual grant from a culture training and research organization of the DoD "dropped," engaging several years of work.

The Space Coast Progressive Alliance, a lefty group that the editor helped found after the failure of the 2002-3 antiwar movement, soldiers on in the eerie ambiguity of the Obama administration. SCPA presents some acclaimed, highly visible, often controversial progressive education programs and tries to be the catalyst for bringing together other like-minded local groups in pursuit of some common goals (scpaflorida.com).

Of course the most interesting/good happening over these nine years has been the successful transition to adulthood of the editor's great kids, and all of their accomplishments, travels, loves, and ever more annoying sophistication.

The editor's organic garden produces an occasional \$50 tomato and a sufficient supply of \$25/lb Chinese greens. He still resides in the *G/W News* headquarters— too big to move, too small for a BnB. He has taken up the guitar again and checked off one of his bucket list items, a trip to Vietnam, where all of his camera equipment was stolen while he was videotaping ballroom dancing lessons in a park in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). Most recently, he experienced a true blast from the past, his first romantic breakup in well over a quarter century. Dating is a game for the young and the thick-skinned, the editor proposes.

Brother Mark, Sister Wendy, and the Kids

The editor's brother, Mark, and his family have had a highly eventful nine years, notably their two children finishing university (Alison: Warren Wilson, NC, environmental science; Matthew: Brandeis, MA, computer science). Exciting times in between, but the reader is referred to the *Gabrenya/Cooper News* for details. Mark works as a freelance graphic designer while Wendy is still self-employed as a psychotherapist. Alison is teaching math to fourth graders in Denver after several field jobs in environmental science areas. Matt has joined a cooperative, Boston TechCollective, that performs commercial IT services and other computer related support, but remains a political activist.⁴ The *Gabrenya/Cooper News* headquarters has adopted a lovely mascot and fierce defender of the presses, a chocolate lab named Mila. Mark has become an avid bicyclist, having recently taken a long cross-country bike/camp trip in through British Columbia, Washington, and Idaho, and is a devoted, indeed obsessive, gentleman farmer.

⁴A proud moment for all when he was briefly jailed during the occupy movement!



With Family Chen in Taipei Robert (周至一), Yan-rong (陳彥榮; son of Joe and Joyce), Bill (葛逸塵), Joyce (林碧真), Joe (陳焯煌)

