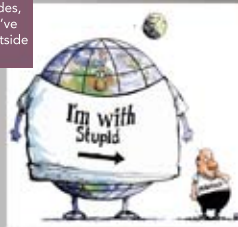




leaving some cherished things behind



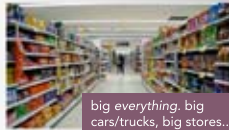
and lots of ignorant, uncultured attitudes, from people who've never set foot outside the US.



it's great to be literate again!



dealing with documentation



big everything. big cars/trucks, big stores...



but it's not all bad. it's just too bad not everyone really gets it, or sees things from my perspective.



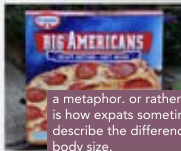
goodbye, beautiful yen...



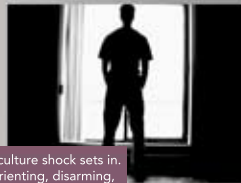
We all came back with some degree of cherry blossom obsession, but we?



...and goodbye, Japan.



a metaphor. or rather, this is how expats sometimes describe the difference in body size.



the culture shock sets in. disorienting, disarming, depressing.

