


**The
Japanese
Shopping
Rebellion**

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**Only the perfect baby
sibling can save these
children's lives.
But can their mothers and
fathers (and science) produce
one in time?**

The Race

By Lisa Belkin

Molly Nash

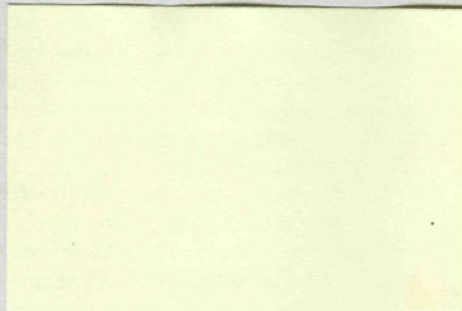
Henry Strongin Gold

What Did You Do in the 60's? • Hernando de Soto's Radical Capitalism, by Matthew Miller

SALIENT FACTS: **EXTREME GARDENING**

The Green Reaper

Something is rotten in the flower bed. Wait, it's Grandpa.



AUTOMATIC FOR THE PEOPLE

In the future, of course, all gardening will be done by evil robots with long yellow gloves. A few years ago Prof. Ken Goldberg and Prof. Joseph Santarromana built a garden tended by smart machines and invited Web viewers to “plant, water and monitor the progress of seedlings via the tender movements of an industrial robot arm.” They intended the project as a short-lived “dystopian vision” — only to have their subversion bloom, “Springtime-for-Hitler”-like, into a hit. Over the last three years, approximately 30,000 people have planted seeds via modem. “It gets pretty ugly in there,” sighs Goldberg. “On the Web site, there’s a quote from Voltaire, which basically says, tend your own garden. A lot of people seem to miss that.”

Emily Nussbaum