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- AT: 00:47:58 Um, well to that point, um, when you were growing up, do you remember? You mentioned the Japanese diner next to Ken's lounge. Um, what other kinds of, did your family go to Japanese restaurants?
- SS: 00:48:12 No, we were kind of poor. So going to, going out to eat was a luxury, you know, going to a McDonalds was like a big deal. Having a can of pop was a big deal. Yeah. We are. Or even for, we used to go crazy over fresh fruit because we used to get things out of cans so when we would have grapes, we used to fight over grapes. So when we didn't go out to eat a lot. Was only when we were a bit older that we could, the family could afford to go out to eat more.
- AT: 00:48:49 And um, one thing I wanted to be sure to ask living in Lincoln Park and then having that, uh, you mentioned that you'd gone to Ken's Lounge, that you had been over there. Um, was that a frequent commute or did you only do that a couple of times?
- SS: 00:49:08 Just a few times, because we were little. And your were, we weren't allowed to hang around in bars. So my mom would take us there to see my dad when he was working during the day, you know, and there weren't very many customers, if at all. And then once in awhile we would uh, we would be allowed to play in the booths and we'd go next door. And, uh, mostly the Japanese food that we had, my mom cooked. And I wasn't until later that I realized that she learned a lot of cookbooks and from, you know, friends because she, she didn't know how. I know, it's like a revelation when I found out then another family friend, her mom was the same way, which I thought was sort of interesting. You know, you wanted to be, um, American so much that it's sort of a shame that we lost a lot of our culture. So I mean there's still a lot that's here, thanks to like Japanese American Service Committee and so on. But a lot of it was lost in our, you know, quest to be American.

KS: 00:50:21 I just thought of, made a parallel of you bringing me to rainbow when I was a kid. Running around Rainbow.

SS: 00:50:26 Yeah. My sister owns two bars in city.

AT: 00:50:29 Currently?

SS: 00:50:32 Yeah. Yeah. Rainbow Club on Damon and Division and Skylark on 22nd and Halsted.

AT: 00:50:38 Oh wow.

SS: 00:50:39 Yeah, yeah, yeah. So, uh, so yeah, it's a, I can't think of other things because you know, they're just all these little bits and pieces that pop up and there's no like, wonderful story line that

KS: 00:51:01 You're doing really well.

AT: 00:51:01 This is great.

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