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AT YOU, KID!**



(Painting by Betty Weeks)

## OPINION

By Sonia Kharbanda

### WHAT MAKES A COMMUNITY FLOURISH? A Citizen Petition Seeks to Pause the Hennepin Avenue Plan

Sonia Kharbanda is a sophomore at St. Paul Academy and Summit School and a journalist and news editor of her school paper. She lives in Kenwood.

Zoë Francois, a local business owner and Lowry Hill resident, exclaimed, "I want my neighborhood to thrive." Katie Jones, a local activist and resident of Lowry Hill East/Wedge, was quoted in the Star Tribune saying, "All we want is a thriving Hennepin Avenue."

Francois and Jones both want the best for their communities — but they differ in opinion on the best route for success.

The City of Minneapolis is currently engineering the reconstruction of Hennepin Avenue between Douglas Avenue and Lake Street. Property owners along the corridor will be assessed for the "improvements" even though many are opposed to the design, which will eventually eliminate parking in favor of dedicated bike and bus lanes.

City officials confirmed that the city spent \$1.24 million on transit planning and nothing on planning related to supporting business vitality along the commercial corridor.

The plan, introduced in 2018, was approved by the City Council in 2022 and construction is expected to begin in early 2024. Ward 7 Council Member Lisa Goodman did not support the plan and voted no.

According to the city's website, the goals of the project are to improve sidewalks and intersections, consider a protected bikeway, create space for improved transit stops with



A letter mailed to residents along the Hennepin Ave corridor from the City of Minneapolis announcing a virtual Hennepin Ave Pre-construction Informational Meeting on Aug. 15 (City of Minneapolis)

the future METRO E Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), replace aging traffic signal and stormwater infrastructure, maintain and improve mobility for transit and motor vehicles and meet the city's transportation and climate change goals.

Supporting business development or a thriving commercial corridor are not among the plan's stated goals.

The plan specifies there will be only one lane for cars in each direction, one lane dedicated for wbuses and two-way off road bike lanes on the eastern side of the corridor.

The exact specifications are yet to be determined, but parking on Hennepin Avenue will be limited and restricted during peak rush hour and could eventually be eliminated if transit numbers are high.

#### The Argument Against the Plan

From the very beginning, the process was flawed, according to neighbor and president of the East Isles Neighborhood Association Mike Erlandson.

Erlandson also served on the Hennepin Avenue Advisory Stakeholder Committee for the project. He describes the panel process as "less than open" and "a disservice to the project and the community."

Erlandson thinks that the city wasn't objective once they got the federal grant for the project and for the BRT. According to Erlandson, BRT was never up for discussion and was a given in the planning process. This was confirmed by city officials.

Furthermore, Erlandson and

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## RIDING BIKES

BY ARI BAYLOR



(Self portrait)

Ari Baylor (9) lives in Lowry Hill and is a student at The Blake School.

My Grandpa picked me up from the house to go biking. I haven't done it in a very long time.

I got my bike to go onto the lake path and I put my bike on the asphalt ground. I hopped on and it felt familiar to me again.

We rode just the two of us, wind in my face. I'm alive — it felt so good.

We went around the lake one time but it felt like seconds. I felt so proud.







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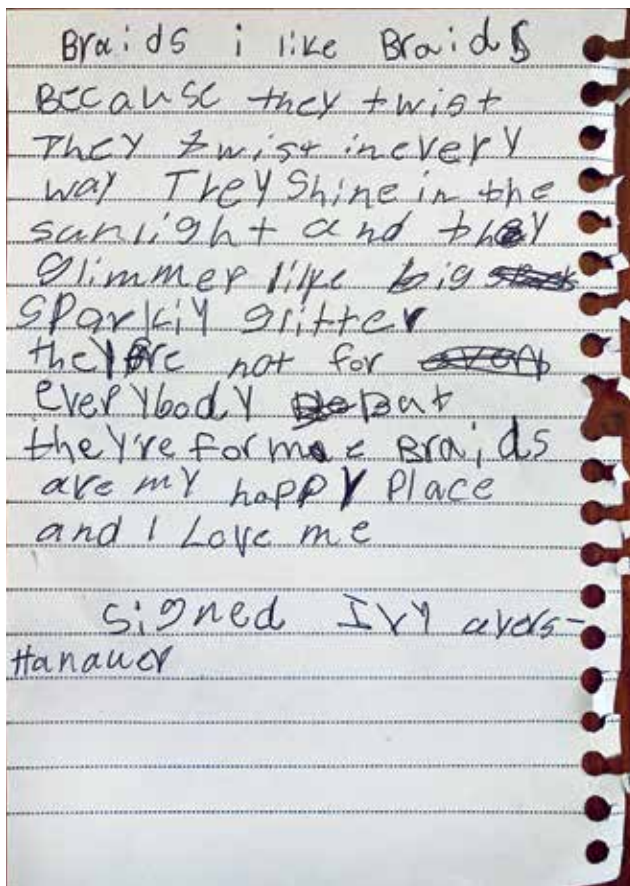
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our goal is to offer readers diverse perspectives on newsworthy events or issues of broad public concern to the Hill & Lake community. We hope you enjoy letters from Hill & Lake kids this month.



(Art by Wynne Colpitts, lives in Lowry Hill and attends The Waldorf School)



(Poem by Ivy Ayes-Hanauer, who attends Edina Highlands Elementary School)

### MILLY

By Arjun Kharbanda

I know you by your fuzzy fur and everlasting energy.

When I think of you I think of a very fast fluffy, bouncy ball flying across the room that I can never catch no matter how fast I run.

Everyday after school when I arrive home you come running at me at Mach 5. Then I'm nudged and being forced to pet you.

Remember all the times we played together with the minutes racing by.

You are the dog that has infinite power until dusk. Then you have no strength even if I ask you to awaken.

You are the one that greets me everyday.

(Poem by Arjun Kharbanda (12), who lives in the Lowry Hill neighborhood and attends St. Paul Academy and Summit School)

## MINNESOTA SUMMER 2023 BY THE NUMBERS

**60,000**

fans at Night One (6/23) of Taylor Swift's Eras Tour concert at US Bank Stadium



average Minnesota temperature in June **69.0°**



**16** goals scored by MNUFC in June and July (as of July 15)



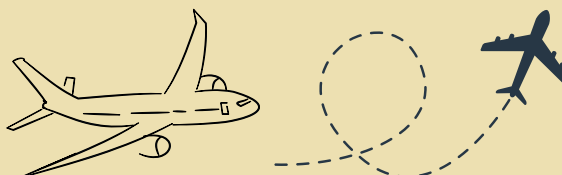
**450+**

vendors at the Minneapolis Pride festival (6/24-6/25)



**28,077**

operations (flights in and out) of Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport in June



(Infographic by Sonia Kharbanda)



(Self portrait and cat drawing by Dahlia Baylor (9), who lives in Lowry Hill and attends The Blake School)





(Self portrait and poem by Malcolm J. Roberts (9) who lives in Lowry Hill and attends Eagle Ridge Academy)

### FOR THE WANT OF A PAWN

By Malcolm J. Roberts

For the want of a pawn,  
the bishop was lost.

For the want of a bishop,  
the knight was lost.

For the want of a knight,  
the rook was lost.

For the want of a rook,  
the queen was lost.

For the want of the queen,  
the king was lost.

All for the want of a pawn.



## Ode to My Driveway

By Anonymous

oh driveway  
 you are smooth, paved perfectly.  
 you fit into  
 your sidewalk slot  
 just like teeth  
 on a zipper.  
 the grip on these basketball shoes  
 trembles just to think  
 of hours they'll spend  
 rubbing against your mighty skin.  
 oh so generous,  
 you share your tiles with the bugs.  
 you embrace the dirt and sand  
 that digs into your body  
 You let leaves fall  
 and smother you  
 in spring.  
 You accept a chilling blanket  
 of snow  
 tucking you to bed  
 until it is time to wake again.  
 With open arms  
 you welcome smiling children to your surface  
 multicolored chalk in their small hands  
 not a care in the world what they do with it.  
 How strong you are,  
 holding up  
 the weight of a hoop  
 for as long as one can remember.  
 Holding onto footsteps  
 of a determined kid  
 at five in the morning.  
 How reliable you are  
 to always take the pressure  
 of a new basketball  
 and bounce it back every time.  
 You do what you can  
 to make the world a better place.

By Niles K.W. Bennett (11)

I love the way the ball goes "whoosh-cu"  
 After a perfect shot  
 How the ball lightly rotates  
 After you perfect every part of the shot.

I love the way I attack  
 I slide and glide and,  
 Hustle and grind,  
 When you perfect that, you can say you have a talent.

I love the rhythm and rhyme of a dribble,  
 Changing speeds, it's like you can predict where the  
 ball's gonna land  
 Like it's all conducted.

But I hate when you practice and practice  
 and come game time, you're stuck up in your head.  
 I hate when your teammates like to play,  
 But you crave it.

I hate losing, but also winning dirty.  
 Losing because of a tiny detail you missed  
 or one opportunity that was unsuccessful.

You're going to love things in life.  
 You're going to hate things in life.  
 But things are only pointless if you do not  
 grow from them.



(Photo of and drawing by George Silvis, almost 7)



(Cora Silvis, 9)



(Rowan Silvis, 5)



(Self portrait and drawing by Liv Walcker, from the Lowry Hill neighborhood who attends Breck School)





# summer blooms

BY SOPHIA PERLMAN



(Self portrait)



"MY NAME IS SOFIA PERLMAN, I'M 17 AND I LIVE IN EAST ISLES. I GO TO THE BLAKE SCHOOL. I HAVE ATTACHED TWO OF MY PIECES OF ART. ADDITIONALLY, I HAVE BEEN AN EDITOR FOR BLAKE'S NEWSPAPER, THE SPECTRUM, SINCE I WAS A FRESHMAN IN HIGH SCHOOL."

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**WHAT MAKES A COMMUNITY FLOURISH, Front page**

Francois object to the usage of data from 2018 in the plan. “The world and our community have changed in the last few years,” says Francois, referencing the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the murder of George Floyd.

According to a February 2023 survey by the Census Bureau, 23.5% of Minnesota workers report working from home for three or more days each week.

In contrast, Fox 9 reported that in 2019, only 6.4% of Minnesota workers were remote, representing a dramatic increase since the pandemic.

With record-high numbers of Minnesotans working from home, it isn't clear that BRT routes to downtown will be heavily used or necessary.

The combination of reduced business during the pandemic and the unrest following the murder of George Floyd caused a lot of businesses to leave Minneapolis altogether.

The fear is that reduced access to parking could further harm already struggling businesses — that if parking is taken away from businesses, businesses will ultimately fail.

Erlandson and Francois cite Hennepin Avenue between Lake Street and 31st Street as a case study foreshadowing a rapid departure of businesses, empty storefronts and crime.

Finally, Erlandson and Francois argue that local government has made many costly mistakes in recent

years such as designing Bryant Avenue South, which isn't wide enough for emergency vehicles, and SWLRT with its multitude of flaws and cost overruns.

**The Argument for the Plan**

Jones supports the city's plan and the use of 24/7 dedicated bus lanes because of its environmental and equity benefits. She noted that the design is supported by the city's Climate Equity Plan and Transportation Action Plan.

She pointed out that July 2023 was the hottest month on earth recorded in the last 120,000 years according to climate scientists, “We need to be acting everywhere to address climate, including here on Hennepin Ave.”

Jones said the road layout and design have been submitted to the Federal government, which is providing \$7 million for the project, and is unlikely to change ahead of construction next year.

**Do Francois and Erlandson agree that the project will result in an improved carbon footprint?**

Francois and Erlandson argue that when businesses close because of lack of parking, we shift our shopping elsewhere. Erlandson remarked, “After the Uptown Apple Store closed, many local residents now drive to Apple's Ridgedale or Southdale locations. What's the carbon footprint of that?”

Francois discussed the issue with other neighbors who shared similar

concerns and felt in the dark about the project. Together they started a petition called “Rethink Uptown” to the mayor and city officials to pause and reevaluate the project.

**My Take**

As a frequent walker and biker, and a practicing student driver, I find this issue confusing. I support action toward reducing carbon emissions, but I also value the local businesses of Minneapolis — and I suspect these views are shared by most neighbors.

On a recent trip to Sweden and Denmark, I was surprised to see the prevalence of biking and the accessibility of public transit. Still, modeling Minneapolis after the cities I visited isn't as easy as it seems.

Gothenburg and Copenhagen do not face Minnesota's brutal winter which limits biking for many months.

My hope for Hennepin Avenue and Minneapolis is for it to thrive with a focus on sustainability, but I hope we can prioritize our small businesses at the same time.

Local businesses are integral to a community as they provide more than just retail. While it is likely that the project will continue, either way, we must support local businesses, because a thriving community requires access to unique venues and commercial spaces.

I urge all neighbors to educate themselves about this issue and decide what your values are for our community.

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# PINOLI REVIEW

BY HAIFU NELSON OWEN

**"Recently I had the opportunity to visit Pinoli, the newly opened Italian restaurant at the former "Amore" location on Lake Street. Pinoli is the latest addition to Kim Bartmann's group of restaurants in Minneapolis. The menu is centered on pizzas, pastas and many delicious appetizers. Here are some of my thoughts on Pinoli and its food."**  
**— Haifu Nelson Owen**

*Haifu Nelson Owen, age 17, lives in Lowry Hill at his parents' summer home. He otherwise lives in San Francisco during the school year and will be a senior at Lick-Wilmerding High School.*

When our family of six first walked into Pinoli, we were greeted by a friendly host and a welcoming Italian themed atmosphere. The tile floors, archways, tables and chairs all gave off the energy of a homey Italian restaurant.

The service staff were really sociable and interactive. Our waitress in particular was very communicative in offering suggestions for appetizers and drinks. Service was a little bit slow at first, but the pace and attentiveness really picked up after we settled in.

The menu has a wide variety of deliciousness. We ordered the lamb meatballs, the charcuterie board, some focaccia and the roasted savoy cabbage salad to start.

We really loved the cabbage salad with the crunchy breadcrumbs but what stood out to me in particular was the charcuterie board and more specifically the amazing tomato pesto spread. Its flavor was oily, sweet and not too salty. When combined with bread, it made an otherworldly medley of tastiness. It was so good that we ordered some to go after finishing our meal.

As for main courses, we ordered two pizzas, one with cheese and one without, as well as gnocchi, ricotta cavatelle and the chicken. I don't like cheese, so the 'no cheese' pizza was especially good and satisfied my pizza craving even without the usual dairy essential. The gnocchi dish had a great seafood assortment and excellent broth. The chicken and the ricotta both sat well with my family as well.

A food review isn't complete without a beverage review. My



Lemon ricotta and pistachio cannoli



Gnocchi with asparagus and spring peas



Andrew Owen, Jim Conaway, Haifu Owen, Tomie Conaway, Shou Ming Owen (Photo by Kobi Conaway)



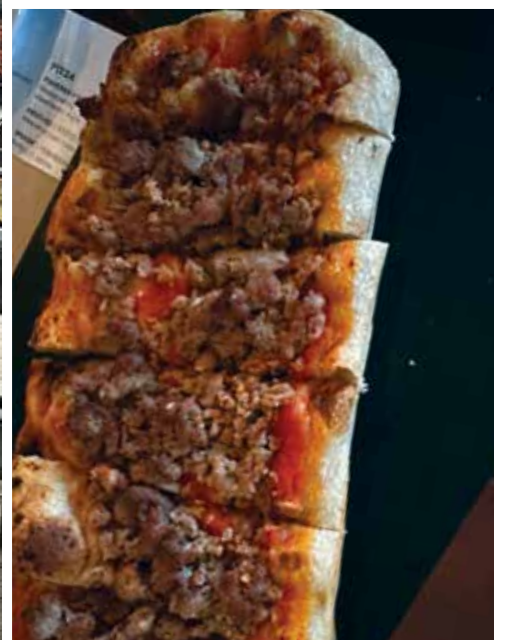
Roasted savoy cabbage salad



Shou Ming Owen, Haifu Owen, Jim Conaway (Photo by Kobi Conaway) (Photos Haifu Nelson Owen, unless otherwise denoted)



Cioppino



Fennel sausage pizza

grandfather — an expert of all things red wine, and in particular, Cabernet Sauvignon — approved of the wine list. His cabernet had "a nice heaviness and was very delicious." The drinks that my family ordered received high marks as well. My mother had a "white negroni" and my father enjoyed his "paper plane."

The most unique part of this restaurant is the upper deck, which we

were able to visit. The atmosphere offered on the rooftop patio contrasted with the restaurant below. The patio is a much more relaxing and flowy environment compared to downstairs, which feels like a sit-down family restaurant. Coupled with a bar and a beautiful view of the streets, the upper deck is a nice option to also enjoy your food.

All in all, Pinoli completes any

Italian craving you have, and is an excellent restaurant for a family meal. The service, food and drinks all made the place welcoming. Pinoli is a great addition to the neighborhood.







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# AUGUST ACTIVITIES



Sunday, August 6, 3–4 p.m.

Acoustic Music Series: Open Jam at Cedar Lake South Beach  
Enjoy live music on a warm summer afternoon.

Wednesday, August 9, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

CIDNA Board meeting at Jones-Harrison Lakeview Room  
All CIDNA residents are invited to attend.



Friday, August 11, 10:45–11:30 a.m.

Storytime Picnic Series at Park Siding Park  
Pack a picnic & blanket, listen to a story, pARTicipate in a craft.

Saturday, August 19, 9 a.m.–12 Noon

CIDNA Gardeners at Park Siding Park  
Care for the gardens and visit with fellow CIDNA residents.



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## LOWRY HILL NEWS – August 2023



### LHNA SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 5, from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Kenwood Recreation Center  
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### LOWRY HILL SAFETY WALKING CLUB

Join us for a friendly walk around the neighborhood! This is a great way to promote neighborhood safety and an excellent opportunity to get outside, meet neighbors, pick up litter, and build community. Walks begin in Thomas Lowry Park and last about 90 minutes. Upcoming dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, August 15, 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, August 26, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, September 12, 5:30 p.m.



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# East Isles Update

**Super Sale registration is now up on our website!**  
This year the event spans East Isles, Lowry Hill, East Bde Maka Ska and Kenwood, and will feature an online map. Start setting aside sale items and register by Aug. 30.

Thanks to all who join our monthly Lake of the Isles Cleanups! Together we've removed hundreds of gallons of litter from the lakeshore. Consider joining our next Cleanup for any amount of time—every little bit helps.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Lake of the Isles Monthly Cleanups**  
**Aug. 12, Sept. 16** Saturdays, 9:30 AM – 12 PM  
Check-in: W 27th St & E Lake of the Isles Pkwy  
*Keep the shores beautiful and healthy for people and wildlife. Bring your neighbors, kids and friends!*

**East Isles Safety Walking Club**  
**Aug. 23** Wednesday, 5:30 – 7 PM  
**Sept. 3** Sunday, 10 – 11:30 AM  
**Sept. 20** Wednesday, 5:30 – 7 PM  
Meet at Triangle Park: W 26th St & Irving Ave S  
*Get outside, meet your neighbors, pick up litter and contribute to community safety and spirit!*

**Neighborhood Super Sale**  
**Register sales by Aug. 30** Wednesday, 11 PM  
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*Partnering with Lowry Hill, East Bde Maka Ska and Kenwood, 2023's sale will be bigger than ever. Mark your calendars! Sellers can now register at our website.*

**East Isles Board Meeting**  
**Sept. 12** Tuesday, 6 – 8 PM  
Grace-Trinity Community Church: 1430 W 28th St  
*East Isles residents, business owners/lessees, and non-profit, education and government reps welcome!*

Dates subject to change—visit [eastisles.org](http://eastisles.org) for the latest.





# the ladybug and the bee

BY CORIN BENNET

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(Art Corin Bennet)



(Self portrait)

Corin Bennet (5) lives in Lowry Hill.

## CHAPTER 1

ONCE THERE WAS A LADYBUG NAMED GERALD. HE WAS A VERY CLUMSY LADYBUG. HE LIKED TREES.

SO, HE WENT ON A TREE. BUT THE TREE FELL DOWN WHEN HE WENT TO THE TOP LEAF. SO GERALD WENT TO ANOTHER TREE.

THAT TREE HAD SNOW ON IT. AND THE LADYBUG FELL DOWN AND WENT TO ANOTHER TREE. THIS TREE

WAS IN THE SUNLIGHT.

THE LADYBUG LIKED THE SUNLIGHT, SO HE WENT ON THE TREE. GERALD WAS COVERED IN SNOW AND THE SNOW MELTED. AND THEN, THAT TREE FELL DOWN.

SO GERALD FELL DOWN TOO. ALL HE NEEDED WAS A LEAF FOR MEDICINE FROM ALL THAT FALLING. BUT HE ATE TOO MANY LEAVES.

GERALD ATE ALL OF THE LEAVES ON THE TREE.

## CHAPTER 2

GERALD GOT VERY SICK, AND HE WENT TO THE DOCTOR. HE WAS TOO SMALL TO GO TO INSIDE. SO HE WENT HOME AND HE TRIED NOT TO GET STEPPED ON.

GERALD ATE A DEAD PINE LEAF AND FELT MUCH BETTER. THEN HE MET A FRIEND NAMED LILY. SHE HAD A TREEHOUSE. THE LADYBUG HAD A TREEHOUSE TOO BUT HIS WAS VERY

DIRTY.

AND THEN, LILY LEFT HER TREEHOUSE, AND THE LADYBUG WAS SURPRISED. AND THEN GERALD FIGURED OUT WHAT SHE WAS LEAVING FOR... VACATION!!

## CHAPTER 3

AND THEN THE LADYBUG'S HOUSE FELL DOWN ALONG WITH THE BEE'S HOUSE. AND ON VACATION, THE BEE GOT VERY SICK AND STUNG SOMEBODY.

AND THEN SHE FELT BETTER, AND THE PERSON GOT AN OUCHY WITH A HOLE IN HIS ARM.

## CHAPTER 4

THE BEE WENT HOME FROM VACATION AND SAW HER HOUSE ON THE GROUND.

SO SHE MOVED TO A FLOWER AND SHE FELT A PERSON PICK THE FLOWER. SHE WENT TO A TREE THAT DIDN'T FALL DOWN AND SHE LIVED WITH THE LADYBUG.

## CHAPTER 5

THEN THE LADYBUG HAD TO GO OFF TO WORK AND THE BEE WAS ALL ALONE. SO SHE PLAYED CARDS WITH HER INVISIBLE FRIEND.

THAT DIDN'T WORK. SHE WAS STILL LONELY. AND THEN SHE WATCHED T.V. EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO WATCH T.V.

AND THEN THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER. THE MORAL OF THE STORY IS, PICK A TREE THAT LOOKS DEAD TO YOU.

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# LOWRY HILL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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“On Saturday, July 22 we attended the Lowry Hill Annual Ice Cream Social. The event was fun with lots things for kids to do like splashing in Seven Pools, origami, face painting and even a fire truck with firefighters. Our favorite part was the ice cream. We think next year we should have more ice cream flavors and bigger ice cream scoops. We will be back next year!”  
 — Luca Saucedo

*Luca Saucedo lives in Lowry Hill and is a student at The Blake School.*





# MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

BY ARI BAYLOR

## Justin Baylor, my dad

*Ari Baylor (9) interviews his father, Justin Baylor, about his childhood growing up in Lowry Hill.*

**Ari:** What was the neighborhood like when you were a kid?

**JB:** The neighborhood wasn't that different when I was a kid. Some of the older businesses and restaurants have closed like the Kenwood Deli but we have new ones like The Kenwood. I had friends from school that lived in the neighborhood, and I had friends who lived outside the neighborhood too who would attend after-school activities. There always felt like there were a lot of kids.

**Ari:** What did you do before cell phones and internet?

**JB:** When I was a kid, I had to memorize all my friends phone numbers and schedules so that I could call their house or go to their house to communicate and play with them. I still remember two of my best friend's home phone numbers by heart.

**Ari:** Where was your favorite place to ride your bike when you were a kid?

**JB:** My favorite place to ride my bike in 5th or 6th grade was through the neighborhood to Cedar Trails — I had a friend who lived over there.

**Ari:** What is your happiest neighborhood memory?

**JB:** My happiest neighborhood memory was biking to and from Kenwood School when I had reached an age of independence. I was proud I could get myself to school, and I didn't have to ride the bus anymore.

**Ari:** Describe your 9-year-old self in 3 words.

**JB:** Curious, confident and cute.

**Ari:** When you were nine, what did you want to be when you grew up?

**JB:** When I grew up, I wanted to be a football player or an FBI agent.

**Ari:** What is different about growing up today than when you were a kid?



Justin Baylor as a kid  
(Photo Doris Baylor)



Ari and his dad, Justin Baylor  
(Photo Jackie Brown Baylor)

**JB:** When we were kids we did not have as many options. For example: 1) TV you just had to watch whatever was on; 2) Movies you had to buy from a store or rent from a video rental store; 3) Music had to listen to on the radio or buy tapes and later CDs to listen at home. The Lowry restaurant used to be a record store called Tidal Wave. Another example is that kids can now watch shows and movies in the car — we didn't have the option to do that, we would just look out the car window and imagine or daydream. Your generation has access to so much more information from internet access, like YouTube. We got majority of our information from books.

**Ari:** Have you ever dived off the Lake of the Isles bridge into the water to swim?

**JB:** Skip that question, it is incriminating — I plead the 5th.

**Ari:** Did you have a favorite teacher at Kenwood Elementary? Why?

**JB:** My 4th grade teacher Miss Ryan because she was a younger teacher

and she apparently lived next to Christian Laettner, who at the time, was a star Timberwolves player. Everyone thought she was cool.

**Ari:** So, you wanted to be cool too? Interesting...

**Ari:** What were some of your hobbies when you were a kid?

**JB:** Basketball, baseball, soccer and boy scouts.

**Ari:** What was your favorite dinner when you were a kid?

**JB:** My favorite dinner when I was a kid was chicken wings from Shorty and Wags with rice.

**Ari:** What kind of mischievous activities were you known for in your family?

**JB:** I was notoriously known for hiding TV remotes from others when there was something on TV that I wanted to watch. Then I would forget where I hid it and then people would get upset, they couldn't find their remote after I left.

**Ari:** Did you have a favorite book when you were a kid?

**JB:** I loved the Family Circus comic books by Bil Keane — they were my absolute favorite.

**Ari:** Best advice your dad ever gave you?

**JB:** Know thyself, and nothing in excess.

**Ari:** Repeat that- What do you mean by that?

**JB:** That is something for you to interpret later.

**Ari:** What is one thing being a parent has taught you?

**JB:** Kids are always listening.

**Ari:** What smells transport you to your childhood?

**JB:** The smell of fresh cut grass, the smell of the garage and the smell of Sebastian Joe's remind me of my childhood.

**Ari:** Tell me about a time when you were a kid and you had to tell a friend no.

**JB:** Anytime my friends wanted me to come out and play at dinner time or when the streetlights were on. We weren't allowed to be out once the streetlights came on.

**Ari:** Did you have a neighborhood secret hideout?

**JB:** Yes! We had a few secret hideouts we made. The first was in an alleyway behind my house between two large bushes; it was a fort. The second one was at Kenwood Park in the wooded area. Sometimes we would return the following day and there would be adult-sized shirts and empty beer bottles in our fort leftover from someone who stayed there through the night.

**Ari:** Favorite childhood movie?

**JB:** Anything starring Steven Segal and anything with Will Smith in it.

**Ari:** Thank you for your interview.

**JB:** Thank you for thanking me, it was a pleasure to be here.



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## PHOTO FEATURE

## some good dogs of lowry hill and beyond

BY SHOU MING IKUTA OWEN

**"I think dogs are some of the most interesting people in my neighborhood. Here are some of my favorites."**

**— Shou Ming Ikuta Owen**

*Shou Ming Ikuta Owen lives in Minneapolis during the summer months. During the school year she lives in San Francisco and will be entering 8th grade in the fall at the Sterne School.*



(Photo Kim Bartmann)

#### Luna

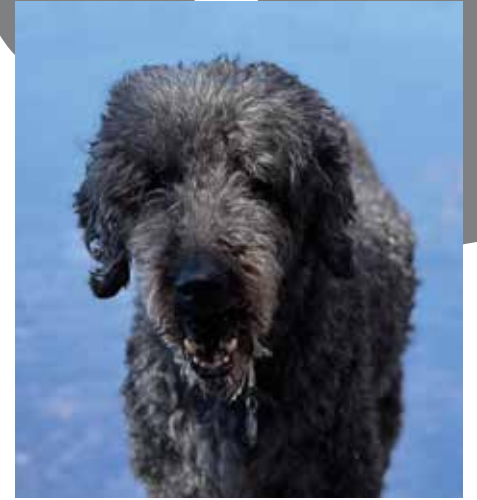
Luna is Tubs' aunt and she is 11 years old. She's too old for toys and her favorite thing to do is sleep. Her favorite treat is ice cream. Luna's person is Mark Tierney.



(Photo Andrew Owen)

#### Ollie

Ollie is three years old. His favorite toy is a blue ball. His favorite thing to do is play fetch with his ball. For snacks, he likes baby carrots the best. Ollie's person is Lisa Leppa.



(Photo Kim Bartmann)

#### Pudel

Stanley Pudel Klutzenheimer Schmidt AKA Pudel is fourteen years old. His favorite playmate is Dottie the Pitbull and he loves chasing rabbits and eating good ribeye for a treat. Pudel's people are the Bartski family.



(Photo Dawn LeBail)

#### Coqui

Coqui is almost 4 years old. Her parents don't know her actual birthday because she was a street puppy in Puerto Rico. Her favorite toy (pictured) is Sly the Family Fox. She likes to go for walks, hangout with her parents and take naps. Her favorite treat is a special non-rawhide bone filled with sweet potatoes. Coqui's people are Dawn and Fred LeBail.



(Photo Kobi Conaway)

#### Bella

Bella is 9 years old and likes to chase squirrels and rabbits. She loves to run off leash at her grandparents' farm. Her favorite treat is bacon. Bella's people are the Shaffer family.



(Photo Alec Soth)

#### Auggie

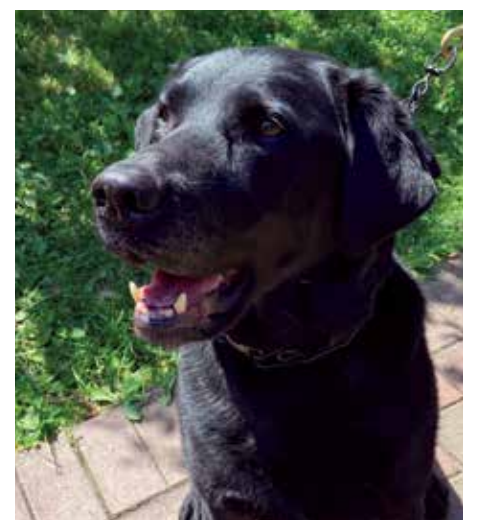
Auggie is four years old. His favorite toy is always a ball. He loves to go for a swim with his dad every morning. His favorite treat is a bully stick. Auggie's people are the Soth family.



(Photo Larissa Kokernot)

#### Remi

Remi just turned four. His squeeky owl is his favorite toy. His favorite thing to do is cuddle and also to play fetch. He really likes Smart Sticks, which his family calls his "peanut butter log treats." He gets one a day and he loves to eat them in the dining room. Remi's people are the Kokernot-Gadjusek family.



(Photo Andrew Owen)

#### Rafa

Rafa is 10 years old. His favorite toy is a Frisbee and he likes to swim. Like his brother, Bjorn, his favorite treats are bones. Rafa's people are the Trondson family.





(Photo Kim Bartmann)

**Queenie**

Queenie is two years old and loves to play with anything that squeaks. Her favorite activity is sitting on your lap. And then her favorite snack is your sandwich. Queenie's people are the Bartski family.



(Photo Andrew Owen)

**Tubs**

Tubs is four years old. His favorite toy is a bear. His favorite thing to do is to hang out by the fence and say "hello" to neighbors. His favorite treat is a dog biscuit. Tubs' person is Mark Tierney.



(Photo Scott Thares)

**Mobley**

Mobley is 11 years old and loves walks, his ball and sleeping on any bed as much as he can. He might be part goat as he loves to eat everything. Mobley's people are the Thares family.



(Photo Andrew Owen)

**Bjorn**

Bjorn is four years old and loves tennis balls. Also, his favorite thing to do is chase tennis balls. His favorite treats are bones. Bjorn's people are the Trondson family.



(Photo Andrew Owen)

**Sugar Ella**

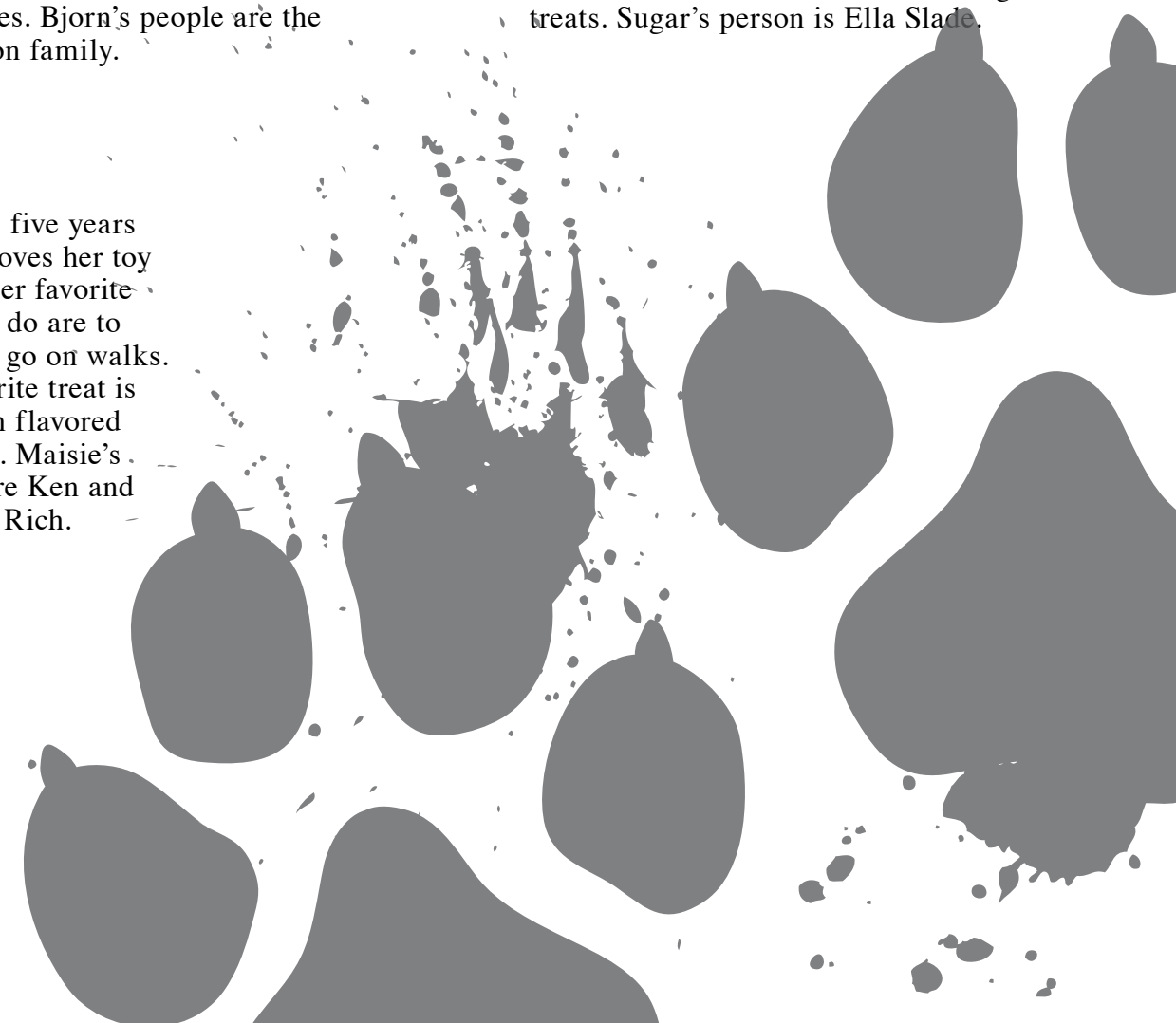
Sugar is 11 years old. His favorite things to do are to run and snuggle. His favorite treat is Charlee Bear dog treats. Sugar's person is Ella Slade.



(Photo Andrew Owen)

**Maisie**

Maisie is five years old and loves her toy bunny. Her favorite things to do are to bark and go on walks. Her favorite treat is a chicken flavored dog treat. Maisie's people are Ken and Deborah Rich.





# gone fishing

BY CHARLOTTE CHRISTENSEN

Charlotte Christensen will be a 1st grader at Kenwood Community School this fall.

On the 4th of July weekend we went to Cross Lake. We

fished off the dock and I caught more than 30 fish. I caught more fish than my dad did. I

caught bluegills and bass. One of them was really big! Also I caught a Northern but it

broke my line. I know it was a Northern because of the clean break. It used its sharp teeth!



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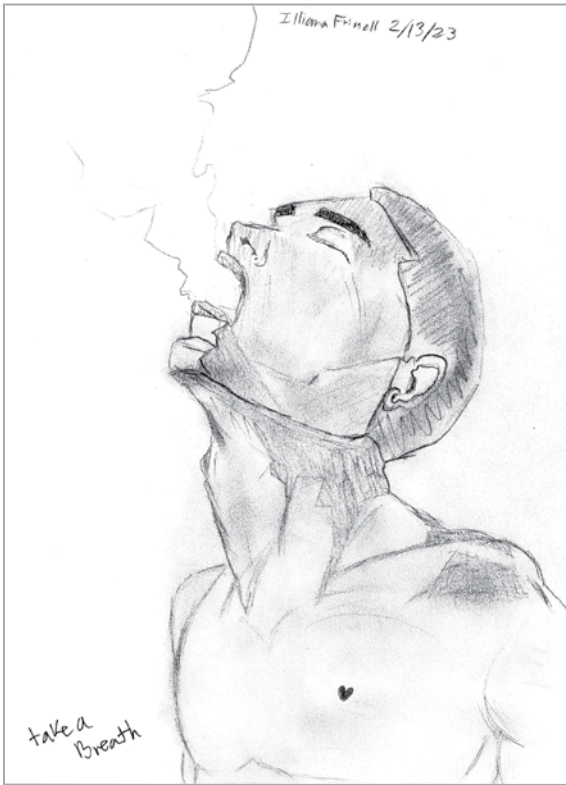
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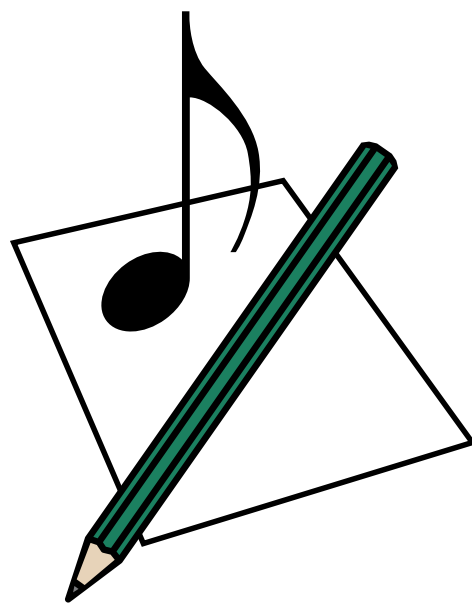
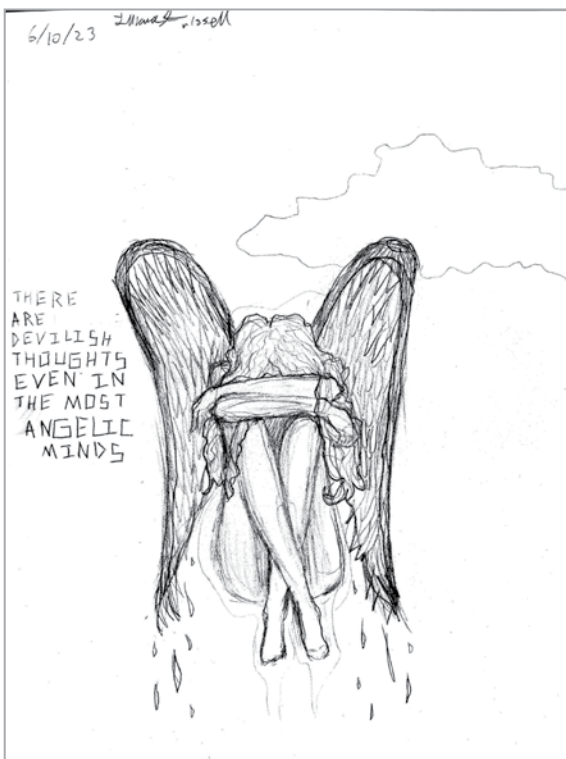
# Art & Lyrics

BY ILLIANA FRISSELL AND LILY ERLANDSON



Illiana Frissell (14) lives in Lowry Hill.

Hi I'm Illiana and I am going to be a freshman next year at De La Salle. I moved into Lowry Hill three months ago. The community has really welcomed me, which I love. My interests are piano, singing, acting, dancing, drawing, volleyball, family and friends. I have included two of my drawings. These drawings are very meaningful to me given the hard times we have had recently, not just in the Minneapolis community but the whole world. My first piece is titled: "Take a breath." The second piece is titled: "Falling Angel" with this anonymous quote: "There are the most devilish thoughts in the most angelic minds." I hope I can get to know more of this community and make some new friends.



# SOS

Lyrics and music by Lily Erlandson

I'm going through changes  
I'm not always gonna be the same  
I'm trying to heal  
The pain

I'm going through a hard time  
I'm holding my breath  
I'm trying not to dive  
Into the deep end

I'm going through a low point  
I'm a boat floating alone in the sea  
I'm waving my white flags  
Saying SOS

I'm stuck in the waves  
Floating alone  
Hoping the emptiness  
Won't sink my boat

I'm stuck in a storm  
Thunder and lightning and all  
The rain falling down  
On my shoulders

I'm trying to steer  
Searching for shore  
But it's nowhere in sight  
There's no shining light

I'm trying to change  
I want to get better  
I need your help  
I need some time

I'm stuck in the deep dark blue sea  
I'm trapped by my mind  
I want to escape  
To feel something

I don't want to sink  
I don't want to drown  
I just need a lighthouse  
To guide me out

Lily Erlandson lives in East Isles neighborhood.



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# An ARTrageous Summer

PHOTOS AMANDA VALLONE



Budding artists painted a collaborative mural during one of the camp weeks called Cruising the Caribbean



Kenwood Park summer Recreation Plus kids got to go on two outdoor ARTrageous Adventures with owner, Amanda Vallone, as they learned about the similarities between artists, paleontologists and mushroom foragers through a fun hands-on arts workshop



Grayson Cocco (9) is a Kenwood resident and attends Carondelet Catholic School. He created a pretty impressive Lego sculpture during free arts at the studio



Here is the finished mural featuring Tap Taps in Haiti, which the campers learned through a day of Cruising the Caribbean. Tap Taps are colorfully painted buses or pick up trucks that serve as shared taxis with metal roofs in Haiti



Preschooler Yvette (4) pARTicipating at the Where the Wild Things Are ARTrageous camp at Kenwood Community Center



Girls painting in the park on easels



CIDNA resident Nate (6) reaches for the ladder in this PJ inspired camp pARTy at the studio



Celebrating Scout's 8th birthday and the last week of school with a rockin' good time



ARTrageous Adventures is a full service art studio that offers programming for all ages. Nestled in the heart of the Kenwood community. We are close to Uptown, Edina, Linden Hills, Lynlake and Downtown.







Resident campers painted toucans for our ARTrageous Adventures in the Amazon Rainforest this summer

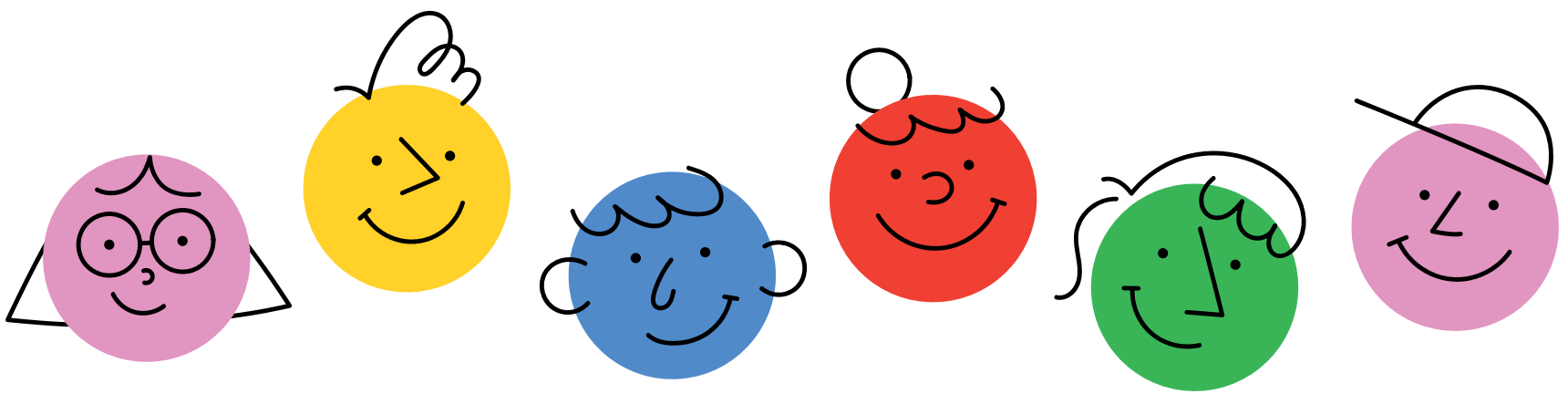


South Uptown residents Emily with two daughters, Thisbe (3) and Lorca (5) creating a LOVE banner during PRIDE month at the studio



A few Cedar Lake East Beach goes getting tattooed by guest pirate

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# SØNIA'S TRIP TØ SWEDEN

Sonia went to a soccer tournament in Sweden and left with....



Leaving Minneapolis with my team, wearing our Sweden t-shirts (Photo Elyse Kharbanda)



Our room setup in Horsens, Demark (Photo Ella Schwie)



Boats on a day trip top Marstand Island off the coast of Sweden (Photo Annie Zhang)



My whole team before one of our games (Photo Assistent Coach Abriana Armenta)

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# DEAR NEIGHBOR

*A monthly column with guest contributor Sonia Kharbanda*

*Sonia Kharbanda is a sophomore at St. Paul Academy and Summit School and a journalist and news editor of her school paper. She lives in Kenwood.*

I have never been good at accepting the unexpected. I could give you a list of all the moments I've squandered worrying about the unknown, but no example is better than that of this past July.

St. Paul Blackhawks soccer club has taken its under-15 age group of teams to Sweden to compete in the Gothia Cup tournament for more than 20 years. I started playing for Blackhawks in the first grade, when 15 seemed like a lifetime away.

Fast forward, my freshman year of high school had ended, and I had to start preparing for a trip full of new experiences. I ruminated over every detail I couldn't control, wondering what the rooms would look like or if the food would be edible. I was so wrapped up in my worries about the trip that I didn't fully realize how special the journey would be.

We began our trip at a sprawling school in Horsens, Denmark, where we trained in the mornings and then traveled all together on day trips. All 19 girls on my team, plus two chaperones, stayed in one room together. After four days in Denmark, our room was undeniably disgusting, so luckily it was time to leave.

We took a ferry from Copenhagen to Gothenburg, Sweden, along with many other teams arriving before the start of the tournament. We played five games, spread across five days in Gothenburg, and we reached the quarter final round before being eliminated.

Though our results were not as we'd hoped, the experience of staying in Gothenburg during the tournament was unforgettable. Unlike in Denmark, where Blackhawks was the only club in town, in Gothenburg we shared our school with teams from Spain, Costa Rica, Lebanon and Sweden.

After our games, we ventured around the city and were surrounded by other teams competing in the tournament — all wearing our Gothia Cup lanyards, which provided free access to all public transportation. The spirit of the tournament fostered new friendships and created an easy conversation starter.

The attention wasn't always appreciated: as a large group of American tourists, we were a spectacle to observe, and my friends and I were repeatedly approached and harassed. Still, our interactions at our school and around Gothenburg were largely positive, and entirely memorable.

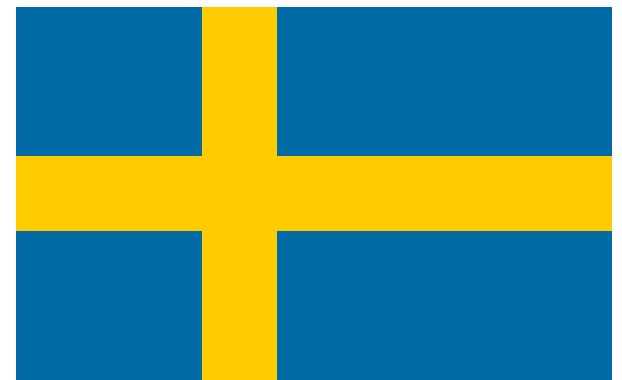
Coming back to Minnesota has been an abrupt transition. I can no longer ignore how much I spend just because I don't know the

krona-to-USD conversion. I forgot how hot Minnesota is, after spending twelve days in a lukewarm climate, and the air in Horsens was blissfully clean compared to our smoky summers.

Above all the surface-level changes, the unknown feels a lot more manageable now. Though I found answers to all I worried about before the trip — the rooms were small but comfortable, and the food was edible (barely) — I now realize how silly it was to waste any time trying to control the unexpected.

The simplest, spontaneous and unplanned moments of my trip became the parts I'll remember most. If I can travel to a foreign country, share a room with twenty other girls, make friends with strangers, and accept losing for the greater experience, nothing back home feels as scary.

— Sonia




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# NATHAN'S HERB STAND

BY NATHAN AND VICKI SHAFER



Nathan Shafer (4<sup>3/4</sup>) of Lowry Hill at his herb stand.

VICKI SHAFER INTERVIEWS SON NATHAN SHAFER ABOUT HIS HERB STAND IN LOWRY HILL.

**NATHAN, HOW OLD ARE YOU?** 4 AND 3 QUARTERS  
**WHY DID YOU WANT TO OPEN THE HERB STAND?**  
 I WANTED A REMOTE CONTROL CAR AND NEEDED TO MAKE SOME MONEY TO BUY IT.

**WHEN ARE YOU OPEN?** MOST SUNDAYS BEFORE DINNER. UNLESS I'M BUSY DOING LEGOS OR SWIMMING AT THE POOL.

**WHAT AMENITIES DOES YOUR HERB STAND OFFER?**  
 A WATER BOWL FOR DOGS, SOME SHADE WHEN I GET MY UMBRELLA OUT, AND FREE SAMPLES OF MY HERBS AND YOU CAN PARK ON THE STREET AND SOMETIMES MY MOM OFFERS WINE TO MY CUSTOMERS.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HERB THAT YOU'RE GROWING AND SELLING?** THE PURPLE THAI BASIL.

**WHY?** I DON'T KNOW.

**WHAT DO YOU SELL THE MOST OF?** MINT, BUT THAI BASIL IS PRETTY CLOSE.

**WHICH HERB SMELLS THE BEST?** MINT!

**DO ANY OF THEM SMELL YUCKY?** THEY ALL SMELL MEDIUM EXCEPT THE MINT. MINT SMELLS THE GOODEST.

**WHAT'S THE TYPICAL PRICING FOR YOUR HERBS?**  
 I HAVE A PRICE SHEET THAT I CAN SHOW YOU. (UPON INSPECTING PRICE SHEET IT APPEARS THAT EVERYTHING IS EITHER 1, 2, OR 3 DOLLARS)

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**WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT DOING YOUR HERB STAND?** I LIKE PUTTING THE MONEY IN MY PIGGY BANK SO THAT I CAN SAVE MONEY TO BUY A REMOTE CONTROL CAR.

**WILL YOU BE OPEN DURING THE SUPER SALE ON SEPTEMBER 9TH FROM 9AM- 3PM? IS THAT A SUNDAY?**  
 (NO, IT'S A SATURDAY) NO, I'M ONLY OPEN ON SUNDAYS.

**HOW ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT GROWING YOUR CUSTOMER BASE?** I'M GOING TO LAUNCH A STOMP ROCKET WITH A SIGN ON IT THAT SAYS, "NATHAN'S HERBS" AND KIDS CAN FOLLOW THE ROCKET AND FIND ME.



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