



THE SHIELD

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FEATURED ARTWORK

CURATED BY AMANDA SCHMIDT

Artist: Dominic Garofalo



"This painting was made using a canvas background with various acrylic paints, along with my very own blood, sweat, and tears."

This piece is fairly special to me, because I find comedy to be an important aspect of a person's life; to incorporate Will Ferrell into my art work shows the many ways that comedy can be transformed into something that you don't see everyday.

This particular painting was from a project in class where we were asked to find a famous piece of artwork and give it more of a modernized feel. I chose one of Andy Warhol's paintings where in the original piece Marilyn Monroe was depicted, whereas in mine I decided to draw Will Ferrell, or Ron Burgundy, from the movie *The Anchorman*.

I got into art when I was old enough to hold a pencil. Ever since I was a kid I've always been drawing on my notebooks instead of actually paying attention because, come on, what fun is that?

Art means a lot to me because I feel it is one of many ways to show and express your inner creativity that you can't find elsewhere. I hope to one day put my art skills to use in designing new vehicles or in designing new parts to be put to use on and off the track."

ASK ANDY
ADVICE COLUMN

Dear Andy,

I don't think I am ready for college. I'm kind of struggling in my current classes and I'm not sure if I'll be ready for college courses. Also, I don't know if ready to go away to school and live on my own. I have no idea how to function like an adult. I really want to attend college, but I'm afraid I might not be ready. What should I do?

Thanks,
College-Bound

Dear College-Bound,

Don't feel like you have to be acting like a functioning adult right away. You're only 18, and it's normal to feel nervous for college. Talk to your counselor, and she can help you prepare for college life and also help you find extra help in your classes if you feel like you need it. Try not to worry too much; you got this!

Yours,



Andy

SPORTS

EVENT	DATE AND TIME	PLACE
Softball	5/8/15 @4:30 pm	Brown Deer HS
Boys Golf	5/9/15 @9:00 am	Ives Grove
Softball	5/9/15 @12:00 pm	Island Park
Varsity Baseball	5/9/15 @8:30 am	Horlick Field
Softball	5/11/15 @4:30 pm	Cudahy HS
Boys Varsity Tennis	5/12/15 @4:00 pm	Lockwood Park
Softball	5/12/15 @4:30 pm	UW WI Parkside
Varsity Baseball	5/12/15 @7:00 pm	Horlick Field
Varsity Baseball	5/13/15 @4:30 pm	Horlick Field
Track Meet	5/13/15 @4:30 pm	Hammes Field
Girls Soccer	5/13/15 @6:30 pm	The Prairie School
Boys Golf	5/14/15 @2:00 pm	Brighton Dale
Varsity Baseball	5/14/15 @4:30 pm	Humble Park
Softball	5/14/15 @4:30 pm	Roosevelt Park





FUN FACTS

- On average, 2 newborns will be given to the wrong parents every day.
- In space you cannot cry because there is no gravity to make the tears flow.
- At any given time, there are at least 1,800 thunderstorms in progress over the earth's atmosphere.
- Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.
- Babies are born without knee caps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2-6 years of age.

Source: <http://uselessfacts.net/>

TOP SONGS BY ELAINA KEISER

WEEK OF MAY 4TH, 2015

1. SEE YOU AGAIN- WIZ KHALIFA FEATURING CHARLIE PUTH

Cameron Thomaz, who goes by the name Wiz Khalifa, was born in 1987 in Minot, North Dakota. His first attempt at committing lyrics to paper was around age nine and at age 12, was already recording and producing his own records in his father's Oklahoma studio. The song "Black and Yellow" for the Pittsburgh Steelers became their unofficial anthem, thus gaining attention to Wiz Khalifa. Fame shot upward for Khalifa, making a career for him.

2. UPTOWN FUNK!- MARK RONSON FEATURING BRUNO MARS

Mark Ronson is an English musician, DJ, singer, and music producer. Before becoming famous, Mark attended New York University while being a DJ on the side. He produced a Grammy award winning album with Amy Winehouse before her unfortunate death. Mark's debut album, *Here Comes the Fuzz*, failed to impact the charts. His second album, *Version*, had three Top 10 Hits, and a Brit Award. "Uptown Funk!" featuring Bruno Mars is the first single off his upcoming album.

3. EARNED IT- THE WEEKND

Abel Tesfaye, known by his stage name The Weeknd, born February 16, 1990, is a Canadian R & B singer, songwriter, recording artist, and record producer. In late 2010, Abel anonymously uploaded several songs to YouTube under the name The Weeknd. He was featured in Ariana Grande's "Love Me Harder" but went platinum in the U. S. from "Earned It" from the movie *Fifty Shades of Grey*.

Sources: www.billboard.com/artist/431494/wiz-khalifa/biography, www.allmusic.com/artist/the-Weeknd-mn0002674162/biography

ENTERTAINMENT BY MARIA LEFEBER

DEEP THOUGHTS

- If you really want to impress people with your computer literacy, add the words "dot com" to everything you say, dot com.

-When you go for a job interview, I think a good thing to ask is if they ever press charges.

- I think a good product would be "Baby Duck Hat." It's a fake baby duck, which you strap on top of your head. Then you go swimming underwater until you find a mommy duck and her babies, and you join them. Then all of the sudden, you stand up out of the water and roar like Godzilla. Man those ducks really take off! Also Baby Duck Hat is good for parties.

Source: http://www.boche.net/deep_thoughts.htm

SHOWS TO WATCH ON NETFLIX

- Daredevil
- Brain Games
- Cupcake Wars
- Prison Break
- Freaks and Geeks

APPS TO DOWNLOAD

- Kungfu Warrior
- Driver Speedboat Paradise
- Kitty in the Box
- Mortal Combat
- Hungry Shark Evolution
- AA



INTERVIEW WITH MR. GRISA

By LORENC GASPAROV

LG: Why did you go into teaching?

Mr. Grisa: I want to have an immediate positive effect on the world. In addition, I know that I will learn much about the world through interactions with students.

LG: How long have you been teaching students, and what classes do you teach?

MG: I've taught several subjects along various timeframes: I've taught chess to elementary schoolers for CheckMateUSA in after school clubs for 3 years. I've taught Standup Paddleboarding (SUP) for YOLO Board for 3 years. Through YOLO Board, I've taught Paddle Core Fitness and SUP Yoga. Through YOLO Board, I teach youngsters aged 4-13 how to SUP in a summer camp. Through Tutor Doctor, I tutor middle school students in all subjects. I volunteered at an Autism line therapy company called Autism Family Connections for a few months. I mentored children and young adults with autism in social interaction. We mainly played board games and chatted but there was a personal finance aspect as well. However, my main passion is Language Arts. Through UWM, I've tutored and instructed grades 6-12 in composition, reading literature, and research.

LG: What is your favorite book you have ever read, and why is it your favorite?

MG: How you gonna ask that question?! I have a new favorite every year! Probably Eragon because I read it as I became an adult. I didn't gain telekinesis (or even a full beard) like Eragon, but my growth paralleled the protagonist's in a few ways. Christopher Paolini's writing style is easy to follow but also very creative. The book has the setting of Lord of the Rings but the readability of Harry Potter. Between the Shades and the Raz Zac--two creepy, intelligent antagonist species--I was scared on behalf of the saga's pitifully armed humans.

LG: What are your favorite activities to do in your free time?

MG: Snowboarding, Skateboarding, Poi (look it up), Hiking, Bicycling, Chess, SUP, Reading Cracked.com, and Writing my blog, troygrisa.tumblr.com.

LG: What is your favorite food?

MG: I'm on a seafood diet. I see food, and I eat it. Wow, just kidding. For real, I do prefer seafood. I like to save it for special occasions.

LG: What is your all-time favorite movie and why?

MG: The original Star Wars trilogy is my favorite because I saw them at an age when I was able to pretend that I could be anything. I wanted to be a Jedi for about a decade.

LG: When is your birthday?

MG: August 11th, 1992.

LG: What would be your dream vacation?

MG: Snowboarding in Jackson Hole immediately after a massive snowstorm.

LG: What is your favorite video game?

MG: Super Smash Bros. I experience more adrenaline when playing Smash than I do when I hit a 50 foot kicker jump on a snowboard. There's nothing like spiking Diddy Kong with a quick slash with Marth's blade. I like to fight as Marth, Link, or Fox/Falco.

LG: What TV shows do you like to watch?

MG: I no longer watch television unless there's a massive sporting event like the Super Bowl. The only show I watch religiously is Sunday in the Park on transworldsnowboarding.net. As a kid, I liked The Simpsons, Fresh Prince of Bel Air, Yu-Gi-Oh.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, MAY 4TH THROUGH
FRIDAY, MAY 15TH

- AP TESTING

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH

- THEATER ARTS PERFORMANCE, "BELLES ON THEIR TOES" AT 6PM

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH

- THEATER ARTS PERFORMANCE, "BELLES ON THEIR TOES" AT 6PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH

- ALL SCHOOL MORNING LITURGY

THURSDAY, MAY 14TH

- FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS, 5PM

FRIDAY, MAY 15TH

- 3HR EARLY RELEASE!
- TALENT SHOW DRESS REHEARSAL

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH

- PROM

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH

- FINAL DRESS REHEARSAL FOR THE TALENT SHOW
- S.A.D.D MEETING DURING STEP

THURSDAY, MAY 21ST

- TALENT SHOW

MONDAY, MAY 25TH

- NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY, MAY 26TH

- ALL SCHOOL ROSARY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH

- FINE ART AWARDS NIGHT, 6PM

THURSDAY, MAY 28TH

- GRADUATION REHEARSAL DURING STEP
- JUNIOR AND SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT, 7PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND

- SENIOR BREAKFAST

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD THROUGH
FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH

- FINAL EXAMS

FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH

- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- BACCALAUREATE MASS, 7PM AT SIENA CENTER

SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH

- GRADUATION



CONCRETE (SHAPE) POEM ~Gina Cuccio, Junior

Like a tree I stand tall.
 I buckle under cases of extreme pressure and push.
 I rarely sway though, the influence of others bouncing right off my bark,
 I suppose that makes me a strong sort of tree, an oak perhaps. While some try
 chop me down with the swing of an axe, chop chop chopping away,
 I stay standing. I'm covered with the scars that may never fade away, but still,
 I am standing. My leaves shiver and shake when I'm in front of a crowd, people
 intimidate me, and when they succeed my leaves begin to fall, down and down they fall
 until I'm covered in nothing at all. Who ever said sticks and stones can break my bones
 but words can never hurt me? Have they never witnessed any terrible things? The
 whispering words get carried with the wind and entangle themselves in my branches.
 Sometimes I wish I could pickup and move, but right now, I'm immobile, rooted firmly
 where I'm not sure I belong. I enjoy giving of myself to others; shelter in the shade,
 an apple for a crunch, but sometimes I think I give too much. Sometimes, just
 sometimes, I forget to care for myself first. After all, I need sun and water and oxygen
 to grow, but is it just that simple? I may be like a tree, but they need love to grow too.
 And a little happiness wouldn't hurt either. Oh, how I love to hear the robin chirp,
 awaking in eager preparation for his day. The grass is thriving, the color of emerald
 jewels. And suddenly, this spring rebirth is making me quite happy.
 The chance to start over,
 fresh and clean like
 the summer breeze.
 So, yes, people
 will throw sticks
 and stones,
 maybe some
 words too,
 But here, right here, I still stand.