

American Life in Poetry

# Flower Power

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 U.S. POET LAUREATE

Surely, some of you have paged through an old book and come upon a dried flower, fragile as a spider web, the colors faded. Here's a fine poem about pressing flowers by Chelsea Woodard of New Hampshire, from her book Vellum.

THE FLOWER PRESS

It was the sort of thing given to little girls:  
 sturdy and small, round edged, wooden and light.  
 I stalked the pasture's rough and waist-high grass  
 for worthy specimens: the belle amid the mass,  
 the star shaming the clouds of slither,  
 ordinary blooms. The asters curled

inside my sweat-damp palms, as if in sleep. Crushed  
 in the parlor's stifling heat, I pried  
 each shrinking petal back, and turned the screws.  
 But flowers bear no ugly bruise,  
 and even now fall from the brittle page, dried  
 prettily, plucked from memory's hush.

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SCHOLASTICS

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

**VERMILLION** — An incoming University of South Dakota freshman from Sioux City, Iowa, has earned a \$5,000 scholarship in a national Web design competition. Alexander Peterson, a graduate of North High School, is the top winner and one of just eight 2015 graduates in the country to receive a scholarship from eSchoolView, a Columbus, Ohio-based company that creates websites for schools and educational organizations. Its Web Design and Development Scholarship program requires students to create sample Web pages. Students also were required to send along a written essay, a mock budget and show a

collaborative effort between the entrant and a pseudo client for a website that has at least three pages. Peterson earned the top and only \$5,000 scholarship in the competition that awarded \$1,000 or \$2,500 to the seven other winners. "It is great to see Alexander's hard work and talent paying off so early in his career through the scholarships he has received. He also received the top amount given by the USD Department of Art on top of the eSchoolView award. Based on his talent, I am sure this is only the first of many achievements we will see Alexander's design career," said Cory Knedler, chairman of the Art Department.



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## Polaris Industries Inc. Donates To The National Field Archery Association Foundation

Polaris Industries Inc. (NYSE: PII) donated a brand new Polaris RANGER CREW to the NFAA Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charitable d.b.a. NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Center (NEYAC). With the donation of this RANGER, the NFAA Foundation is able to fulfill its mission by better maintaining the 100+ acres of archery ranges that host multiple tournaments throughout the year. Polaris also donated several RANGERS during the World Archery Youth Championships to utilize for the tournament. Their continued generous donations show their great support of the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Center and the sport of archery. Paul Eickhoff, the Director of North American Distribution for Polaris, states, "We were honored to be a sponsor and have the

Polaris RANGER be a part of World Archery Championship experience." Bruce Cull, President of the National Field Archery Association, states, "A lot of work goes into maintaining these archery fields, and with the help of this donation, we will be able to continue to host these prestigious events." The tournaments held at NEYAC for the rest of the 2015-year include the R100, National Outdoor Target Championships, and the National Field Championships. For more information regarding upcoming events at the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Center, please visit www.neyac.org. If you are looking for ways to get involved with our tournaments or with archery in general, please email us at info@neyac.org.

Car Talk

# Surging-And-Bogging-Down Bug Needs New Carburetor

BY RAY MAGLIOZZI  
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**Dear Car Talk:**  
 I have a '69 VW Bug. When it's just sitting still and idling, it runs great. But when I let out the clutch, it takes off fine, then bogs down to idle speed, then it takes off again and bogs down again. It does this continuously. I have replaced the points, the condenser, the rotor and distributor cap, and the plug wires. I've also rebuilt the carburetor. What do I try next?

— **Jeffrey**  
 How about a '79 Rabbit?  
 Let's assume you gapped the points correctly and set the timing correctly. In that case, the next thing I'd do is pull out the spark plugs. If they're all black, it means you're getting either way too much fuel or insufficient spark. So if they're black, I'd replace the coil for \$25. I'd also re-gap the spark plugs, because misgapped plugs also could cause weak spark.

If the plugs are clean, then I'd turn my focus to the carburetor's high-speed



Ray MAGLIOZZI

something called the "accelerator pump." That's sort of like a little water pistol that shoots a stream of gasoline into the throat of the carburetor. It lasts only a few seconds, but it allows you to accelerate while waiting for the carburetor's high-speed circuit to kick in and provide continuous fuel.

But if the high-speed jet is plugged, after a few seconds of acceleration you'll run out of the fuel provided by the accelerator pump, and the engine will fall back to idle speed. That's why

jet. And yes, I'm aware that the term "high-speed jet" is an oxymoron when talking about a '69 Bug, but that's what they call it. Even though you say you've rebuilt the carburetor, the high-speed jet may still be plugged up.

When you first step on the gas pedal, you deploy

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## Mount Marty College Honors Distinguished Alumna

During the recent All Schools Reunion at Mount Marty College, the recipient of the 2015 Alumni Awards was announced. Each year awards are given to deserving alums from Sacred Heart School of Nursing, Mount Marty High School, and/or Mount Marty College. This year's award was given for Professional Achievement to Mary Korger Pistulka of Yankton.

Mary Korger Pistulka, RN, BSN, CHPN graduated from Mount Marty College in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing. Pistulka worked at Sacred Heart Hospital as a staff nurse and in middle management positions until 1988 at which time she moved to the Home Care Department. There she developed the Hospice Care Program for Medicare Certification and was on the team that developed the hospital's Palliative Care Program. She obtained certification in Hospice and Palliative Care and continues to work for Avera@Home in Yankton, meeting with physicians, nursing staff, families, and residents in nursing homes so they really understand what Palliative Care and Hospice are about.

Over the years, Pistulka has served as board member and president for the South Dakota Hospice Organiza-



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Mary Korger Pistulka

tion, as a board member for Sacred Heart Catholic School, as a member of the Life Circle South Dakota-Partners

for Improving End of Life Care and on various committees including Ethics committees at Avera Sacred Heart and Avera@Home. In August of 2014, Pistulka was named one of the top 10 finalists for the National Association for Home Care (NAHC) and Hospice Nurse of the Year Award for 2014. She was the only South Dakota nominee. Last October, at the 2014 National Association for Home Care Annual Meeting and Exposition, Pistulka was honored as the Home Care and Hospice Nurse of the Year from those 10 finalists.

Alumni Director, David Dickes, said of Pistulka, "Mary has over 26 years as a hospice nurse, and she values the Benedictine core values that became part of the fabric of her life while at Mount Marty College. Those values continue to impact her life today in tremendous ways and we congratulate her on her professional achievements."

The upcoming 2016 recipients will be named during the next MMC All Schools Reunion being held in June 24, 25, and 26, 2016. For more information on the awards or about alumni relations at Mount Marty College please email david.dickes@mtmc.edu or call 605-668-4020.

## Check Withheld To Avoid Tax Surprise

DENVER — The Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers that summer is a good time to consider a mid-year withholding adjustment. Tax planning now may provide a lower tax bill later.

"While some taxpayers prefer to get a large refund, those struggling financially may want to look at their situation, make adjustments to withholding and get a boost in take home pay," said Karen Connelly, IRS spokeswoman. "No one wants a surprise at tax time. Checking your withholding now allows plenty of time to catch up if you're having too little withheld."

Generally, three out of four taxpayers get a refund and the average refund this year is just under \$2,900. To bring the tax paid closer to what's actually owed, taxpayers should consider using the online Withholding Calculator or IRS Publication 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax. Both are available on the IRS website, www.irs.gov.

Wage earners needing to adjust their withholding should complete and submit a new Form W-4 to their employer. Self-employed taxpayers can use Form 1040-ES worksheet to figure the correct amount of their estimated tax payments.

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