

American Life In Poetry

Thanksgiving Memories

BY TED KOOSER
U.S. POET LAUREATE

Marge Saiser is a Nebraskan who has written a number of deeply moving poems about love. Here's one for our holiday season:

THANKSGIVING FOR TWO

The adults we call our children will not be arriving with their children in tow for Thanksgiving. We must make our feast ourselves,

slice our half-ham, indulge, fill our plates, potatoes and green beans carried to our table near the window.

We are the feast, plenty of years, arguments. I'm thinking the whole bundle of it rolls out like a white tablecloth. We wanted

to be good company for one another. Little did we know that first picnic how this would go. Your hair was thick,

mine long and easy; we climbed a bluff to look over a storybook plain. We chose our spot as high as we could, to see

the river and the checkerboard fields. What we didn't see was this day, in our pajamas if we want to,

wrinkled hands strong, wine in juice glasses, toasting whatever's next,

the decades of side-by-side, our great good luck.

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BBB Warns Of Fake Online RV Seller Advertising On Craigslist

OMAHA, Neb. — Better Business Bureau (BBB) serving Nebraska, South Dakota, the Kansas Plains and Southwest Iowa is warning consumers who are shopping for vehicles on Craigslist that scammers are posing as vehicle sales companies and touting fake escrow services in an effort to defraud them out of thousands of dollars. The scammers are using phony or stolen company names and often claim to be located in Midwestern communities — luring consumers to purchase RVs and trucks online.

Recent reports to BBB indicate that escrow fraud scammers are taking increasingly sophisticated steps to instill a sense of trust in their potential victims. Over the past several weeks, BBB has received inquiries and complaints about scammers using the name "Mayer Auto Center." Consumers state that they are advertising trucks, recreational vehicles, and heavy equipment on Craigslist.

Consumers, who have responded to their advertisements, relate having received responses by email with photo attachments of the vehicle in which they expressed interest. Emails from the phony business state that since "Mayer" is a trucking company, they will deliver the "unit." As the sales transaction proceeds, buyers are informed that they should pay by wiring money to Spain where their money will be held for five days in an escrow account managed by JP Morgan while they inspect the vehicle. Buyers are assured that if the "unit" does not meet what was represented, they will get their money back.

Although "Mayer Auto Center" states it is located at 3914 W Jewell St. in Wichita, BBB's investigation has verified that no such business is located at this address.

One prospective customer from Iowa reported to BBB that he had driven to Wichita to check out an RV he saw advertised on Craigslist, only to learn that the business does not exist.

Another potential buyer was sent an email with two options for purchase. The first was, "You must come down to our dealership and purchase directly..." The same Wichita address was given. Four other consumers from Missouri, Illinois and two from California also called BBB, inquiring about "Mayer Auto." None of them sent money, but the Iowa consumer lost per-

sonal time and travel expenses on a useless trip to Kansas.

"When shopping on Craigslist, always meet the seller in a public place and see the item for sale before purchasing. Following this one rule will help you avoid most scams on Craigslist," stated BBB President and CEO Jim Hegarty.

BBB offers these tips when shopping for vehicles online to help avoid a scam:

- Beware of sellers who want to conclude a transaction as quickly as possible. Scammers want to get your money before you have time to think or have a professional examine the deal.
 - Watch out for sellers who want you to wire money or use prepaid credit cards instead of a traditional check or credit card.
 - Call the seller to establish phone contact. If they neglect details agreed to via email or are unable to answer questions about their location, it is likely to be a scam.
 - Make sure websites are secure and authenticated before you purchase an item online. Look for "https" before the web address and online seals that ensure your credit card and/or banking information is secure.
 - Use only well-known escrow services. As mentioned above, some fake car dealer websites use escrow services controlled by scammers. Go offline and contact the escrow service through a phone number you've determined is legitimate. Make sure they are aware of the transaction you are considering.
 - If the price seems too good to be true, there's probably something wrong. Be wary if the vehicles price is significantly lower than what you've seen elsewhere.
 - Do not open email attachments and links included in emails from senders you do not know. This may expose your personal computer to security vulnerabilities such as malicious malware and viruses. If you have clicked on attachments or links, you may wish to have your personal computer thoroughly evaluated by a professional.
- Consumers are encouraged to research all businesses they plan on shopping with by visiting www.bbbinc.org, calling 800-649-6814, following BBB on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bbb1936 for tips about scams or checking for scams on BBB's Scam Tracker at bbb.org/scamtracker.

Car Talk

A 'Saab' Story Of Hard-To-Find Parts

BY RAY MAGLIOZZI
King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Dear Car Talk:
My dad passed away and left me a 1983 Saab 900 Turbo hatchback in PERFECT physical condition, but it does NOT run. Parts are impossible to find. Can you put a Toyota or Honda engine in a car like that? Am I crazy to consider this? Thanks!

—Susie
In a word, Susie: yes. Putting another manufacturer's engine in that car would be the equivalent of the 1969 moon launch. Only more expensive.

In general, it's hard to find parts for cars that are over 30 years old. It's even harder to find parts for old cars that didn't sell in large numbers. And it's harder still to find parts for cars whose manufacturers went out of business. So you win the trifecta, Susie.

Fortunately, Saab owners were a very enthusiastic lot, and you still can find Saab clubs and Saab geeks who



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really helped us with our monthly boat payments.

You don't say why it doesn't run, so it's probably worth tracking down a mechanic who likes Saabs and asking him to investigate. If it's something minor, like a fuel pump, you probably can fix it and get it on the road again.

If it's something major, like a blown head gasket or a cooked turbocharger, you can find out what it would cost to

will be happy to share their hints about how to keep an old Saab on the road. If you find a club in your area, the members may be able to tell you about mechanics who, themselves, are fond of working on Saabs. We were ... because they were good cars, and because they

have the mechanic rebuild the engine for you.

And then you'll have to weigh the sentimental value of Dad's Saab versus the cost, in time and money, of keeping the car going. Have you considered removing the hood and planting a fig tree in it, Susie?

Changing your oil regularly is the cheapest insurance you can buy for your car, but how often should you change it? Find out by ordering Car Talk's pamphlet "Ten Ways You May Be Ruining Your Car Without Even Knowing It!" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Car Talk/Ruin, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

Got a question about cars? Write to Car Talk in care of this newspaper, or email by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

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SCHOLASTICS

MOUNT MARTY COLLEGE

Mount Marty College celebrated the accomplishments of 133 students during its annual Honors Convocation ceremony on Friday, Oct. 23, at the Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel in Yankton. This event recognizes students that have received high honor scholarships for the current academic year.

The students listed in the attached spreadsheet received a high honor scholarship for the 2015-2016 academic year.

For more information about scholarships available at Mount Marty College, contact MMC Admissions at (605)668-1545 or mmcadmit@mtmc.edu.

The honorees and awards are:

- Bailey R. Kuchta, Wynot, Neb., Mother Jerome Schmitt Presidential Scholar
- Margaret R. Bisgard, Yankton, Presidential Scholar
- Erin A. Boyle, O'Neill, Neb., Presidential Scholar
- Hannah K. Buchholz, Springfield, Presidential Scholar
- Jeremy P. Grundmayer, Gretna, Neb., Presidential Scholar
- Jordan R. Johnson, Presidential Scholar, Avon
- Mikayla M. Prouty, Bryant, Presidential Scholar
- Jean M. Zakrzewski, O'Neill, Neb., Presidential Scholar
- Kelly L. Amundson, Vermillion, Dean's Scholar
- Samantha J. Blake, Centerville, Dean's Scholar
- Gina M. Dethlefsen, Stickney, Dean's Scholar
- Neil J. Hohenthaner, Yankton, Dean's Scholar
- Lauren A. Janssen, Sioux City, Iowa, Dean's Scholar
- Luke J. Loecker, O'Neill, Neb., Dean's Scholar
- Margaret J. McMahon, Sioux Falls, Dean's Scholar
- Kami J. Meyerink, Platte, Dean's Scholar
- Caitlyn R. Oien, Yankton, Dean's Scholar
- Vanessa M. Rockne, Yankton, Dean's Scholar
- Jamie R. Thelen, Omaha, Neb., Dean's Scholar
- Kaitlyn A. Westcott, Norfolk, Neb., Dean's Scholar
- Raquel K. Sutura, Tabor, Trustee Scholar
- Samantha R. Bischoff, West Haven, Benedictine Scholar
- Molly A. Buche, Sioux Falls, Benedictine Scholar
- Krystal M. Flom, Yankton, Benedictine Scholar
- Marissa J. Frank, Brunswick, Neb., Benedictine Scholar
- Haley R. Haro, Yankton, Benedictine Scholar
- Jenece I. Holzbauer, Wag-

- ner, Benedictine Scholar
- Alexandria J. Klimisch, Yankton, Benedictine Scholar
- Emily A. Schmit, McLean, Neb., Benedictine Scholar
- Courtney M. True, Yankton, Benedictine Scholar
- Brittany J. Ament, Yankton, Merit Scholar
- Katelyn E. Baker, Belle Fourche, Merit Scholar
- Brooke R. Bennett, Rapid City, Merit Scholar
- Samantha M. Boomgard, Hurley, Merit Scholar
- Emily E. Boyle, Creighton, Neb., Merit Scholar
- Sarah J. Brandt, Lakefield, Minn., Merit Scholar
- Dylan R. Brende, Sioux Falls, Merit Scholar
- Joseph M. Brinkman, Jackson, Minn., Merit Scholar
- Drew A. Cheskie, Yankton, Merit Scholar
- Patrick L. Ciganovic, Semaphore, FO, Merit Scholar
- Morgan L. Citterman, Ivanhoe, Minn. Merit Scholar
- Allison H. Cross, Sioux Falls, Merit Scholar
- Jessica A. Erickson, Yankton, Merit Scholar
- Arthur R. Gallegos, Las Vegas, Merit Scholar
- Gabriel W. Goehring, Milford, Iowa, Merit Scholar
- Katelyn J. Greenaway, Yankton, Merit Scholar
- Ellen J. Hanson, Vermillion, Merit Scholar
- Ashley M. Hatch, Yankton, Merit Scholar
- Morgan K. Hay, Parker, Merit Scholar
- Kiana L. Hoff-A, Lake Preston, Merit Scholar
- Jordan R. Houdek, Spearfish, Merit Scholar
- Nathan T. Jones, Lakefield, Minn., Merit Scholar
- Mikayla M. Kappenman, Sioux Falls, Merit Scholar
- Abby K. Kefele, Piedmont, Merit Scholar
- Ty J. Kinneberg, Parkston, Merit Scholar
- Quinn L. Koenen, Robbinsdale, Minn., Merit Scholar
- Keslee R. Koster, Armour, Merit Scholar
- Karlee J. Kozak, Tyndall, Merit Scholar
- William A. Lawrence, Columbus, Neb., Merit Scholar
- Kelsey N. Lentz, Hartington, Neb., Merit Scholar
- Mikaela M. Lenz, Omaha, Neb., Merit Scholar
- Alexandria R. Lindgren, Kingsley, Iowa, Merit Scholar
- Maura C. Lysne, Plymouth, Minn., Merit Scholar
- Kristin A. Maguire, Norfolk, Neb., Merit Scholar
- Andrew T. Matsushima, Fort Lupton, Colo., Merit Scholar
- Collin J. Matthew, Winnebago, Neb., Merit Scholar
- Reece E. Mimmack, Sioux Falls, Merit Scholar
- Jennifer L. Mitera, Omaha, Neb., Merit Scholar

- Taylor K. Murtha, Sioux Falls, Merit Scholar
- Robert M. Neswick, Sioux City, Iowa, Merit Scholar
- Tyler E. Olse, Casper, Wyo., Merit Scholar
- Alexander W. Olson, Long Grove, Iowa, Merit Scholar
- Samantha L. Pfarr, Avon, Merit Scholar
- Catherine M. Prat, Le Mars, Iowa, Merit Scholar
- Rachel L. Reiff, Chester, Merit Scholar
- Melissa M. Richert, Gresham, Neb., Merit Scholar
- Azure K. Rodriguez, Rapid City, Merit Scholar
- Michael D Sadler, Mitchell, Merit Scholar
- Bobbi J. Soukup, Wagner, Merit Scholar
- Drue L. Soukup, Wagner, Merit Scholar
- Kelli A. Steffen, White Lake, Merit Scholar
- Kelsey A. Sutura, Tabor, Merit Scholar
- Larissa C. Trainer, Rapid City, Merit Scholar
- Tiffany A. Tramp, Crofton, Neb., Merit Scholar
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- Cody A. Willett, Harrisburg, Merit Scholar
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- Collin L. Bertram, Vermillion, Academic Excellence Scholar
- Brooke M. Blom, Yankton, Academic Excellence Scholar
- Jaycie K. Culbert, Parkston, Academic Excellence Scholar
- Kylee B. Daum, Battle Creek, Neb., Academic Excellence Scholar
- Caitlin M. Davis, Elk Point, Academic Excellence Scholar
- Deric C. Denning, Mount Vernon, Academic Excellence Scholar
- Melvin D. Gabel, Huffman, Texas, Academic Excellence Scholar
- Cassidy E. Gebhart, Elkhorn, Academic Excellence Scholar
- Katelyn M. Hamil, Merrill, Iowa, Academic Excellence Scholar
- Dustin L. Heiden, Jackson, Minn., Academic Excellence Scholar
- Samantha J. Kasowski, Hartford, Academic Excellence Scholar
- Amber M. Krause,

- Tekamah, Neb., Academic Excellence Scholar
- Justine K. Kummer, Tabor, Academic Excellence Scholar
- Kristin N. Mahony, Ericson, Neb., Academic Excellence Scholar
- Megan L. Meister, Kingsley, Iowa, Academic Excellence Scholar
- Elly M. Miiller, Vermillion, Academic Excellence Scholar
- Sean P. O'Connell, Kalispell, Mont., Academic Excellence Scholar
- Krista L. Radke, Parkston, Academic Excellence Scholar
- James L. Reeves, Avon, Academic Excellence Scholar
- Ellen R. Renz, Lennox, Academic Excellence Scholar
- Broderik J. Ries, Watertown, Academic Excellence Scholar
- Berkley A. Rietveld, Mitchell, Academic Excellence Scholar
- Rachel A. Shippy, Colome, Academic Excellence Scholar
- Collin P. Sorensen, Sioux Falls, Academic Excellence Scholar
- Kristina F. Stevens, Creighton, Neb., Academic Excellence Scholar
- Emma M. Thury, Mitchell, Academic Excellence Scholar
- Taryn K. Urbanak, Sturgis, Academic Excellence Scholar
- Jennifer R. Vondrak, Merrill, Iowa, Academic Excellence Scholar
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50th Anniversary Celebration



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Huss

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