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Garage sales put human nature under scrutiny

Garage sales are quite the fad these days. Many people make them part of their lives. They troop around town watching for handmade signs and check the ads in the classified section.

One of my contemporaries, an habituee of these bizarre events, was more than a bit thunderstruck when he found at one sale that he could buy textbooks from our school, duly stamped as such, dirt cheap. He remonstrated with the owners, pointing out that the books belonged to the school and had been stolen by their children, but they'd have none of it. They wanted cash.

So much for human nature. These were taxpayers who had helped buy the books their kids had stolen, and now wanted to sell them back to the system so that other kids could steal the books they were still paying taxes for.

Can't buy me eudemonism.

William F. Buckley is maddening. My fantasy is to appear on his show and sit with my fingers forming a pyramid over my nose and looking up from the floor only to say, "It all depends on what you mean by eudemonism, Bill. As I've always said, money doesn't buy eudemonism."

Grand heist at Snooker World

Yorkton RCMP are investigating a break-in at a billiard hall early last Wednesday morning.

Snooker World on Betts Avenue was broken into, and cigarettes and chocolate bars were stolen.

Thieves smashed a window, then reached in and opened the door.

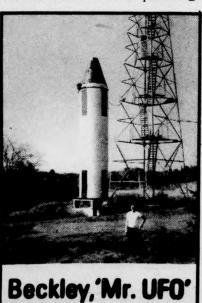
Ancient semen confuses young

Remember when the inquisitive child could be sent to the barnyard to acquire an understanding of reproduction?

With the growing popularity of artificially inseminating cattle, those good ole days may be numbered.

Sending a child out to observe reproduction habits today would lead to nothing more than utter confusion in the young mind.

Rather than owning a bull, artificial insemination allows producers



to fertilize each cow with a different strain of semen.

Cows go into heat every 21 days for slightly more than an 18-hour period, he says. This means the time to inseminate is limited to a short period of every month.

Detecting heat cycles is a skill producers must acquire to make the operation successful, he says.

The semen, stored and inserted in small plastic straws, is taken from bulls about three times a week. The semen is packaged in one-half cubic centimetre doses. Some bulls can produce 70 to 300 doses a week, says Mr. McCallum.

"Last year a calf was born from 32-year-old semen," says Mr. McCallum. Artifical insemination was first introduced in Canada in the 1950s.

O.K. Economy sells kobassa

After investing \$25,000 and countless hours of their own labor, brothers Greg and Dave Terlesky and Bill Solotwinsky had some sudden misgivings this fall about becoming businessmen.

The three, who own and operate more inform Elphinstone Kobassa in Wroxton, at 787-4664.

had just approached their first store about carrying their product.

"The very first place said no," Greg Terlesky recalls of their attempt to convince O.K. Economy in Yorkton to sell their kobassa. "It was a pretty big investment. We thought 'what are we getting ourselves into?"

Elphinstone Kobassa, although only now starting to gain a reputation in Saskatchewan, has become quite well known in Manitoba.

An on-going concern has been their attempt to purchase feeder hogs

Greg Terlesky calls it "the Rolls Royce of kobassa" and stressed the "close to homemade" process used in its production.

Now they use market hogs but would rather puchase pork from feeder hogs because they have less fat content.

They would like to find a local producer who could supply them with the hogs but have yet to find one.

Basketweaving, step aside!

A one-day barley production course is being held in Yorkton today. For more information call Ken Panchuk at 787-4664.

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