

"That is the story. Do you think there is any way of making them believe it?" (Plato, 380BC)

MANDATED STUDENT TESTING BEGINS Are the Feds Serious?

By Clark Kent Bugle Staff Writer

The Quaintsville woman was dropping off her three young children for their newly mandated school entry testing.

"I believe the kids will ace the test" says Linda Foresting of East Quaintsville. "They've been studying all summer."

The federal government's Leave No Child at the Mall program has made entrance testing for grades K through 6th grade mandatory for all states. Unlike ordinary classroom testing, the students are separated and placed into cubicles for the exams.

"We want to provide a realistic environment for the students," explains Jane Pleasant, the State Education Chairman. "This is what they will encounter in the real world."

The testing cubicles, dubbed "testicles" by critics, are 3 feet by eight feet square, air conditioned, lighted and sealed against outside sounds. Swivel chairs, small refrigerators and laptop computers complete the

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"Testicles"

LOCAL BAND HOT Finals, Vote Tonight

By Ed Coonce Bugle Staff Editor

The City Council passed a resolution to designate today "Bozo Boyz Day" to honor the "contribution to North Bergen and its arts community".

Bozo Boyz, the seminal North Bergen indie band, has advanced in the American Icon competition to the final four choices. Viewers will

[see *Vote Early and Often*, Page A14]

MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER OR CULT LEADER?

Controversial Speaker Says 'To Be Happy, Get Rid of Everything'

By Ernbo Flemmerton
Bugle Staff Writer

Dr. Jeremiah Beem, an (until recently) obscure family therapy specialist, is drawing gigantic crowds to his weeklong seminar at CurryCorp Arena.

Characterized by some as "a complete madman," Beem has garnered much media attention for his self-improvement seminars. Stressing a holistic approach to happiness, he holds his paying crowds enraptured as he preaches enlightenment through disengagement and dispossession.

"Look at me!" He admonished his devotees last night. "I'm a multimillionaire and I did it by becoming a hermit and giving away all my possessions!"

To stress his dispossession theory, he wears a carefully selected set of rags to each performance.

His naysayers merely shake their heads in wonder when seeing the gross profits that



Dr. Beem Speaks Photo by Fotoluxe

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Capacity Crowd at CurryCorp Arena

INSIDE NATION

Govt. Spying Subpoenas Ignored

What's next? General Schtupp says not to get excited. "We're above the law" he says. "Now get out". A7

SPORTS

El Pinche Returns

Alternative martial arts icon introduces prize student, newest whipmaster, Boris Niple, 19. C1

ENTERTAINMENT

Pixie Micks VS Prime Minister

Irish Conservatives outraged, "Ireland is under sttack by these so-called free thinkers", says Donal Dumphy. D3

OBITUARY

Alvina Partee, Actress

Versatile, crossover thespian played role of elderly black man in "Truth, Justice, and the American Lay" A21



Bassist Joey Bozo AP