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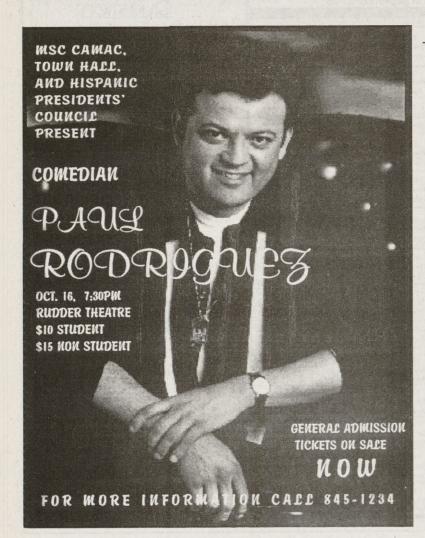


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Clinton proposes national testing police

WASHINGTON (AP) — If President Clinton has his way, millions of fourth- and eighthgraders will soon sit down in their classrooms to take tests measuring how well they can read or do math.

They'll fill out multiplechoice questions. They'll write answers: a few words, a sentence, sometimes longer. They'll show how they solved their math problems - and might get some credit for using the correct approach even if the answer is wrong.

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minute tests, each given over two days.

Each child's skills and knowledge will be deemed basic, proficient or advanced in the subject — a judgment not made in the other widely used, commercially available tests now found in many American schools.

And if the Education Department can iron out technical problems, the math results will be compared with how students in other countries do.

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spring of 1999 as planned depends on Congress. The House voted last week to block them. The Senate has given them the green light, but only if an independent board takes control of testing from the Education Department.

The Clinton administration says the idea behind the tests is to give parents and schools new types of information in a more-timely fashion.

First of all, the tests of fourth-grade reading and eighth-grade math will be among the most public around, says Marshall S. Smith, acting deputy secretary of education.

A model test will be put on the Internet next spring, along with suggestions of activities or books for teachers and parents to use.

'Everybody will see what the test is like," said Smith. "There will be descriptions of the items, why they are on the test and what they are trying to measure.'

The actual tests also will be made public soon after they are given so teachers and children can go over them and other people can try them. Because of that public distribution, the tests would have to be changed each year.

Also, the graded tests will be returned to parents and schools before the end of the school

"The teacher will be able to sit down with the

kids and say, 'This is where you're strong is where you're weak," Smith said. Pri could use the test to help see that teach

better trained. But not everyone believes the uses will benign. Civil rights groups worry that poor and Hispanic children in substandards will be branded as inferior and untead

"If a student fails or if a school is failing reach real skills and knowledge, all we have

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rate them and to compare schools. Other people criticize the tests for theo site reason.

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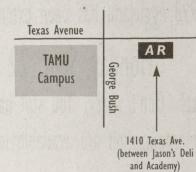
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