





# Richards praises Clinton plan of streamlining for Medicaid

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's changes to the Medicaid program won't necessarily mean more money for states but will give them greater flexibility in meeting unique needs, says Texas Gov. Ann Richards.

Clinton on Monday ordered the Department of Health and Human Services to streamline the process by which states seek waivers for Medicaid, which covers health care costs for low-income and elderly citizens.

The waivers give states flexibility in the way they spend the federal portion of Medicaid money, which amounts to 64 cents for every dollar of care provided.

"At last, the states are going to be given an opportunity to deliver health care," Richards told reporters after emerging from a three-hour meeting Monday between Clinton and the nation's governors.

"It isn't a matter of asking for additional money," she said. "It is a way that will allow us in the states to use the money that we spend and get from the federal government in a

more meaningful way. That's all it is — but it's wonderful."

State officials have complained for years that they have to jump through a dizzying array of hoops to get waivers approved because of delays and redundant requests for information.

"States very often believe that they can provide more services at lower costs if we didn't impose our rules and regulations on them," Clinton said at a news conference with the governors.

Richards, who is in town for the winter meeting of the National Governors Association, predicted that the health care package Clinton is expected to unveil next month will be "dramatic."

The governors were to vote today on their own national health care plan, which calls for guaranteed access to health care for every citizen and minimum federal standards to reduce medical liability costs.

Richards has focused much attention of late on health care, pointing to spiraling costs as the driving force behind the state's fiscal woes. The Texas Legislature is struggling to write a budget for the next two-year cycle taking into account a \$3

billion shortfall. Maintaining current social services, including health care, would cost the state an additional \$1.8 billion.

Pat Cole, the governor's policy chief for health care issues, said that allowing states more waivers could ultimately save money both for the state and federal governments.

For example, she said, cost savings could be achieved if states are allowed to waive Medicaid regulations that require hospitalization or nursing home care for many people who could remain at home and receive the same level of care.

To reap those savings, Texas will submit a waiver request next month that would allow it to provide Medicaid money for more in-home and community care, Ms. Cole said.

Institutional care for those who could be attended at home is a peeve of the governor's.

"Right now what we do is we spend most of our dollars in the last 40 weeks of life," Richards told reporters. "What that really means is not necessarily that people are sick. Most people would rather stay in their own home. But you can't get Medicaid unless you are in the hospital or the nursing home or an institution."



A Palestinian deportee cleans a pot in the snow at Marj al-Zohour, southern Lebanon Monday. (AP Photo)

## Compromise over deportations comes under right wing criticism

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's offer to bring back 100 Palestinians deported to a Lebanese no man's land, already rebuffed by the deportees, was criticized by its right wing today as capitulation to Arab extremists.

In softening its stance on the expulsions, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's government bowed to U.S. pressure to avoid further international censure for flouting a U.N. resolution that demands it take back all 413 deportees.

Rabin said he had secured a promise from the Clinton administration to shield Israel from sanctions or further condemnation in the Security Council — regardless of whether the deportees accepted the offer.

The men were expelled on Dec. 17 but Lebanon refused to take them and they are camped on a snowy mountainside between Lebanese and Israeli lines.

Israel said the men, whose expulsion was upheld by the country's Supreme Court last week, were ringleaders of Hamas and Islamic Jihad, militant Muslim movements it blames for a wave of attacks on Israeli soldiers.

Rabin promised Monday to bring back a quarter of the deportees right away and to repatriate the nearly 300 remaining Arabs within a year. He also offered to allow sick deportees to be hospitalized in Israel and to allow food and water to reach the stranded men.

The deportees' spokesman, Dr. Abdul-Aziz Rantisi, responded at their windblown tent camp by announcing the men had voted to reject the Israeli compromise.

"It's either a wholesale return ... or we shall stay on here. There will be no solution as long as a single tent remains," he told reporters.

But he said sick deportees would be allowed to be taken by the Red Cross for hospitalization in Israel. The Red Cross says at least 15 deportees are sick and need hospitalization.

Rabin, who retreated from repeated statements he would not back down on the expulsions, said Monday night that the compromise was made "to make peace, to continue the war against Hamas, and to create an infrastructure of understanding ... with the new U.S. administration."

He defended the arrangement as "a package deal" that would give Israel U.S. protection from U.N. sanctions.

Rabin said he stood by the initial decision to expel the men.

"I am proud of the decision ... I think it was a daring extraordinary and unprecedented decision," he said.

But the compromise drew much criticism in Israel, particularly from defense experts and right-wing leaders.

The right-wing Likud party said the decision amounted to "capitulation to terrorist organizations, Arab governments and leftist ministers in the Cabinet."

The Haaretz daily quoted the head of the Shin Bet internal security agency — whose name is an official secret — as warning Cabinet ministers Monday that Arabs would likely interpret a compromise as weakness and may step up violence against Israel.

Former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said today on Army radio that the government "shouldn't have handled matters in such a way that Israel would lose prestige and permit the most radical Arabs to rear their heads and dictate actions."

Shamir, Likud's leader, also contended that Israel would "get out of this whole war against terror by the skin of its teeth."

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres defended the decision on the radio.

Asked whether the government had not retreated too much, Peres acknowledged errors in the handling of the deportations, but added: "what matters is the substance, the decision was taken to pave a way to the future" and revive peace talks.

Rabin said Monday he hoped Arab countries and the Palestinians would resume U.S.-sponsored Middle East peace talks.

## Judge issues decision on aquifer

MIDLAND (AP) — The long battle over the Edwards Aquifer has taken another turn with a federal judge's ruling that aquifer pumping limits are needed to protect endangered species.

U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton of Midland issued a ruling Monday giving the Texas Legislature until May 31 to come up with an aquifer regulation plan or face federal intervention.

The judge ruled that the legislature must reduce Edwards aquifer pumping by at least 60 percent, a move that San Antonio officials say could spell economic disaster for the region.

"We don't like the outcome of the lawsuit," San Antonio Mayor Nelson Wolff said. "He's (Bunton) won this round, but the fight is not over yet."

"The ruling is another example of the federal courts telling us what to do."

"It's amazing to me the things that are happening under the Endangered Species Act," the mayor said. A Sierra Club official praised the judge's action.

"We would applaud Judge Bunton and the federal court for upholding the integrity of the federal Endangered Species Act," said Ken Kramer, president of the Sierra Club's state chapter. "It will lead to a responsible plan for managing the aquifer for present and future generations."

The aquifer, the sole source of drinking water for San Antonio, is a natural underground water reservoir that flows for 176 miles under five counties. The city of San Antonio and surrounding communities have battled for years over aquifer use.

Bunton's ruling stems from a November trial in his court in a lawsuit filed by the Sierra Club against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Sierra Club wanted pumping from the aquifer restricted in order to protect endangered plant and animal species living in aquifer-fed Comal Springs in New Braunfels and San Marcos Springs in San

Marcos. The fountain darter, Texas wild rice and Texas blind salamander live in the springs, the Sierra Club said.

The Sierra Club wanted the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to set minimum flow standards for Comal and San Marcos springs.

Bunton, in a 77-page ruling issued Monday afternoon, found that endangered species are threatened when spring flows drop.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry also criticized the ruling, adding that the department would appeal the decision "to protect the agriculture from an over-reaching interpretation of the Endangered Species Act, and to protect the sovereignty of the state in regulating its own natural resources."

Texas Water Commissioner John Hall said the agency would cooperate with the ruling, but added that "it is not good news for the 1.5 million people dependent upon the Edwards."

Charlie Shockey, a U.S. Justice Department attorney in Washington who represents the Fish and Wildlife Service, said he had not seen the ruling Monday afternoon and that agency rules prohibit him from commenting on it.

Bunton said in his decision if the Texas Legislature does not come up with a suitable aquifer regula-

tion plan, the plaintiffs could return to court and seek regulation by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"There's some pessimism about the Legislature acting within the required time to come up with an adequate plan to manage the aquifer," said Kramer of the Sierra Club. "The Sierra Club will certainly be in there pitching (its plan)."

Stuart Henry, an Austin attorney representing the Sierra Club, said the plaintiffs would not need to return to court if the Texas Legislature passes a bill giving the Texas Water Commission or another statewide authority aquifer regulation powers and if the springs are prevented from going dry.

"We're going to insist on protecting the endangered species," Henry said.

Parties aligned with the federal government included the city of San Antonio; three irrigation farmers in Uvalde County; the Bexar Metropolitan Water District; a group of rural water supply corporations; the Texas Water Commission; the Living Waters Artesian Springs Ltd. catfish farm; the Greater San Antonio Builders Association; and a group of San Antonio industrial water users.

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President Clinton is surrounded by well-wishers after addressing the annual dinner of the Democratic Governors Association Monday night.

## Clinton asks former colleagues to help him sell difficult choices

By JOHN KING  
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is asking some old friends to help him sell unpopular choices needed for deficit reduction while brushing aside early controversies by saying his new job isn't just "to do things that are easy."

"I know it defies the momentary conventional wisdom, but I think we're off to a pretty good start," Clinton told a friendly audience Monday night at a Democratic Governors Association dinner, shrugging off bumpy moments of his first days in the White House.

"We need to shake things up in this country and have a debate again," Clinton said to applause. "Let people argue."

Still, the former Arkansas governor was using the governors' winter meeting in Washington to shift focus onto staple campaign promises and to garner grassroots support for a deficit-reduction plan that even in the drafting stages already is stirring opposition in Congress and elsewhere.

In lining up the support of governors for economic initiatives crucial to his presidency, Clinton's White House is doing the sort of aggressive political work critics said was missing during the aborted nomination of Zoe Baird for attorney general and his steps to end the military's ban on gays.

"He wants and recognizes the importance of having the governors' bipartisan support with the people and with Congress," said Illinois Republican Gov. Jim Edgar.

On Monday, Clinton played host to the governors at the White House and promised the federal government would make it easier for states to use Medicaid money for local needs, part of his campaign pledge to "reinvent government" by giving states greater leeway in using federal dollars.

Today, Clinton was visiting the NGA to discuss his promise to "end welfare as we know it" by providing expanded education and training to recipients in exchange for capping benefits at two years in most circumstances.

"What the American people want is a hand up, not a handout, and that is what we are going to give them if we can get the support across the country and makes these changes," Clinton said Monday night.

With his economic plan to be unveiled in two weeks, and his budget in March, the administration has raised the possibility of a new, broad-based energy consumption tax and some cost savings in Social Security, either by raising taxes on benefits to the wealthy, raising the eligibility age or reducing annual cost of living increases.

Even as the White House says no final decisions have been made, each of those possibilities, and others, have drawn criticism from a Congress that traditionally has been reluctant to tinker with Social Security and other programs with powerful lobbies.

So just as critics have not waited for Clinton's final plan to complain, Clinton isn't waiting to try to line up political support from governors for

sacrifices, still unspecified, he says will be needed to cut the deficit and ultimately to control health care costs.

"If you just want me to do things that are easy you should have elected somebody else president," Clinton said.

Many of the governors, mindful that health care reforms that would ease state budget woes are dependent on federal deficit reductions, said they were willing to lobby for Clinton's plan even if it included unpopular steps.

"You get heartburn talking about Social Security and COLAs (cost-of-living adjustments) and taxes, but he is correct in saying, unfortunately, that everything has to be on the table," said Nebraska Gov. Ben Nelson, a Democrat.

Significantly, many Republican governors echoed Democrats in pledging to support Clinton, provided the new president's plan relies more on spending cuts than tax increases and makes significant inroads in the deficit.

Republican Gov. William Weld of Massachusetts said Clinton promised to meet those criteria. If so, "He may start out with more support from the governors than he will from some members of Congress," Weld said.

"I think that there is much more sympathy on the part of the governors for what it is that the president will be undertaking," said California Republican Gov. Pete Wilson. "There hasn't been a great deal of concern in the Congress about the deficit."

## Second King trial could have all-white jury

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lawyers say the second trial of four white policemen in the videotaped beating of black motorist Rodney King could very well be heard by an all-white jury.

Prospective jurors cannot be excluded because of their race, but factors such as opinions about authority figures and the fact that those selected will have to be sequestered for weeks could favor whites as jurors, experts said.

"You may wind up with an all-white jury," said Harland Braun, attorney for Officer Theodore Briseno, one of the officers scheduled to go on trial Wednesday in federal court.

"Society needs a multiracial jury to make them feel that the trial is fair," Braun said. "But I'm somewhat skeptical about that. African-American jurors may feel pressure from the community that will make them unfair."

Officers Briseno, Laurence Powell and Timothy Wind and Sgt. Stacey Koon are charged with violating King's civil rights in the 1991 beating that was videotaped by a bystander and broadcast nationally.

A state jury with an Asian-American and a Hispanic but no blacks acquitted the officers of most charges in April. The outcome of that trial, held in the mostly white suburb of Simi Valley, touched off rioting in Los Angeles that left more than 50 dead and caused nearly \$1 billion in damage.

Attorneys in the case stress that they are seeking impartial jurors brave enough to disregard the possibility their verdict could trigger new riots.

But legal experts say that doesn't ensure a racially mixed jury.

"I think the bottom line is that you're likely to wind up with a jury that, in terms of being a cross-section of the district, may not be significantly different than what you had in Simi Valley," said Gerald Uelman, dean of the University of Santa Clara Law School.

"Of course, lawyers cannot strike someone from the jury because of race. But it's not beyond the realm of possibility that you will wind up with an all-white jury."

The quirk that could skew the racial balance is that prospective jurors are being asked whether they are willing to leave their homes and families to be sequestered at a hotel for a two-month trial.

"With a sequestered jury, you tend to end up with an older jury, more retired people or unemployed people," Uelman said. "That may give you an unrepresentative jury as to community attitudes."

Geoffrey Thomas, a lawyer who has written articles on selection of juries for high-profile trials, agreed that sequestration eliminates many potential jurors.

U.S. District Judge John Davies has said that out of some 6,000 initial inquiries about whether prospects are willing to be sequestered, only about 350 answered affirmatively.

"You're not going to get a run-of-the-mill panel," Thomas said. "Some of the people may be unemployed and have time on their hands. But those unemployed people may also feel resentment toward institutions that have left them on the fringe of the workaday world."

Although there are minorities in this group, he said, open bias against authority figures such as police could result in their disquali-

fication. Retirees, he said, tend to be more conservative and might lean toward the officers too much.

Thomas said open jury selection with wide media coverage is essential to allay public fears. Jury selection and the trial itself will be closed to TV cameras.

Fearing more trouble, some store owners are hiring extra security guards and drafting elaborate riot plans.

"I will have to have employees on the roof with guns, I guess," said Bob Bower, owner of Bower Wholesale Inc., a South Central gun store that sustained \$700,000 in losses from looters in the riots.

The Police Department, under new Chief Willie Williams, has been training for unrest. And the Police Commission is asking the city for \$1 million to spend on riot equipment, including rubber bullets, tear gas and vans.

Michael Stone, Powell's lawyer, was asked how the defense feels about the chance that acquittals will result in more riots.

"I can't worry about that," he said. "If we were going to worry about that kind of thing I wouldn't have come back" to defend Powell a second time.

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5 Some grads  
8 Recount  
12 Southwestern Indians  
13 Bernstein, for short  
14 Layer of eye  
15 Russian news agency  
16 Jazz player  
17 Actor Sean  
18 In the preceding month  
20 Fought with swords  
22 Comedian  
23 Cloth measure  
24 Haughty  
27 Unlock again  
31 Aviation agcy.

**DOWN**

1 Ballet dancer's skirt  
2 And others (2 wds.)  
3 For fear that  
4 Saint Francis town  
5 — Mary  
6 — Lingus (airline)  
7 Jimmy (The Greek) —  
8 Gum tree  
9 — Knievel  
10 Unaspirated  
11 Alight  
19 Technical univ.  
21 Rubber tree  
24 Flying saucer (abbr.)  
25 Catholic symbol  
26 Remuneration  
28 Vessel  
29 Before  
30 And not  
34 Hockey player — Howe  
35 Use thriftily  
36 Not wide  
37 In good working order  
38 — Miserables  
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42 Mormon State  
43 Withered  
44 E pluribus —  
46 Simple  
47 Olive genus  
48 Vice pres.  
51 — Jima

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

**WALNUT COVE**

I thought while I had Andrew hypnotized, I'd see if I could help his self-confidence a bit.

Okay, Andrew...when I snap my fingers, you will think you are Cary Grant.

Isn't Cary Grant dead? Make that Mel Gibson.

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### WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

### ARLO & JANIS

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THE YOUNG HEIR TO THE BRITISH THRONE IN THE ROYAL PLAYROOM...

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By Brad Anderson

"He's learned to suck in his cheeks to look under-nourished."

### KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

### ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

ALLEY OOP! DADDY! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HIM??

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

WE GOT HIM, PEOPLE! GOOD JOB!

### WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

I BROUGHT MY FROG TO SCHOOL FOR SHOW-AND-TELL YESTERDAY.

MRS PINKMAN GAVE ME A "D."

MY FROG GOT A "B-PLUS!"

### THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

DID YOU KNOW THIS IS GROUNDHOG DAY?

WHAT'S THAT?

IF THE GROUNDHOG COMES OUT OF HIS HOLE TODAY AND SEES HIS SHADOW, WE'LL HAVE SIX MORE WEEKS OF WINTER WEATHER!

NO KIDDING? I WONDER IF THE WEATHER GUY DOWN AT CHANNEL 8 KNOWS ABOUT THIS!

### SNAFU

By Bruce Beattie

"You idiot! Six more weeks of winter because he saw his shadow from the camera light...!"

### THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

"I like this table 'cause it has curbs to park at."

### CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

CALVIN, DON'T JUST THROW YOUR WET COAT ON THE FLOOR!

HANG IT UP WHERE IT BELONGS! I'M NOT LOOKING FOR EXTRA WORK AROUND HERE.

OH, LIKE I AM.

### FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

DON'T BOTHER WITH HIM...THOSE CELLULAR GUYS DON'T LIKE TO BE TIED DOWN.

### PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

NO, I DIDN'T SEE A POLAR BEAR RUN BY HERE...

DOES HE KNOW YOU'RE CHASING HIM?

YES, THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT HAPPENED.

HE WAS RUNNING SO FAST I DIDN'T SEE HIM...

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### Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Involvements you have today with influential friends should turn out favorably, producing advantages for them as well as for yourself.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Do not be intimidated today by developments that promote competition or produce challenge. This could be your strongest area, so fire your best shots.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Self-approval is important today. If you visualize yourself as successful and effective, this is the script you will play out. If you don't, diminished rewards are likely.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Lady Luck is inclined to look favorably upon you today in ways you might not be aware of. Developments are springing up, all to your advantage.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Under most conditions you are the person who prefers to call the shots, but today you could fare better in arrangements where you play only a supportive role.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Major strides can be made today concerning two ambitious objectives you recently established. Make these the focal points for your efforts.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** An event that you've been apprehensive about could turn out to be a piece of cake for you today. The lesson to be learned is not to worry about things that may never happen.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** This is a good day to implement changes that you feel could benefit both you and people you're responsible for. Take your destiny into your own hands.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Listen to the suggestions and advice of people whose counsel you trust, but, by the same token, don't discount your own judgment. Your decision-making abilities are good today.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Your possibilities for personal gain look encouraging today. Both luck and industriousness could play equal roles in adding to your resources.











James and Jennifer Stolpa sit in wheelchairs Monday in Castro Valley, Calif. (AP Photo)

## Couple says ordeal deepened their love

By DENNIS GEORGATOS  
Associated Press Writer

CASTRO VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — A young couple who were stranded for eight days in the snow and spent nearly a month recovering in the hospital say the ordeal strengthened their love.

"We've learned a lot about the importance and depth of our love," said Army Pfc. James Stolpa, his 5-month-old son, Clayton, on his lap and his wife, Jennifer, by his side.

"We have had times of fear and times of great love. Some times have been like a nightmare and some have been like a wonderful dream."

The Stolpas, both 21, were in wheelchairs, having lost part of their feet to frostbite. They spoke to

reporters Monday before leaving a Reno, Nev., hospital, where they were brought after their Jan. 7 rescue.

Their truck became stuck in deep snow Dec. 29 in Nevada on their way from Castro Valley to a funeral in Pocatello, Idaho. Mrs. Stolpa huddled with the baby in a cave while her husband walked about 60 miles through waist-deep snow for help.

After their rescue, Mrs. Stolpa described her husband as her hero. But on Monday, Stolpa praised his wife's courage. "I consider Jennifer as my hero because she saved my baby and kept him alive while I was gone," he said.

The couple agreed the worst part was when they had to separate so Stolpa could seek help.

"We didn't know if we were ever

going to see each other again," he said.

Mrs. Stolpa said: "I knew in my heart he would make it and I told Clay that. I had a lot of faith in him and a lot of faith in God that he would help him."

Doctors amputated part of their feet and reconstructed blood vessels and muscles so they could walk again using special shoes but no prostheses.

The baby survived unharmed and has been staying with his parents in the hospital.

Dr. Norman Young, an orthopedic surgeon, said the couple would undergo physical therapy. "We will not know for sure the success for another two months, perhaps longer," he said.

## Marshals foil breakout bid

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Federal marshals said they foiled a daring plan to spring three prisoners from the federal penitentiary at Terre Haute by landing a hijacked helicopter within its walls.

The plan crumbled with last week's arrest of a Terre Haute woman, Kimberly Zavala, 45, whose boyfriend, serving time for a Texas bank robbery, was one of the three prisoners that were counting on the helicopter to spirit them away to freedom, marshals said Monday.

A foreign country, perhaps Canada, was the ultimate destination, marshals said. The Canadian border is about 300 miles from the prison, located about 75 miles west of Indianapolis.

"Our understanding is they were going to try to land in the prison and take them out," said Gary Tingle, chief deputy U.S. marshal in Indianapolis.

"Where they were going to go after they got them out of the prison, we're not sure," Tingle added.

Zavala had been shopping to rent a helicopter for some time, marshals said, and planned to hijack the one she hired once it was in the air.

The three convicts officials believe were to be picked up by the helicopter all have previous escape attempts on their records. Two of them ran large drug rings, and one had ties to the Medellin drug cartel in Colombia, officials said.

"They're definitely dangerous — all three of them," Tingle said.

The three are Michael McLarty, Steven Hagerman and Richard Lynn, marshals said.

McLarty, 33, whom officials described as Zavala's boyfriend, was convicted in 1991 of armed bank robbery in Tyler, Texas, and was sentenced to 20 years in prison. He has an escape and an attempted escape on his record.

Hagerman, 38, was convicted of drug charges in 1991 in Detroit. Officials said he ran a large-scale cocaine ring there before fleeing to Canada when charges were filed against him. He was arrested in Vancouver, British Columbia, escaped and was recaptured by Canadian authorities, Tingle said. Hagerman is serving a 30-year sentence at Terre Haute.

Lynn, 38, was convicted in Alabama in December 1989 on multiple drug charges, said Mark Robinett, a deputy U.S. marshal. Lynn escaped from a federal prison in Talladega, Ala., in March 1990 and was recaptured after a gunfight with federal agents.

Lynn ran a cocaine network with ties to the Medellin cartel, marshals said. It is estimated that Lynn helped import about 13,000 kilograms of cocaine from 1982 to 1989, Robinett said. Lynn was sentenced to seven life prison terms without the possibility of parole.

His sister, Delores Lynn, also was involved in the plot and was arrested Saturday in Florida, where she remains in custody. Officials would not describe the role that she was to play in the escape. They also wouldn't discuss who conceived the scheme.

"The case is not completed yet, so we don't want to release too much information," Tingle said. "There's a possibility we could pick up somebody else on the outside."

Though Zavala allegedly had contacted several people in the Terre Haute area about renting a helicopter, no contracts had been signed and no specific pilot had been selected.

"We don't know who the unlucky soul was going to be," Tingle said. "The information is leading us to believe they were just going to take the pilot hostage."

Authorities learned of the plan Jan. 8, Tingle said. Because the investigation is continuing, he wouldn't say how they got the tip.

Zavala is being held in the Marion County Jail in Indianapolis. She and Delores Lynn have been charged with conspiracy to effect an escape. Zavala's detention hearing is set for today before U.S. Magistrate John P. Godich.

Lynn's initial appearance is set for Friday, also before Godich, Robinett said.

The inmates also could face the conspiracy charges, Tingle said. They have been transferred to segregation units in the Terre Haute prison.

No other inmates are suspected of taking part in the plot, Tingle said.

# Miners go on strike vs. No. 1 coal producer

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The United Mine Workers went on strike early Tuesday against subsidiaries of the nation's largest coal producer, which operates in eight states.

The union ordered a walkout by more than 7,000 miners to begin at midnight local time against Peabody Coal Co. of St. Louis and Eastern Associated Coal Corp. of Charleston, W.Va.

The two subsidiaries of Peabody Holding Co. of St. Louis operate mines in West Virginia, Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Montana and Ohio. It wasn't immediately clear which mines were affected.

The miners walked out over job security.

It was not immediately known what effect the strike would have.

"The coal company has a lot of coal stockpiled, and the power companies do too," said Mark Rankin, a union member at a Blacksville, W.Va., mine. "So they're ready for a fight. I guess we'll just have to give them the best one we can."

Not affected by the strike are Wyoming and Colorado mines of Powder River Coal Co., a third subsidiary, which signed a new five-year agreement with the UMW last summer.

Also Monday, the union representing the nation's 40,000 oil-industry workers reached a tentative labor agreement with Amoco. The pact is expected to set a pattern for 300 other companies and their employees.

Peabody Holding reported sales of \$1.8 billion in fiscal 1992, down from \$1.96 billion a year earlier.

Peabody produced 9 percent of the coal mines in the United States in 1989, the latest year for which figures are available. It produced 87 million tons in 1989 and had reserves of 8.7 billion tons that year.

UMW President Richard Trumka

said Peabody and other affiliates of the Bituminous Coal Operators Association "have refused to respond to even the most simple information requests" since talks began Nov. 6.

"We are informing our members that, at this time, our strike is limited only to Peabody," Trumka said. "If, when and how this strike expands depends entirely on whether the BCOA companies are prepared to bargain."

Spokesmen for the Bituminous Coal Operators Association were not immediately available to comment.

The industry agreement, negotiated in 1988, covers more than 60,000 miners. In addition, the contract affects the pension benefits of about 150,000 retired miners.

At the start of talks, industry executives said they likely would seek concessions on health insurance costs and increased flexibility on work rules.

Under the old contract, coal operators paid 100 percent of health insurance coverage for union-covered miners. The industry also contends that flexible work rules have made non-union mines more competitive than those represented by the UMW.

The union said it was concerned about negotiating increased job security for its members. It has accused some operators of establishing non-union subsidiaries to compete with their union mines.

"What we want to bargain for is job security so our members don't see their family's future go up in smoke when coal operators open new mines," Trumka said.

"It's not a new idea," he said. He said General Motors Corp. agreed to similar guarantees for the United Auto Workers when it opened its Saturn plant.

"But so long as the BCOA companies refuse to bargain, we can't even talk about job security, let alone any other issue," Trumka said.

Representatives of the 40,000 members of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers union, which represents virtually all the oil field, refinery and pipeline workers in the country, had been negotiating primarily with Amoco Corp.

Robert Wages, president of the Denver-based union, said the agreement would have to be ratified by Amoco employees before it takes effect. If ratified, the agreement will be the model other oil companies follow in drafting contracts.

Wages said there still was a strong possibility of a strike by refinery workers in the San Francisco Bay area, where negotiations were stalled over local issues.

Amoco's latest offer called for a 9 percent raise over the three-year agreement. The union wanted a 20.5 percent raise. The current national average pay for refinery workers is \$17.54 an hour.

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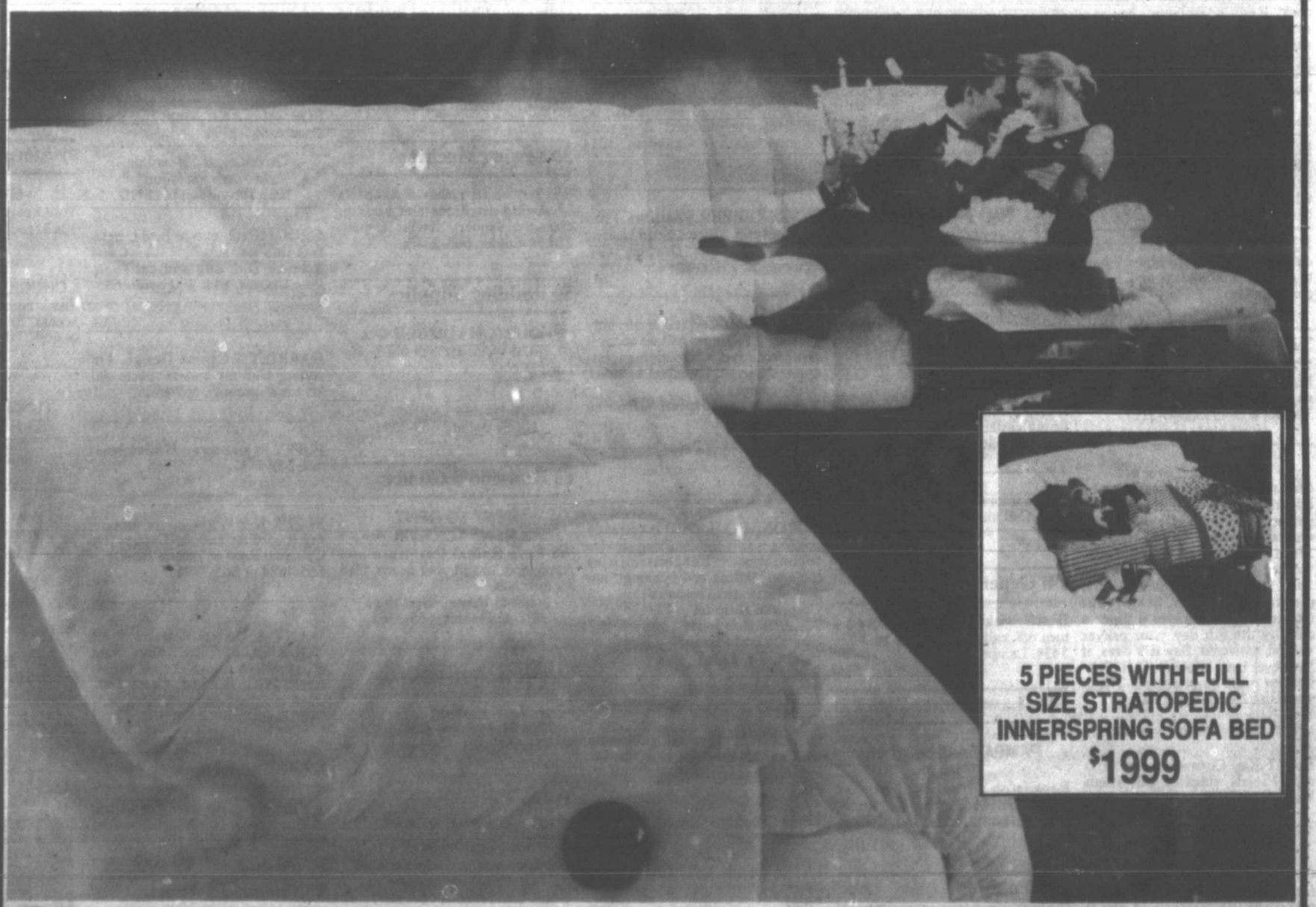
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