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## Clinton discounts eligibility rule

### Owning a car becomes easier for food stamp recipients

WASHINGTON (AP) — Recognizing that many of the working poor live far from where the jobs are, the White House plans to make it easier for families getting food stamps to own a decent car.

"If you want more people to work, you've got to help them get to work," Clinton said Wednesday.

Clinton said he will scrap an eligibility rule that counted the value of all but the oldest, and thus least reliable, cars against a family's assets. Too many assets, and a family can't get food stamps, the national coupon program to subsidize grocery bills.

Under existing rules, food stamp recipients cannot own a car valued at more than \$4,650. Clinton will replace that dollar limit with an equation that will enable families with little equity in their cars to qualify for food stamps, no matter the total value of the car.

To figure a car's equity, the government will subtract outstanding loans from the car's fair market value. If the equity value is less than \$1,000, the car

would be irrelevant toward determining food stamp eligibility.

The White House estimates the change will help 150,000 people own a car over five years.

Two-thirds of all new jobs are now

the available work force with the available jobs," Clinton said.

The White House cites a recent Urban Institute study that shows twice as many welfare recipients with cars were working than those without cars.

The food stamp program, which benefits 19 million people, is expected to cost \$21.2 billion in 2001, up \$1.4 billion from this year.

The food stamp rule change, which does not require approval from Congress, goes along with a proposal in Clinton's 2001 budget that the White House estimates would benefit 245,000 people over five years.

If Congress agrees, each state could set a different automobile limit for food stamps and key the amount to what they now permit in their respective welfare programs, federal officials say.

Some states place no limit on the value of a welfare recipient's car. In many states, the limit ranges from \$7,000 to \$9,000. The change would cost taxpayers an estimated \$132 million a year.

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CLINTON

## Civil rights stand gain recognition

ATLANTA (AP) — A black man who refused induction into the military in the 1960s because the draft board wouldn't address his "Mr." was returning to the United States for the first time in 39 years Wednesday after receiving a presidential pardon.

Preston King, 63, fled his hometown of Albany, Ga., in 1961 after being sentenced to 18 months in prison. Over the years, he made a living for himself as a professor in England where his daughter is a member of Parliament.

On Monday, President Clinton granted King a pardon so he could return to Albany for the funeral of his oldest brother, Clinton W. King Jr.

King's family — including his daughter Oona, a member of the House of Commons — planned to hold a funeral at the Atlanta airport Wednesday afternoon, when King was scheduled to arrive from London.

"I can't express to you how proud the family is," nephew Chevening said before his family left Albany for Atlanta. "I'm sure to see you in a degree it won't actually sink in until we see him home."

In an interview with CNN, he left London, King said he was "going with great expectations."

"I'm a little bit numb, but I'm going back," said King, a political science professor at Lancaster University.

He said that he expected to be "radically transformed" from when he was last in the United States and that the memory of leaving home is still painful.

"There are very elemental things that make you a human being," he said. "All that was stripped away."

In 1958, King, who had been granted time by his draft board to pursue a master's degree at London School of Economics and Political Science, was told to report for induction.

King noted that the draft board dressed him as "Mr. Preston King" before learning he was black. "Preston" after that. He refused to report for an Army physical until the board addressed him as "Mr. King."

The judge, now 97, said King had established himself as a good citizen. "You know Rosa Parks? She was a thing," he said. "Except she wouldn't get her seat, and he wouldn't go to physical because of racial discrimination. He might wind up a hero."

## News in Brief

### Prison riot curbed

CRESCENT CITY, Calif. (AP) — Guards shot nine inmates, killing one, during a riot Wednesday at one of the state's toughest maximum-security prisons, a spokesman said.

The half-hour melee at Pelican Bay State Prison involved about 200 inmates using handmade weapons. Lt. Ben Grundy said. He did not know what sparked the violence, but believes it could have been a racial incident.

Inmates stabbed each other while guards used tear gas and pepper spray to try to control them before they began firing, Grundy said. One of the eight wounded inmates was in critical condition, he said, but he would not give details on the nature of the other inmates' injuries.

### Latest attempt to boost airfare fails

FORT WORTH (AP) — The latest effort by airlines to boost fares by up to \$30 per round trip has stalled, with several airlines declining to go along with the move.

Houston-based Continental started the latest round of increases on Friday, citing escalating fuel prices, which have doubled in the past year. Five other large airlines, including Fort Worth-based American, matched the increase.

But Southwest Airlines, Northwest Airlines and America West were among the holdouts that chose not to raise prices.

Faced with rivals offering lower prices on the same routes, American rolled back its increase two days after putting it in effect, and so did Continental, Delta Air Lines and several others.

Just three weeks ago, Continental led a successful run at higher prices, boosting fares \$20 per round trip to help compensate for the increased fuel costs.

Airlines are expected to try to raise fares again next weekend.

## Deliberations begin for NYPD cops trial

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Jurors began deliberating Wednesday in the case of four white police officers charged with killing an unarmed black man, after the judge said the panel could acquit if they believed the officers acted in self-defense.

The officers could be cleared if jurors believe their claim that they fired 41 bullets at Amadou Diallo because they thought he had a gun and wanted to shoot them, Justice Joseph Teresi said. "A person who acts in self-defense is not guilty of any crime," he said.

The judge spent more than three hours going over the legal instructions for each of 24 criminal counts before deliberations began.

He gave the jurors the option of considering charges other than murder, and told them the law allows police officers to stop and question someone if wrongdoing is suspected.

"You should figuratively put yourselves in the shoes of each defendant and consider how the situation appeared to him," the judge said. "You should consider what Amadou Diallo did before or during the encounter."

Prosecutors allege that Diallo, 22, was accosted in the vestibule of his Bronx apartment building on Feb. 4, 1999, without warning or justification. He was hit 19 times.

The defense claims Diallo ignored the officers' repeated orders to halt and pulled out a black object in a threatening manner. It turned out to be a wall.

Earlier, Teresi replaced a female juror for talking about the case outside of court. The jury is now composed of four black women, one white woman and seven white men.

Sean Carroll, 37, Edward McMillon, 27, Kenneth Boss, 28, and Richard Murphy, 27, each have pleaded innocent to second-degree murder. They face a maximum prison sentence of 25 years to life if convicted.

Lesser charges being considered include second-degree manslaughter and criminally negligent homicide, which could result in a sentence of probation.

The defendants were members of a roving unit of New York City plainclothes officers that has been accused of stopping and frisking young black men without cause.

Diallo's slaying sparked such intense publicity and so many protests that the case was moved to Albany.

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— Justice Joseph Teresi  
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