

2 Zinc Miners Rescued

JEFFERSON CITY (AP) — Fonda Carey was at a grocery store when her father, a miner for more than 20 years, decided to break the news about her husband, Gene, known as "Yoggi" among his co-workers.



Carey, wife

Carey and Cecil Wallen, 52, spent more than four hours Thursday trapped deep in a U.S. Steel Corp. zinc mine in this East Tennessee city 30 miles from Knoxville.

Mine supervisor Joe Miller refused to release details of the ordeal, which began when the engine of a 22-ton truck used to haul zinc ore from the mine caught fire, trapping the men behind it.

The men, who were in an air pocket, were uninjured, officials said.

The two miners, filthy when they emerged from the mine, were greeted by 70 co-workers, family members and friends when they stepped off a tractor at a mine office building.

After cleaning up, Wallen, of Dandridge, walked briskly to a waiting car. Carey ducked out a side door to meet his wife and son, Michael, 4, to go to their New Market home. It was not known if the men had medical checkups.

Judge Rules Prosecution Witness May Not Testify

NASHVILLE (AP) — A Nashville insurance agent who promised to testify for the government after pleading guilty to gambling charges cannot take the stand in the state's clemency-for-cash retrial, a judge has ruled.

U.S. District Judge James P. Churchill ruled Thursday that Bobby Stanley, who pleaded guilty in January to operating an illegal gambling establishment in Nashville, cannot testify until the government and defense present their cases. Churchill said Stanley may be called for rebuttal testimony.

Charles Benson, a former extradition officer in ex-Gov. Ray Blanton's administration, is charged with conspiring to sell clemencies and pardons. He has pleaded innocent.

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