

## Clintons court New Mexico's Richardson

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SANTA FE, N.M. - New Mexico Democratic Gov. Bill Richardson is being cajoled by former President Bill Clinton to endorse his wife Hillary's presidential nomination bid. Sunday, the ex-president met with Richardson in Santa Fe to watch the Super Bowl in a break from campaigning for his wife in California, the Albuquerque Journal reported. Richardson dropped his own bid for the Democratic nomination Jan. 10, and the Clintons are keen to have his backing for the state's caucus Tuesday, the newspaper said. Clinton's wife and Democratic senator for New York watched the game in Minneapolis and jested with reporters about a strong bond between the two men. "My understanding is, do not get between Bill Clinton and Bill Richardson and the TV set when the Super Bowl is on," she said. Richardson worked for Bill Clinton as U.N. ambassador and energy secretary. Hillary Clinton's chief rival, Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois scheduled his wife, Michelle, to lead a rally in Las Cruces, N.M., Monday night, the newspaper said.

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