

THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING

► People in the News

President hopeful of star's apology

NEW YORK (AP) — President Clinton is urging Dennis Rodman to just do it: Just say I was wrong.

"I'm sure in his heart of hearts he regrets doing that, but I would



Rodman

hope that at some point in addition to paying this enormous fine, and also trying to pay the gentleman he kicked ... that he'll find a way to say, 'I shouldn't have done it and I really regret it,' " Clinton told New York's WBIS-TV in an interview airing Thursday.

"I think it will only make him bigger, and it will make his fans think more of him. It will send a who-knows-what signal to some young person out there who, like Dennis Rodman, has enormous abilities and terrific imagination and a little bit different from the run-of-the-mill person and therefore really identifies with Dennis Rodman."

Rodman told ABC's "PrimeTime Live" this week that his kick of a

courtside cameraman during a game in Minnesota was only a "tap."

"I apologized," said the Chicago Bulls forward, who has agreed to pay cameraman Eugene Amos \$200,000. "But most people in the world would say, 'He's acting.'"

The National Basketball Association has fined Rodman \$25,000 for the incident and suspended him for 11 games. The suspension, the second-longest in league history, will cost Rodman more than \$1.1 million in lost pay.

Cisneros to head Univision network

DALLAS (AP) — Henry Cisneros is becoming president of the Spanish-language television network Univision next month, which he thinks will allow him to continue to offer a public service.

"It is the offering of information services and entertainment services, news services, to a community that needs them and hopefully that can use them in making its way into the mainstream of this country," the former San Antonio mayor and Department of Housing and Urban Development secretary told The Associated Press.

Univision reaches 92 percent of U.S. Hispanic households, with an

80 percent audience share of Spanish-language viewership overall.

Cisneros said he needed a job that paid more than his Cabinet post, with one daughter in college and another in law school. He confirmed that he will be making more with Univision than his \$148,000 annual salary at HUD.

Cisneros, 49, is the subject of an investigation into allegations he lied to the FBI during a background check about payments he made to a former mistress. He declined to answer questions about that.

Sinatra's art up for grabs at auction

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Frank Sinatra is drawing fans from all over the world for his art.

A signed lithograph of one of the crooner's abstract paintings is part of the ninth annual Frank Sinatra Celebrity Golf Tournament Silent Auction that begins Jan. 31. Other autographed celebrity items include a boxing glove from



Sinatra

Oscar De La Hoya, a moon-landing photo of Buzz Aldrin, a blue sequined jacket worn by Wayne Newton and a Sharon Stone-signed script from the movie "Casino."

The tournament and auction benefit the Barbra Sinatra Children's Center for abused youngsters in Palm Springs.

Mrs. Sinatra said Tuesday night that her 81-year-old husband "is doing great" since his return home after hospitalization.

Bullock's career full speed ahead

NEW YORK (AP) — Sandra Bullock is feeling the need for speed again.

After starring in "A Time To Kill" last summer and "In Love And War" which opens Friday, she's working on the sequel to "Speed," the hit movie she made with Keanu Reeves.

"The last two films were very heavy and internal and I wanted to do something that was fun and physical to balance things out," she says in the February issue of US magazine.

The 32-year-old actress says, "this is the last time I'll do something like this."

Ever? "Ever," she replies. "Probably."

Surprise witness' testimony will point to staged crime

KERRVILLE, Texas (AP) — The prosecution in Darlie Routier's capital murder trial introduced this morning an FBI agent who said he would testify that the crime scene was staged and her two sons were killed by someone they knew.

Prosecutors presented the surprise witness outside the presence of the jury. Defense attorneys objected strenuously, but state District Judge Mark Tolle called a morning recess to consider the testimony.

Agent Alan Brantley said he had affidavits, newspaper articles and 975 crime scene photographs to support his testimony.

Assistant District Attorney Greg Davis on Wednesday demonstrated in front of the jury box how he contends Mrs. Routier killed her sleeping sons: by holding a knife over his right shoulder and flailing away.

Later, an expert on bloodstains testified that the prosecutor's movements corroborate how both boys' blood could have gotten on the back of Mrs. Routier's nightshirt.

Mrs. Routier, 27, is charged with two counts of capital murder in the June 6 deaths of her sons Damon, 5, and Devon, 6. She could face the death penalty if convicted.

Mrs. Routier says she was attacked after her sons were stabbed

by an unknown assailant who carded her kitchen knife in laundry room before fleeing Rowlett home.

Jurors stood and leaned over railing to get a better view of the demonstration, which came as prosecution began wrapping up capital murder case after 13 days testimony from 35 witnesses.

Bloodstain expert Tom Bevel testified Wednesday that the blood on Mrs. Routier's shirt, along with own tests, guided him to the conclusion that she stabbed her sons.

First Assistant District Attorney Norman Kinne apologized Wednesday for remarks he made outside courthouse on Tuesday. He referred to the defendant's mother, Darlene Kee, as "trailer trash" after she accused him of lying to reporters about the impact of testimony.

"To anyone other than the woman who called me a liar, if I offended anyone, I apologize," Kinne said. "I lost my temper, and I shouldn't have. I'm accustomed to being called a liar, but not a liar, and I won't be called without a response."

His confrontation with Ms. Kee was broadcast on television news reports Tuesday night. A wave of complaints to the district attorney's office followed on Wednesday.

► This day in history

Today is Friday, Jan. 24, the 24th day of 1997. There are 341 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In 1848, James W. Marshall discovered a gold nugget at Sutter's Mill in northern California, a discovery that led to the gold rush of 1849.

In 1908, the first Boy Scout troop was organized in England by Robert Baden-Powell.

In 1922, Christian K. Nelson of Onawa, Iowa, patented the Eskimo Pie.

In 1943, President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Churchill concluded a wartime conference in Casablanca, Morocco.

In 1965, Winston Churchill died in London at age 90.

In 1972, the Supreme Court struck down laws that denied welfare benefits to people who had resided in a state for less than a year.

In 1978, a nuclear-powered Soviet satellite plunged through Earth's atmosphere and disintegrated, scattering radioactive debris over parts of northern Canada.

In 1986, the Voyager 2 space probe swept past Uranus, coming within 50,679 miles of the seventh planet of the solar system.

In 1993, retired Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall died in Bethesda, Md., at age 84.

► Today's birthdays

Today's Birthdays: Actor Ernest Borgnine is 80. Cajun musician Doug Kershaw is 61. Singer-songwriter Neil Diamond is 56. Singer Aaron Neville is 56. Singer Warren Zevon is 50. Comedian Yakov Smirnoff is 46. Actress Nastassja Kinski is 37. Country musician Keech Rainwater (Lonestar) is 34. Olympic gold-medal gymnast Mary Lou Retton is 29.

► Weather

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow	Highs & Lows
			Today's Expected High 74°F
Partly cloudy with isolated showers, and a west wind of 10-15 mph.	Clear with a north wind at 10 mph.	Sunny and clear with winds out of the north at 10 mph.	Tonight's Expected Low 47°F
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