

THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING

► People in the News

Rumors refuted by New Year's witnesses

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — Two women who rang in New Year's Day with John F. Kennedy Jr. and his new wife say there's no truth to tabloid reports of trouble in Camelot.



Kennedy

Karin Mason and Brenda Davidson said Kennedy and Carolyn Besette Kennedy seemed very happy and comfortable in the crowd at the Half Moon Saloon, near the Big Sky ski resort.

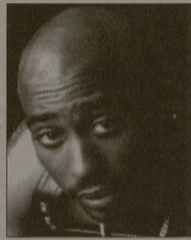
"I just want to comment so that everyone knows that what the tabloids are saying just isn't true," Mason said in an interview with *Entertainment Tonight* to be aired sometime this week.

Davidson said she and Besette Kennedy's girl-talk somehow got twisted around in the tabloids, which reported that Besette Kennedy said to "think twice" before getting married.

"It was a total lie," Davidson said. "They were very much a married couple."

Writer claims credit for last Tupac album

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A songwriter claims he is due thousands of dollars for 11 songs he produced and co-wrote for *All Eyez on Me*, the Tupac Shakur album that has become a hit after the rapper's death.



Shakur

Johnny Lee Jackson claims that he was promised a \$10,000 advance per song against royalties of 3 percent. Jackson said he repeatedly has asked Death Row Records for payment but has been refused. He has sued the label for unspecified damages.

The lawsuit also claims that Death Row "uses various strong-arm tactics" ... to "convince" artists to perform and to waive their rights.

Death Row officials referred calls to the company's lawyer, David Kenner, who did not immediately return a call Monday.

Death Row President Marion "Suge" Knight is in prison awaiting sentencing for violating probation in a

1992 assault case. Shakur was shot to death last September in Las Vegas. *All Eyez on Me* has sold more than 7 million copies.

Former bomb suspect considers movie deal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Suspicion brought unwelcome attention to Richard Jewell. Now the former security guard is embracing the limelight, considering a movie deal for his story as the Olympic park bombing suspect.

Daily Variety, citing unidentified sources, reported Monday that Jewell is considering offers from three studios, with bids in the mid-six-figure range.

The entertainment industry newspaper said Jewell is leaning toward a studio called Fox 2000 and a deal that also includes the rights to the Vanity Fair magazine article "American Nightmare: The Ballad of Richard Jewell." None of the participants would comment to Daily Variety.

Jewell was suspected for months by federal authorities of setting the pipe bomb that killed a woman and injured more than 100 people at the Olympic Games in Atlanta. The resulting media attention ended only when officials formally said he was no longer under investigation.

Lost Rat Pack TV film to air in April

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — The Rat Pack is back.

A newly found kinescope of the only known television performance featuring Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. has been donated to a museum and will be shown in April.



Sinatra

The *Frank Sinatra Spectacular* was shown June 20, 1965, as a benefit for the Dismas House in St. Louis, the city's first halfway house for ex-convicts.

The program hasn't been shown since its original telecast to a select group of theaters. Producer Paul Brownstein found the recording in a secretary's office at the Dismas House.

The film was donated to the Museum of Television and Radio in Beverly Hills. The museum will screen the film in New York and Los Angeles in April. The cable channel Nickelodeon is expected to air the show at an undetermined date.

► Campus

Challenger crew to be honored by Corps

To commemorate the 1986 explosion of the space shuttle Challenger, there will be a special playing of taps at the Quadrangle tonight at 11. 'Echo Taps' is also played to honor members of the Corps of Cadets who have died. The ceremony is attended by all members of the Corps and is open to the public. Quiet hours will be observed on the Quadrangle throughout the day.

Squadron 17 was reorganized in 1992 as Challenger 17 to honor the memory of the six astronauts and one school teacher killed in the accident.

Land deal brings suspicion in funding

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — State education officials are asking Texas A&M University to find other ways to help pay for a new basketball arena since a land sale will not bring in enough money.

Approval of the \$33 million arena by the Higher Education Coordinating Board had hinged on money from the land. Board officials said A&M should have told them the land's value dropped by \$12 million.

"I can't help but feel that we were snookered on this," board member Car-

los Villa said. "I'm not saying it was intentional misrepresentation, but at least it was negligent representation."

The 250-acre parcel of land, which is being sold to developers for \$1 million.

Leonard Rauch, coordinating chairman, wrote to Texas A&M University Regent Chair Mary Nan West expressing concern that the school was filling its promise to pay a significant amount of the costs with private funds.

► State

Police listened in graveside prayer

KERRVILLE (AP) — Darrin Miller cooperated with Rowlett police and gave a voluntary written statement after her two young sons were stabbed to death, the lead investigator testified Monday.

Under defense questioning, Detective Jimmy Patterson also testified police officers used a hidden microphone to listen to the Rowlett private graveside prayer service last week after the June 6 killings.

The police eavesdropped "if someone went up there and made a confession," Patterson testified.

"Do you know that's a violation of federal law?" defense attorney Doug Mulder asked. Patterson not required to answer Mulder's question because it called for legal knowledge.

► This day in history

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 1997. There are 337 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1902, the Carnegie Institute was established in Washington, D.C.

In 1909, the United States ended direct control over Cuba.

In 1915, the Coast Guard was created by an act of Congress.

In 1916, Louis D. Brandeis was appointed by President Woodrow Wilson to the U.S. Supreme Court, becoming its first Jewish member.

In 1980, six U.S. diplomats who had avoided being taken hostage at their embassy in Tehran flew out of Iran with the help of Canadian diplomats.

In 1982, Italian anti-terrorism forces rescued U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier, 42 days after he had been kidnapped by the Red Brigades.

In 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, killing all seven crew members: flight commander Francis R. "Dick" Scobee; pilot Michael J. Smith; Ronald E. McNair; Ellison S. Onizuka; Judith A. Resnik; Gregory B. Jarvis; and schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe.

One year ago: The Dallas Cowboys captured their third Super Bowl victory in four years, beating the Pittsburgh Steelers 27-17. France set off a sixth underground nuclear blast in the South Pacific, the last in a series of atomic tests that generated protests worldwide.

► Today's birthdays

Actor Alan Alda is 61. Rock musician Dave Sharp (The Alarm) is 38. Rock singer Sam Phillips is 35. Singer Sarah McLachlan is 29. DJ Mixmaster Muggs (Cypress Hill) is 29. Actor Elijah Wood is 16.

► Weather

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow	Highs & Lows
			Today's Expected High: 37°F
Windy and cold, becoming clearer in the evening.	Partly cloudy and cold.	Partly sunny.	Tonight's Expected High: 28°F
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Buck Weirus Spirit Award Applications are now available for undergraduate and graduate students in the following locations:

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