

GOSSIP

IN A FALL FROM GRACE, ALLEGED STALKER SUED

GEORGE RUSH AND JOANNA RUSH MOLLOY WITH JO PIAZZA AND CHRIS ROVZAR

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In another broadcasting legal drama, former WNEW-FM program director Frank (Frankie Blue) Macchiaroli is being sued by the station's night host Yvonne Velazquez.

Velazquez charges in her Manhattan Supreme Court suit that Frankie became infuriated when she didn't attend last year's WNEW Christmas party, calling her a "[bleeping] diva." According to the suit, Macchiaroli pushed Velazquez into his office, pinned her against the wall and punched it, next to her face, three times.

According to the suit, she ran down the hall to an elevator, only to be chased by Macchiaroli, who blocked the doors.

The suit says two men came to her rescue and she fled down a staircase, only to have Macchiaroli chase her down the stairs and out of the building. The suit claims Macchiaroli then went on the air during her 8 p.m. to midnight slot, but was "mumbling, slurring and cursing."

The lawsuit, filed by attorney **Joseph Tacopina**, seeks \$1 million. A WNEW spokeswoman declined to comment. Macchiaroli, who resigned in January, could not be reached.

Ahmet's Atlantic storm

Music legend Ahmet Ertegun, 82, showed he can still shake up a party at last weekend's Vegas reunion of staffers from Atlantic Records, the label he co-founded.

Having kissed wife Mica goodbye after a Rolling Stones concert in San Francisco, Ertegun (below), who nurtured the Stones, Led Zeppelin, Ray Charles and Aretha Franklin, among others, rolled into the

reunion with three much younger women.

"He told everyone that he was staying at the Hard Rock," a spy tells us, "or, as he put it, the 'Hard C-k.'"

Taking the mike at Atlantic exec Jerry Greenberg's Rainbow Bar and Grill, Ertegun told former Atlantics, "I'm not responsible for firing anyone here." Then came the moment when talent manager Susan Joseph dropped by his table to say hello.

"Ahmet said, 'Get away from me! You don't belong here!'" according to our source, who recalls that Joseph once sued Atlantic artist Laura Branigan for commissions.

Ertegun was later helped out the door by former Atlantic exec Phil Carson, who's making a doc about Ertegun for PBS. Ertegun tells us his female companions were just "old friends." As for Joseph: "I didn't feel like talking with her."

He admitted, "I had quite a bit to drink. So I'm happy they helped me to my hotel." SURVEILLANCE...

DON'T ASK us how cowboys and Indians fit into the Christmas crche, but the Wild West was the theme of designer Marc Jacobs' holiday bash Tuesday night. Feather-wearing Oscar winner Sofia Coppola caricatured Native Americans with a "how" sign. Supermodel

Naomi Campbell mixed cowboy hat with Indian leather. Photog Bill Farrell was tossed off the bucking bull.

Eschewing his own theme, the designer dressed as Wilbur, the pig from "Charlotte's Web." His shirtless Indian companion, former escort Jason Preston, looked like he was ready for some bacon ...

DIVORCEES BILLY Joel and Christie Brinkley came (with their spouses) to support their daughter, Alexa Ray Joel, at her first live NYC gig last weekend. Performing at the Cutting Room, Alexa played piano and sang mostly her own songs. (She's back again Monday.) Meanwhile, we hear Papa Billy is headed back to the studio with Phil Ramone, who produced eight of his albums.

After years of experimenting, Joel is said to be ready to return to the pop sound that made him a star ... HEISMAN TROPHY winner Reggie Bush, now weighing his pro prospects, sized up New York's nightlife at Marquee last Saturday. Meanwhile, his USC teammate Matt Leinhardt engaged in illegal use of hands with a stunning brunette, who slapped him, according to Deadspin.com. P.S.: From now till Christmas Eve, Marquee will waive its door charge for anyone who brings a toy for the Hudson Guild Community Center.

SIDE DISH THE KENNEDYS continue to clean out their closets. Guernsey's impresario Arlen Ettinger won't say who has put items on the block at the Camelot auction starting today at the Park Avenue Armory, but he confirms some lots are consigned by "Kennedy family members."

Most of the memorabilia comes from Kennedy-phile Robert White. Among the late additions: JFK's jewelry box (filled with cufflinks and tie tacks), Jack and Jackie's honeymoon passports and the sailboat Jackie bought for John Jr. in 1969. The auction runs till Saturday. . THEATER PRODUCER Anita Waxman ("Les Misrables" and "Phantom of the Opera") is alleging in Manhattan federal court that attorney Thomas Puccio botched her divorce from Albert Waxman, the ultrasound tycoon. Her \$20 million suit claims the Abscam prosecutor "engaged in wasteful and frivolous conduct" and didn't disclose a tie with Albert's lawyers. Puccio, who won an acquittal for Claus von Bulow, tells us Waxman's claim "is baseless and outrageous. She received a settlement that was many times what she was likely to get with other counsel."

Caption: Static in the air Frank (Frankie Blue) Macchiaroli, formerly of WNEW-FM, has been hit with a lawsuit, while CNN's Nancy Grace (far l.) has hit an alleged stalker with a civil suit. mark shaw A day at the beach This 1961 photo of Jacqueline Kennedy swinging daughter Caroline at the shore, taken by White House photographer Mark Shaw, is up for auction today through Saturday at the Park Avenue Armory. Guernsey's expects the 11-by-14-inch black- and-white original print to fetch \$5,000-\$7,000. Steven Lovekin wireimage.com. Down on the farm

Celebs embraced the theme at designer Marc Jacobs' holiday hoedown. The host, radiant as Wilbur from "Charlotte's Web, got a pat on his ample belly from Naomi Campbell, who worked both sides of the fence as a cowgirl/Indian. And director Sofia Coppola (r.) went with a not-so-P.C. Indian princess look. Family reunion Proud parents Billy Joel and Christie Brinkley turned up at daughter Alexa Ray's gig. Ahmet Ertegun