

Lawsuit Follows Violence



Jay-Z (left) and R. Kelly perform Thursday during a concert at Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, N.Y. (AP photo)

Tour ends with performers' animosity

(AP) — Singer R. Kelly sued rapper Jay-Z on Monday for \$75 million, alleging Jay-Z's "spite and jealousy" prompted him to use violence to force Kelly off their national tour.

The breach of contract suit suggests Jay-Z was perturbed because Kelly was the higher-paid performer. The animosity led to deliberate lighting flubs and other technical problems, violence against Kelly, and threats to force the promoter to drop him, court papers say. The promoter is also named as a defendant.

Kelly, whose best-known hit is "I Believe I Can Fly," accused one of Jay-Z's associates of blasting him with pepper spray early Saturday at Madison Square Garden. He was treated at a hospital and released.

A short time later, the tour's promoter, Atlanta Worldwide Touring, fired Kelly. He and Jay-Z were in the middle of a 40-city tour that had been plagued by canceled shows and reports the two refused to speak to each other.

The tour was supposed to be "the perfect marriage of hip-hop and R&B," said Kelly's lawyer, Edward Hayes. "Instead, it's going to be a terrible divorce."

Atlanta Worldwide said Sunday that the tour has been canceled. Jay-Z's publicist said he was unsure whether the rapper would try to fill the remaining dates as a solo act.

A statement from Island Def Jam Records, which Jay-Z is slated to take over, blamed Kelly's "lack of professionalism and unpredictable behavior" for cancellation of the tour.

Kelly's court papers suggested that the tension between the two musicians was the result of Kelly's larger profit split: 60 percent of the first \$15 million earned to Jay-Z's 40



Democratic Presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., has lunch at the Union Oyster House after voting on Election Day in Boston Tuesday. Left is his wife Teresa Heinz Kerry, and right is longtime friend and former campaign manager Chris Greeley. (AP photo)

Kerry Sticks to Lucky Routine

Turnout large as votes are tallied

(AP) — At the end, John Kerry looked for a little luck to carry him through.

Upon his return to Massachusetts Tuesday, after more than five weeks of nonstop campaigning, Kerry bent over and touched the ground. He ate his traditional election-day lunch of littleneck clams and a dark beer at his lucky restaurant, Boston's historic Union Oyster House.

He was loaded down with other charms—a four-leaf clover, an Ohio buckeye, Bruce Springsteen's gui-

tar pick, his hat from Vietnam, a Bible from former Sen. Max Cleland, rosary beads, a cross and a medal of St. Christopher, the patron saint of travelers. He had been to church three times in the two days before the election.

After months of campaigning, the choice was out of his hands.

Kerry was reflective and nostalgic, even teary-eyed as he distributed gifts to his staff on the final campaign flight. He said he was confident he had made his case.

"America's a strong country and I think we can be stronger, but that's up to the American people what road we go," he said after casting his vote at the Massachu-

setts Statehouse.

Pre-election polls indicated the presidential race could be as close as 2000, when Bush lost the popular vote to Democrat Al Gore but won the Electoral College count and the presidency after a ruling by the Supreme Court gave him Florida. The incumbent hoped to avoid the fate of his father—former President George H.W. Bush, who was bounced by voters in 1992 after waging war against Iraq and overseeing an ailing economy.

Officials predicted a turnout of 117.5 million to 121 million people, the most ever and rivaling the 1960 election in the percentage of eligible voters going to the polls.



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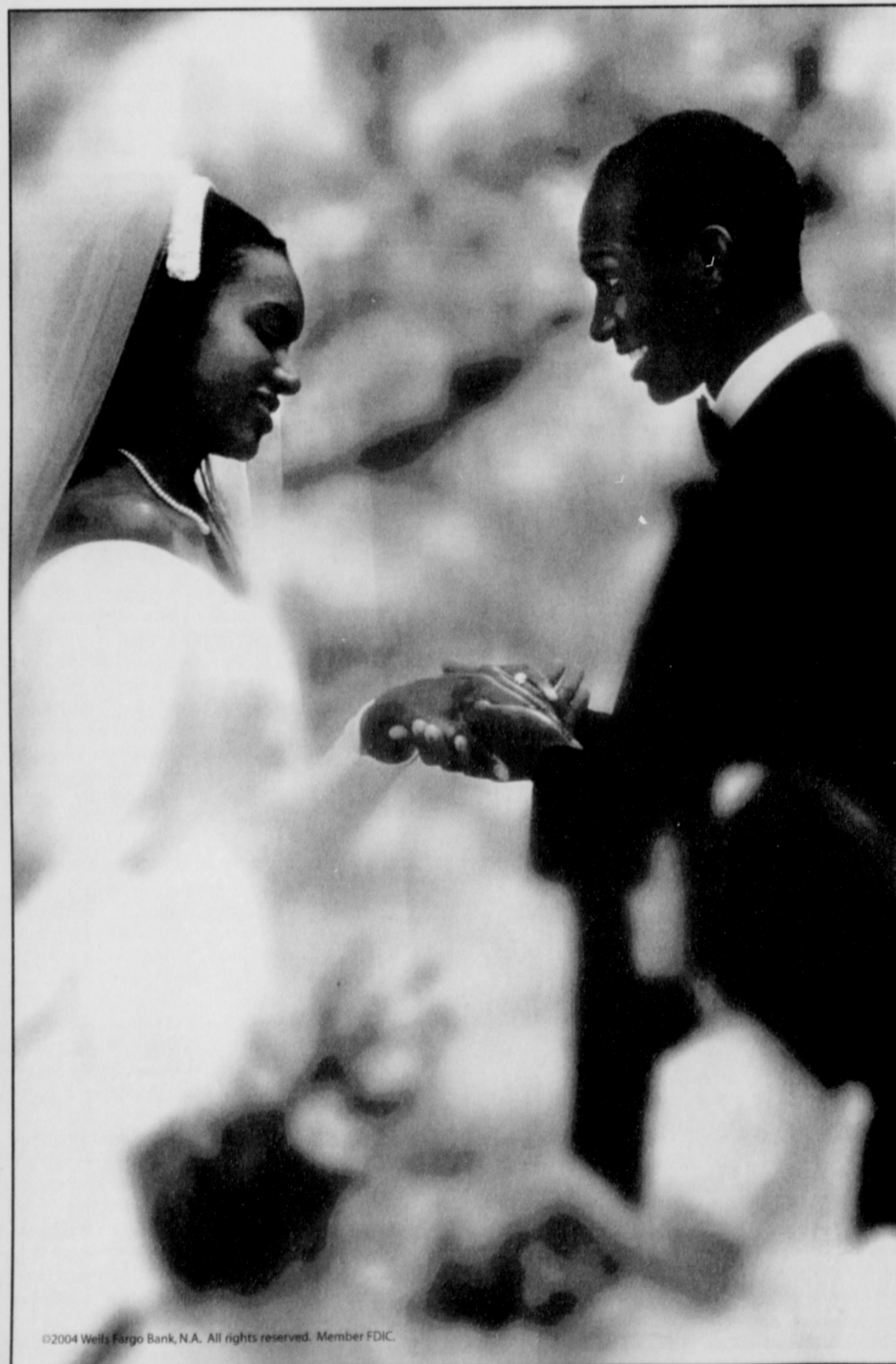
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